

**CITY OF WASILLA
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 09-51**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING WMC 10.08.030, TWO-WAY LEFT-TURN LANES, TO ESTABLISH LIMITATIONS ON THEIR USE, AND AMENDING WMC 1.20.030, DISPOSITION OF SCHEDULED OFFENSES - FINE SCHEDULE, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULED FINE OF \$100 FOR A VIOLATION OF WMC 10.08.030.

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

Section 2. Adoption of section. WMC 10.08.030, Two-Way Left-Turn Lanes, is hereby adopted to read as follows:

10.08.030 Two-way left-turn lanes

A. A vehicle shall not be driven in a designated two-way left-turn lane except when preparing for, or making a left turn from the roadway, or when merging onto the roadway. A left turn shall not be made from any other lane in a roadway where a two-way, left-turn lane is designated.

B. No vehicle shall be driven a distance exceeding 150 feet within a designated two-way left-turn lane.

Section 3. Amendment of section. WMC 1.20.030.C, Disposition of scheduled offenses – Fine Schedule, is amended by adding a table entry for WMC 10.08.030, as follows:

CODE SECTION	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE	FINE
<u>WMC 10.08.030</u>	<u>Unlawful use of two-way left turn lane</u>	<u>\$100</u>

Section 4. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by the Wasilla City Council.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on June 22, 2009.


VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

[SEAL]

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



**CITY OF WASILLA
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

RE: ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 09-51: ADOPTING WMC 10.08.030, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND LIMITATION ON THE USAGE OF TWO-WAY, LEFT-TURN LANES.

Agenda of: June 8, 2009

Date: May 27, 2009

Originator: Chief Craig Robinson

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
X	Police Chief	<i>JC Allen</i> 5/28/09
X	Finance Director	<i>[Signature]</i> 5-29-09
X	Deputy Administrator	<i>[Signature]</i>
X	City Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>

REVIEWED BY MAYOR VERNE E. RUPRIGHT

[Signature]

FISCAL IMPACT: no

Funds Available: yes no

Account name/number:

Attachments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The City of Wasilla Police Department wishes to adopt WMC 10.08.030 to regulate the usage of two-way, left-hand turn lanes.

Current state law allows vehicles to use these lanes for the purpose of making left turns, but does not define how far they may travel within the lane prior to completing the turning movement. Vehicles routinely use the left turn lane as a means to bypass stopped traffic. There is no enforcement remedy as long as they eventually make a left turn. This has resulted in numerous collisions as vehicles attempt to enter the roadway through gaps made by the stopped traffic and are struck by vehicles driving down the turn lane.

This ordinance defines the usage of these lanes, limits the distance a vehicle may be driven within the lane and provides officers with an effective enforcement tool.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt WMC 10.08.030 to provide for the regulation and limitation on the usage of two-way, left-turn lanes.