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Date Action Taken:	1/14/08	
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Verified by:	<i>K. Smithers</i>	

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL ACTION MEMORANDUM

AM No. 08-04

TITLE: RENEWAL OF ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2008

Agenda of: January 14, 2008

Date: January 3, 2008

Originator: Kristie Smithers, MMC, City Clerk

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
X	Finance, Risk Management & MIS Director Purchasing	<i>EBN 1-4-08</i>
X	Deputy Administrator Planning, Economic Development, Human Resources	
X	City Clerk	<i>K. Smithers</i>

REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER: *Dianne M. Keller 1/7/08*

FISCAL IMPACT: yes \$ _____ or no Funds Available yes no
Account name/number:

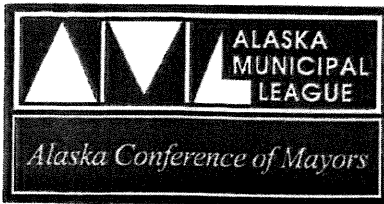
Attachments: Letter from AML dated December 21, 2007 *001-4115-411-5090*
2008 Invoice

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City of Wasilla has received the invoice in the amount of \$6,543 from the Alaska Municipal League (AML) for Membership Dues for the year 2008.

If the Council desires to continue to be a member of AML, an affirmative vote of Council is needed.

ACTION: Approval of Alaska Municipal League (AML) Membership Dues for 2008 in the amount of \$6,543.



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December 21, 2007

To: Mayor and Council/Assembly Members

From: Alaska Municipal League

Dear Mayor and Council/Assembly Members,

Enclosed is the invoice for your 2008 AML membership dues, which enable you to join 142 other cities and boroughs, or over 97% of Alaska's citizens, in affecting the health and viability of all of Alaska's municipalities. There is much to be done to make sure that our voice is heard at the state and federal level. It is crucial that we all work together in order to influence the Alaska Legislature and the U.S. Congress.

This year, our main state priorities are:

- Revenue Sharing annually based on 6% of all natural resource revenues to the State with a \$250,000 base to boroughs; a \$75,000 base to cities; and a \$25,000 base to unincorporated communities; with the remainder to be allocated on a per capita basis.
- State responsibility for 85% of the unfunded obligation for PERS/TRS, with municipalities picking up 15% of that same obligation.
- Workable solutions to help municipalities with their energy needs, in terms of cost, access, availability, maintenance, alternatives, etc.

We spend a great deal of time working on other legislation that affects all of us; from climate change to property tax exemptions; mandates; public safety; education and natural resource issues. It is important for all of us to be aware of federal legislation, as it plays a large part in the health of Alaska's communities. Through AML's membership and involvement in the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National League of Cities (NLC), we are able to keep all of you involved in up-to-the-minute happenings in issues such as Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT), Secure Schools (timber receipts), ANWR, and federal funding.

Our office sends out an e-bulletin every Friday during session to keep you abreast of all the pending bills and their status. We furnish a quarterly newsletter that lets you know what is going on throughout the state and in other municipalities. We offer training and local government support for Mayors, councils, assemblies, managers, clerks, assessors, finance officers, attorneys, planners, fire chiefs and others. We provide 3 annual conference/meetings in order to meet face-to-face to address network with each other and address those pertinent items that arise over time.

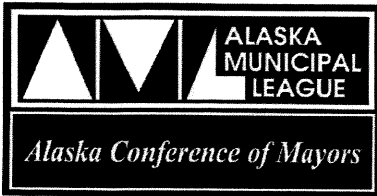
AML also offers municipal insurance; a municipal investment pool, and a national purchasing co-operative. We annually publish a Municipal Officials Directory and a Municipal Salary Survey.

The staff is small, but the desire to help all municipalities thrive is huge. We commit to helping ALL municipalities.....from Anchorage to Adak; Wasilla to White Mountain. Your membership gives you the ability to take advantage of all the help we can give. Call us any time and we will do all we can to help you. But the best provision we offer? The opportunity for your community to meet and network with all of the other amazing people involved in local government in our state. Please, stay involved with us. We need your input in order to provide a united front. We have much to accomplish!

Feel free to call us anytime at our toll-free number 1(877)636-1325.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathie Wasserman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kathie Wasserman
Executive Director
Enclosure



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Invoice

December 20, 2007

City of Wasilla
290 East Herring Ave.
Wasilla, AK 99654

Alaska Municipal League Membership Dues for 2008

Dues are calculated from the DCCED 2006 Certified Municipal Population figures for FY 2008 Programs.

Amount Due: \$6543

Please pay within 90 days and make check payable to the **Alaska Municipal League** and mail to:

Alaska Municipal League
217 Second Street, Suite 200
Juneau, Alaska 99801

If you have any questions, please call Kathie Wasserman or Betty Svensson at (877)636-1325.