

**CITY OF WASILLA
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 11-20**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AMENDING WMC 2.64, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, TO CHANGE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION.

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become part of the Wasilla Municipal Code.

Section 2. Amendment of subsection. WMC 2.64.010.A, Establishment, purpose, duties and compensation, is hereby amended as follows:

(A) The parks and recreation commission is established. The commission shall consist of five members, **four** [ALL] of whom shall be residents of the city **and one which shall be a resident of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.**

Section 3. Parks and recreation commission terms. The terms of the parks and recreation commissioners in office on the effective date of this ordinance shall remain unchanged.

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

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on May 9, 2011.



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



AMANDA E. CHARLES, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

[SEAL]

VOTE: Harris, Holler, Sullivan-Leonard and Woodruff in favor. Katkus opposed.
Menard absent.

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



**CITY OF WASILLA
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 11-20: AMENDING WMC 2.64, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, TO CHANGE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION.

Agenda of: April ²⁵11, 2011

Date: March 29, 2011

Originator: James Hastings, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
X	Recreation and Cultural Services Manager	<i>James Hastings</i> 3/29/2011
X	Finance Director	<i>[Signature]</i>
X	Interim Deputy Administrator	<i>[Signature]</i> 4/13/11
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: none

SUMMARY STATEMENT: WMC 8.10 states in part that “the purpose of the Parks and Recreation Commission is to advise the City on matters pertaining to parks and recreation facilities and shall coordinate with, and obtain approval of the planning commission on site locations and general developments plans for parks and recreation facilities. Further to recommend to council, proposals for the general public and specific development of parks and recreation facilities and programs.” The existing ordinance predates the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center’s development. The Parks and Recreation Commission holds no legislative nor budgetary expenditure authority and serves solely in an advisory capacity to the City Council.

Our parks and recreation facilities are enjoyed by Wasilla city residents, borough residents, and statewide visitors, and is intended to provide service to all visitors and patrons regardless of residency. Our visitation includes a large tourist population as well. Each of these groups invests their sales tax dollars into the City’s general fund. As the general fund is the primary source of fiscal support for the departmental budgets, it is the opinion of this department that the Parks and Recreation Commission be comprised of representatives of the total population utilizing our parks and recreation facilities. The addition of a non-city resident, specifically a Matanuska-Susitna Borough resident is in keeping with the best interests of the commission, the City, and general visitor and patron of our parks and recreation facilities as a whole.

Financial review determines that there exist no financial obligation in this change nor is there envisioned any negative community impact to services provided on any level.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and set for public hearing Ordinance Serial No. 11-20.