

Non-Code Ordinance

By: Police Department
Introduced: April 9, 2018
Public Hearing: April 23, 2018
Adopted: April 23, 2018
Yes: Burney, Dryden, Graham, Harvey, Ledford, O'Barr
No: None
Absent: None

**City of Wasilla
Ordinance Serial No. 18-17**

An Ordinance Of The Wasilla City Council Amending The Fiscal Year 2018 Budget By Appropriating \$32,387 Within The State And Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds For Sitka Academy Training Of Three New Wasilla Police Department Officers.

Section 1. Classification. This is a non-code ordinance.

Section 2. Purpose. To appropriate funds in the fiscal year 2018 budget for the purpose of paying tuition fees for three new officers with the Wasilla Police Department to attend the Sitka Law Enforcement Training Program. The tuition fees qualify to be expended against asset forfeiture funds and are being requested now to appropriate funds for this purpose.

Section 3. Appropriation of Funds. The funds are appropriated to the following:

Staff Development	230-4230-420.50-82	\$21,964
Staff Development	270-4230-420.50-82	\$10,423

Section 4. Source of Funds.

Federal Asset Forfeiture, Fund Balance	230-0000-253.20-00	\$21,964
State Asset Forfeiture, Fund Balance	270-0000-253.20-00	\$10,423

Section 5. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by the Wasilla City Council.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on April 23, 2018.



BERT L. COTTLE, Mayor

ATTEST:



JAMIE NEWMAN, MMC, City Clerk

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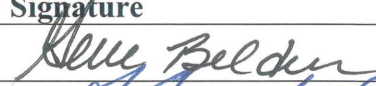

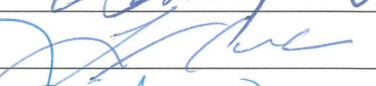

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CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT

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Originator: Gene Belden, Chief of Police
 Date: 3/23/2018

Agenda of: 4/9/2018

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
X	Chief of Police		3/28/18
X	Finance Director		3-28-18
X	Deputy Administrator		3/30/18
X	City Clerk		3/28/18

Reviewed by Mayor Bert L. Cottle:  3/28/2018

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

Account name/number:

Staff Development	230-4230-420.50-82	\$21,964
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		Total: \$32,387

Attachments: Ordinance Serial No. 18-17 (2 pages)
 University of Alaska SE, Sitka Training Invoice (1 page)
 DPS Letter of Explanation of Lack of Funds (2 pages)

Summary Statement: The Wasilla Police Department has three new police officers who are required to attend the Law Enforcement Training Program in order to become certified officers within the State of Alaska. In prior years, the Alaska Police Standards Council funded this training, but due to budget shortages within the State, they are no longer able to offer this assistance. The training qualifies to be expended against asset forfeiture funds and is being requested now to appropriate funds for this purpose.

Staff Recommendation: Introduce and set the ordinance for public hearing.

The University of Alaska SE, Sitka

1332 Seward Ave
Sitka, AK 99835
Phone 907-747-7739 Fax 907-747-7731

DATE: March 15, 2018
INVOICE # 31518
AGENCY: ASC 404

Bill To:
Wasilla Police Department
Attention: Eileen Markiel
1800 E Parks Highway
Wasilla, AK 99654

Student Name: See details below	Spring 2018
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Law Enforcement Training Program Fall ALET # 18-01	
Robert M Cheek	\$10,795.98
Andrew O Delaney	\$10,795.98
Darren G Smith	\$10,795.98
*** Payment is due upon receipt of this invoice ***	
TOTAL	\$32,387.94

Please Make all Checks Payable to:
University of Alaska Southeast
Sitka Campus
1332 Seward Ave
Sitka, AK 99835

If you have any questions regarding this invoice please call: Heather at 907-747-7739

Department of Public Safety

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
Department of Public Safety Training Academy

GOVERNOR HILL WALKER

877 Sawmill Creek Road
Sitka Alaska 99835-7455
Main: 907 747 6611
Fax: 907 747 5606

March 15, 2018

Chief Gene Belden
Wasilla Police Department
1800 E Parks Highway
Wasilla, AK 99654

Dear Chief Belden,

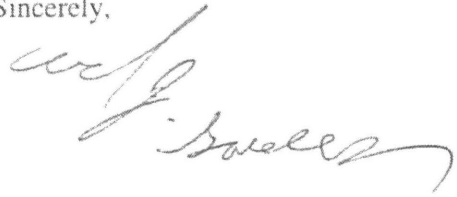
As you are probably aware, the Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC) currently does not have the funding to pay for ALET students who attend the DPS Training academy, and as a result, municipal agencies will now be paying for the training directly. Our Alaska Law Enforcement Training (ALET) program is affiliated with the University of Alaska, Southeast, and as a result, students who attend ALET receive 16 undergraduate credits. In order to maintain this affiliation, billing has to go through UAS, although all of the tuition (except a \$50 administrative fee) ultimately goes to the academy. In the past, when APSC was paying, the payment went directly from APSC to UAS and then to us. It is because APSC is no longer providing the funding that you are now receiving a bill from UAS for your employee's ALET costs.

While it may seem wasteful to pay UAS for college credits, especially if your employee already has a degree, I assure you that it is not. The funding received through this program is critical to our program's success. The money we receive from the legislature is about enough to pay basic salaries and keep the lights on. It would not cover overtime, travel (for my staff or guest instructors), vehicle maintenance and replacement, building and equipment upkeep, ammunition, etc. If we were to eliminate our affiliation with UAS, I would simply need to raise our overall tuition to get us back to near our current level in order to remain operational. In essence, the college credits are a free benefit of attending ALET, although I recognize that the credits do not benefit all students equally.

In the event that APSC has funding available at the end of the fiscal year to reimburse departments for recruits who have successfully completed ALET, that reimbursement will be handled between APSC and your department.

I appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate these uncharted waters. There are sure to be issues that come up along the way, but I am confident that with patience and perseverance, we will find our way to reach our end goal, which is highly trained, professional officers who are better prepared to serve your community. As always if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at chad.goeden@alaska.gov or (907) 747-6611.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chad Goeden". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Lt. Chad Goeden
Commander, DPS Training Academy

CC: Mr. Bob Griffiths, Executive Director, APSC