

CITY OF WASILLA
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 10-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AMENDING WMC 2.12.010, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, TO ALLOW FOR A COUNCIL MEMBER TO MAKE THE MAYOR AWARE OF A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER COUNCIL MEMBER.

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 2.12.010, Conflict of interest, is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. City Council.

1. A member of the city council shall declare a substantial financial interest the council member has in an official action and ask to be excused from a vote on the matter.

a. In the event that a council member believes that paragraph 1 of this section has not been met; and when there is a reasonable belief that a conflict exists, a council member shall announce a potential conflict of interest on behalf of another council member.

2. The mayor shall rule on a request **for a council member to be excused from a vote which was made** by a council member [TO BE EXCUSED FROM A VOTE].

Bold and underline added. [CAPS AND BRACKETS, DELETED.]

3. The decision of the mayor on a request by a council member to be excused from a vote may be overridden by the majority vote of the council.

4. A council member who has been excused from a voting on a matter under this subsection also shall abstain from the discussion of the matter, except that the council member may speak on the matter as a member of the public.

B. Other City Employees and Officials. A city employee or official, other than a member of the city council, may not participate in an official action in which the employee or official has a substantial financial interest.

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

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on April 12, 2010.


VERNE E. RUPPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

[SEAL]

VOTE: Hall, Harris, Holler, Larson and Woodruff in favor. Katkus in opposition.

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LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

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Agenda of: March 22, 2010

Date: March 8, 2010

Originator: Deputy Clerk for Council Member Larson

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
X	Finance Director	<i>[Signature]</i> 3/10/2010
X	Interim Deputy Administrator	<i>[Signature]</i>
X	City Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>

REVIEWED BY MAYOR VERNE E. RUPRIGHT: *[Signature]*

FISCAL IMPACT: yes\$ or no

Funds Available yes no

Account name/number: N/A

Attachments: None

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Currently WMC 2.12.010, Conflict of Interest, only allows for a council member to declare a potential conflict of interest on their own behalf. This ordinance will allow for a council member to declare a conflict of interest on behalf of another council member, and allow for the mayor to rule on that declaration.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 10-10.