

Requested by: Deputy Mayor Larson

Meeting Date: January 14, 2008

Adopted: January 14, 2008

Vote: Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, Larson and Woodruff in favor

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 08-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL URGING THE STATE TO
ADOPT A SUSTAINABLE REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM FOR ALL ALASKAN
COMMUNITIES.**

WHEREAS, Alaska's great wealth is generated by the natural resources of regions, communities and cities throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State of Alaska to share a portion of this natural resource wealth with communities of the State in order to enhance and continue the positive economic growth throughout Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of revenue sharing had a significant negative effect on the ability of Alaska's cities and boroughs to provide essential service, with communities forced to reduce essential services and/or increase local taxes, fees and economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, this sharing of State revenues is consistent with the Owner State concept, intergovernmental cooperation and Constitutional provisions which provide for the natural resource ownership by all the people of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, restoration of a revenue sharing program would provide communities with funding to reduce local taxes, build infrastructure, grow the state economy, provide for increased quality of life and in some cases, provide for the survival of small communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Wasilla urges the Alaska State Legislature to adopt a sustainable revenue sharing program by annually appropriating six percent (6%) of natural resource revenues to municipalities, with a minimum of \$25,000 to unorganized communities, \$75,000 to all municipalities, \$250,000 to boroughs, and have the remaining revenue allocated on a per capita basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Wasilla urges the State Legislature to fund revenue sharing as requested by the Governor in the current 2008 budget.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on January 14, 2008.



DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

