

**CITY OF WASILLA  
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 10-33**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AMENDING WMC 2.04.020, QUALIFICATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND WMC 2.16.030, QUALIFICATION OF MAYOR.**

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**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 2.04.020, Qualifications, is amended to read as follows:

2.04.020 Qualification[S] **of council members.**

- A.** A person is eligible to be a council member if the person [IS]:
  - 1.** **Is registered and in all other respects** [A] qualified [CITY VOTER] **to vote in city elections as provided in 4.08.010;** and
  - 2.** **H[H]as been a [CITY] resident [OR A RESIDENT] of the city or of territory annexed to the city for one year immediately prior to the election or appointment to fill a vacancy.**

**Section 3. Amendment of section.** WMC 2.16.030, Qualification of mayor, is amended to read as follows:

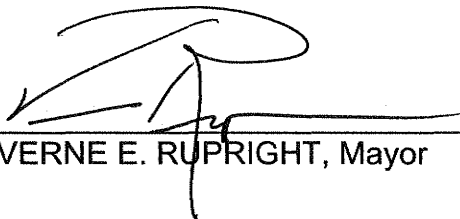
- A.** A person is eligible to hold the office of mayor if the person [IS]:
  - 1.** **Is registered and in all other respects** [A] qualified **to vote in city elections as provided in 4.08.010;** [CITY VOTER] and [HAS]

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2. Has been a [CITY] resident [OR A RESIDENT] of the city or of territory annexed to the city for one year immediately prior to the election. The mayor may not hold a position as council member or city employee, except as provided by state statute.

**Section 4. Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon the earlier to occur of the following: (i) the date on which the United States Department of Justice issues its non-objection under the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to the changes effected by this ordinance; and (ii) the date immediately following the last date on which the United States Department of Justice could object to the changes effected by this ordinance under the Voting Rights Act of 1965, provided that no objection to any such change has been issued before that date. The clerk is authorized to determine the effective date of this ordinance, which shall be set forth in the permanent records of City ordinances and in the Wasilla Municipal Code.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on October 11, 2010.

  
VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

[SEAL]

Vote: Harris, Holler, Katkus, Larson, Luburger, and Woodruff in favor.

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**CITY OF WASILLA  
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

**ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 10-33: AMENDING WMC 2.04.020, QUALIFICATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND WMC 2.16.030 QUALIFICATION OF MAYOR.**

**Agenda of:** September 27, 2010

**Date:** September 9, 2010

**Originator:** Kristie Smithers, City Clerk for Council Member Larson

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Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
X	City Attorney	<i>RKP</i>
X	Finance Director	<i>[Signature]</i> 9.10.10
X	Interim Deputy Administrator	<i>[Signature]</i>
X	City Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>

**REVIEWED BY MAYOR VERNE E. RUPRIGHT:**

*[Signature]*

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  yes  no

Funds Available  yes  no

**Account name/number:** none

**Attachments:** Proposed Ordinance Serial No. 10-33

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The proposed ordinance is requested to clean-up the qualification process for the City Council and Mayor positions. By adopting the proposed ordinance, it will allow for both the qualifications and vacancy sections to read as similar as possible.

**Section 2.** This section grammatically cleans up the qualification process for Council Members by adding wording that a Council Member being appointed must also be a resident of the City for one year.

**Section 3.** This section also grammatically cleans up the qualification for the office of Mayor.

**Section 4.** Since this is a change effecting voting of the qualification process, which includes being a candidate for office, it must be precleared by the United States Department of Justice which may take up to 70 days from adoption of the ordinance to become effective.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Introduce the ordinance and set for public hearing.

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