

**CITY OF WASILLA  
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 10-25(AM)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AMENDING WMC 2.04.035,  
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

**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 2.04.035, Compensation and Reimbursement, is amended to read as follows:

A. Council members shall be compensated **two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225.00) for each regular meeting attended** [SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) ANNUALLY].

B. A council member may elect to purchase individual and related insurance coverage at their own expense.

**Section 3. Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect on September 1, 2010.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on August 23, 2010.

  
VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

[SEAL]

VOTE: Hall, Harris, Katkus, Larson and Woodruff in favor. Seat D Vacant.

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**CITY OF WASILLA  
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

**Ordinance Serial No. 10-25: AMENDING WMC 2.04.035, COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT, FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

**Agenda of:** August 9, 2010

**Date:** July 28, 2010

**Originator:** Council Member Dianne Woodruff *DW*

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
	Chief of Police	
X	Finance Director	<i>Dianne Woodruff 7-28-10</i>
X	Interim Deputy Administrator	<i>Mark K. ...</i>
X	City Clerk	<i>Thomas ...</i>

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

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  yes  no

**Funds Available**  yes  no

**Account name/number:** 001-4115-411.10-10

**Attachments:** Proposed Ordinance Serial No. 10-25 (1 p)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** The Wasilla Municipal Code requires 23 scheduled Council meetings. Last year, there were a large number of absences by council members, and there have been several absences so far this year. This absenteeism has resulted in two meetings in the past year being cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

In the private sector, those who don't show up for work don't get paid. While the honorarium is not large in comparison to the actual amount of time invested in the job by a diligent council member, and attendance at Council meetings only represents a small portion of that time, the taxpayers should not be expected to pay when a council member is unable to attend the meetings to represent their interests.

The intent of this ordinance is not to alter the annual amount received by a council member who is consistently present. For perspective, if there were no special meetings in a year, the equivalent per meeting rate would be \$260.87. Assuming four special meetings to address matters such as the budget, and other issues that may arise from time to time, the equivalent per meeting rate would be \$222.22. If anything, this ordinance should reduce the amount paid out for Council compensation.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 10-25.