

By: Police Department Mat-Com
Adopted: January 22, 2018
Yes: Burney, Dryden, Graham, Harvey, Ledford, O'Barr
No: None
Absent: None

**City of Wasilla
Resolution Serial No. 18-07**

A Resolution Of The Wasilla City Council Amending Fiscal Year 2018 Budget By Approving And Authorizing The Funding And Reclassification Of A Call-Taker Position To A Dispatcher Position Within Public Safety, Dispatch Center (Mat-Com).

WHEREAS, currently, Mat-Com currently has twenty-five dispatcher positions, four call-taker positions, two IT positions, one lieutenant position, and one contract IT position, authorized and funded through the adoption of fiscal year 2018 budget (Ordinance 17-17(AM)); and

WHEREAS, Mat-Com runs three full shifts per day, seven days a week, fifty-two weeks per year, with each station manned by a dispatcher and/or call taker; and

WHEREAS, Mat-Com is manned by two classifications: "dispatcher" (trainee thru supervisor) and "call-taker;" and

WHEREAS, the dispatcher classification allows the dispatcher to function as a call-taker during lulls in activity; however, the call-taker classification does not allow for a call-taker to function as a dispatcher during those same periods; and

WHEREAS, the hourly rate of a call-taker is less than a dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, a call-taker is not trained to dispatch (radio traffic) rather they are trained to take and transfer telephone calls (telephone traffic); and

WHEREAS, a dispatcher is trained to handle telephone and radio traffic and often do so throughout their shifts, while earning a higher wage; and

WHEREAS, Mat-Com currently has one vacant call-taker position and wishes to have this position reclassified to a dispatcher position; and

WHEREAS, authorizing the reclassification allows for movement between both classifications; and

WHEREAS, funding related to the increased personnel and benefits costs will be funded through vacancy monies available within the Public Safety, Dispatch Center's fiscal year 2018 budget with no anticipation of an appropriation ordinance being required.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council authorizes the amendment of the fiscal year 2018 budget by approving and authorizing the funding and reclassification of a call-taker position to a dispatcher position within public safety, dispatch center (Mat-Com).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with the adoption of this resolution, the positions authorized within the dispatch center (Mat-Com) are:

<u>Classification:</u>	<u>Positions:</u>
Dispatcher	26
Call Taker	03
IT (in-house)	02
Lieutenant	01
IT (contract)	01

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on January 22, 2018.


BERT L. COTTLE, Mayor

ATTEST:


JAMIE NEWMAN, MMC, City Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT

Resolution Serial No. 18-07: Amending Fiscal Year 2018 Budget By Approving And Authorizing The Funding And Reclassification Of A Call-Taker Position To A Dispatcher Position Within Public Safety, Dispatch Center (Mat-Com).

Originator: Gene Belden, Police Chief
 Date: 1/5/2018

Agenda of: 1/22/2018

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
X	Finance Director		1.12.18
X	Deputy Administrator		1/10/18
X	City Clerk		1/11/18

Reviewed by Mayor Bert L. Cottle:  1/11/2018

Fiscal Impact: yes or no **Funds Available:** yes or no

Account name/number:
 Personnel Services/Regular 001-4240-420-10-10 \$6,548
 Personnel Services/Benefits 001-4240-420-20-various \$2,031
 Total: \$8,579

Attachments: Resolution Serial No. 18-07 (2 pages)

Summary Statement: Resolution Serial No. 18-07, seeks authorization from the Council to reclassify a call-taker position to dispatcher. The justification for the reclassification is in the resolution. No budget impact is anticipated this fiscal year as the increase in personnel and benefit costs can be absorbed by Mat-Com without a supplemental appropriation.

FY2018 Budget:	Dispatcher (est. cost 1-year)	Call-Taker (budget cost 1-year)	Difference
Wages	\$62,779	\$49,684	\$13,095
Benefits	38,233	34,171	4,062
Total:	\$101,012	\$83,855	\$17,157

Council adopted the FY2018 budget with one full-time call-taker at a budgeted cost of \$83,855. As of this date, this position has not been filled, therefore approximately half or \$41,927 remains unencumbered and available to fund the increased cost of a dispatcher position in FY2018 of approximately \$8,579.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution Serial No. 18-07.