

**CITY OF WASILLA
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 09-15(AM)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AMENDING WMC 2.72.010, ESTABLISHMENT, DUTIES AND COMPENSATION, REGARDING THE WASILLA HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become part of the city code.

Section 2. Amendment of section. WMC 2.72.010, Establishment, Duties and Compensation, is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.72.010 Establishment, Duties and Compensation.

A. The historical preservation commission shall consist of seven [FIVE] members, two [THREE] members who are residents of the city and five [TWO] members who are not required to be city residents.

Commissioners shall be appointed as follows:

1. Two [THREE] members who are residents of the city;
2. One member from the Wasilla-Knik Historical Society; [AND]
3. One member to be recommended by [FROM] the Knik

Tribal Council;

4. One professional archeologist;
5. One professional historian; and
6. One architectural historian/architect.

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B. The commission shall:

1. Develop a local historical preservation plan to include provisions for identification and protection of the city's significant historic and prehistoric sites, protection of sensitive information, and interpreting of the city's significant historic and prehistoric sites. Such plan should be compatible with the Alaska Historic Preservation Plan and produce information compatible with and for the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey database.

2. Review and make recommendations to the city planning commission about local projects that might affect historic and prehistoric sites.

3. Develop a local register of historic places for historic and prehistoric sites within the city. **Designation as a historic place shall be based on a criteria of evaluation as follows:**

a. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of Wasilla's development/history;

b. Associated with the lives of persons, either living or deceased, that are significant to Wasilla;

c. Embodied the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a locally or nationally known master, or possess high or unique artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose

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components may lack individual distinction; this criteria applies to architectural significance; or

d. Yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in Wasilla's prehistory or history; this criteria applies mostly to archeological sites.

4. Identify historic districts within the city for nomination on the national, state and local registers of historic places.

5. Review and develop nominations to the national, state, and local registers for historic and prehistoric sites within the city.

6. Support continued rehabilitation, restoration, and preservation of historic and prehistoric sites **within city limits that are** listed on the national, **state, and local** registers of historic places [WITHIN THE CITY].

7. Act in an advisory role to the Wasilla-Knik Historical Society, the Dorothy Page Museum, and the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office on all matters concerning historic sites in the city.

8. Work toward continuing education of citizens regarding historic preservation.

9. Support the enforcement of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Alaska Historic Preservation Act.

10. Perform other activities which are necessary and proper to carry out the above duties as determined by the council that are beneficial to carry out the historic preservation goals of the city.

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11. Work with the Community and Economic Development Department when updating the Comprehensive Plan and with future economic development issues.

C. The compensation of each commission member shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per meeting attended.

Section 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by the Wasilla City Council.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on February 9, 2009.


VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk



VOTE: Cox, Harris, Holler, Larson and Woodruff in favor; Hall absent.

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**CITY OF WASILLA
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

Ordinance Serial No. 09-15: Amending WMC 2.72.010, Establishment, Duties and Compensation, regarding the Wasilla Historical Commission.

Agenda of: 01/26/09

Date: 01/13/09

Originator: Recreation & Cultural Services Manager

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
	Police Chief Youth Court, Dispatch, Code Compliance	
	Culture and Recreation Services Director Library, Museum, Sports Complex	
	Public Works & Recreation Facility Maintenance Director	
X	Finance, Risk Management & MIS Director Purchasing	<i>[Signature]</i> 1-14-09
X	Deputy Administrator Planning, Economic Development, Human Resources	<i>[Signature]</i>
X	City Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>

REVIEWED BY MAYOR VERNE E. RUPRIGHT:

[Signature of Verne E. Rupright]

FISCAL IMPACT: yes\$ or no

Funds Available yes no

Account name/number: 001-4510-451-30.13

Attachments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT: At the December 8, 2008, Council meeting, Mr. Robert Meinhardt spoke before the Council proposing several amendments to WMC 2.72.10 regarding the Wasilla Historical Commission. The Council requested that the proposals be brought forward for consideration. This is a brand new commission and has yet to meet or have Commissioners appointed.

The recommendation in Chapter 2.72.010 (B) provides a more thorough definition and reorganizes some of the duties of the Commission in a more structured order. It also adds a paragraph that defines the connection between the Commission and the City Economic Development Department in regards to the update of the City Comprehensive Plan and future economic development issues.

In Chapter 2.72.10(A), the recommendation is to add three seats with no residency requirements. Those seats are a professional Archeologist, a professional Historian and a licensed Architectural Historian/Architect. These professional seats could qualify the City as a Certified Local Government (CLG). CLGs were created in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 to provide incentives for historic preservation on the local level. A community that is approved by the State Historic Preservation Office as a

CLG is eligible for up to 10 percent of the State funds appropriated through the Historic Preservation Fund, which is a federal grant to State Historic Preservation Offices nationwide. Alaska was just granted over \$800,000 this year, which means the City, could qualify for up to \$80,000.

By amending the composition of the City resident board members from three to two, this allows for the addition of the three new requested positions; while maintaining an appropriate Board size of seven members.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 09-15.