

By: Council Member Simon Brown II
Adopted: May 24, 2021
Yes: Brown, Burney, Harvey, Johnson, Rausa, Velock
No: None
Absent: None

**City of Wasilla
Resolution Serial No. 21-12**

A Resolution Of The Wasilla City Council Authorizing And Directing The Drafting Of A Code Of Ethics Applicable To Elected And Appointed Officials Of The City Of Wasilla For Consideration By City Council.

WHEREAS, communities across Alaska have been adopting codes of ethics to ensure that elected and appointed officials, and the public at large, understand the ethical rules imposed upon such officials; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of the Mayor, Human Resources is planning to review and possibly update ethics policies applicable to City employees and directors; and

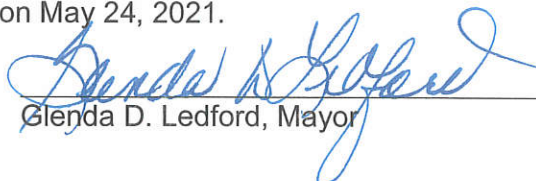
WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interest to update policies and procedures regarding all employees and officials simultaneously to both ensure consistency and maximize the use of resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wasilla City Council, that:

1. Council Member Simon Brown II, the City Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and the City Attorney are authorized and directed to draft a Code of Ethics (ordinance) applicable to elected and appointed officials of the City of Wasilla for Council's consideration.

Effective Date. This resolution takes effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on May 24, 2021.



Glenda D. Ledford, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jamie Newman, MMC, City Clerk

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**City of Wasilla
Legislative Staff Report
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Originator: City Clerk for Council Member Brown
Date: 5/12/2021

Agenda of: 5/24/2021

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
X	Finance Director		5-13-21
X	Deputy Administrator		5/13/21
X	City Clerk		5/13/2021
X	Mayor		5/13/2021

Fiscal Impact: yes or no

Attachments: Resolution Serial No. 21-12 (2 pages)

Summary Statement: A draft Code of Ethics would require a review of existing Code provisions to place all provisions dictating official conduct into one centralized location, namely the Code of Ethics. Code of Ethics provisions would be created to mirror the ethical requirements imposed upon City employees and to identify the ethical standards that apply to appointed and elected officials under the constitution, statutory requirements and good governance and the potential consequences for violating these requirements. Finally, the Code of Ethics would include provisions that ensured officials had a mechanism to seek legal counsel from the City Attorney regarding compliance with the Code of Ethics and rely upon that advice in the event an ethical complaint arises. Similarly, the Code would provide an express and clear process for filing a complaint and maintaining confidentiality throughout the complaint and investigation process. In the event the Resolution is adopted, the Code of Ethics ordinance should be completed and before Council in June, 2021. If the ordinance is introduced and after the public hearing has closed, the Council will have an opportunity to review and discuss each provision and the reasons behind such provisions.

Proposed Action: Adopt the Resolution.