



CITY OF WASILLA

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RESOLUTION NO. WR92-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WASILLA, ALASKA RESOLVING TO SOLVE THE SEWER ISSUE THROUGH IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION ACTIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla has a drainfield system for its sewer, consisting of nine 1.1 acre leach beds; and

WHEREAS, leach bed No. 9 was originally constructed near an underground stream causing groundwater pollution in that stream in violation of DEC regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Council does not wish the Administration use that leach bed ever again thus avoiding the impression that the City of Wasilla deliberately pollutes groundwater and triggers DEC violations and public apprehension about groundwater quality; and

WHEREAS, the other 8 leach beds function quite well when the EPA manual is used and followed to the letter; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has been quoted in the newspaper as saying he is leaving drainfield corrections all up to the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes now to replace Drainfield No. 9 with a two acre drainfield at the site of the proposed recirculating granular media filter (RGMF) site, and that this be done through force account appropriation, costing around \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, there is sufficient money to do this when frost is out in the spring; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes that the drainfield system be operated strictly according to the EPA manual, as it was designed to be operated, and that the Administration not deviate from that manual, as it has in the past;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a new leach bed of 2 acres be constructed at the site now cleared at the sewage facility, that it be force accounted, and that the EPA manual not be deviated from in any manner, and that the leach bed facility be operated according to the EPA manual, that the leach beds be rotated in a manner consistent with the EPA manual, that leach bed No. 9 never be used again to provoke a DEC warning or violation, and that if such does occur, the City Council will take such steps as is necessary to correct the management errors and direction; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that testing in the future as required by DEC, namely at the influent well, the hillside stream, and the bottom stream or creek, once a month, be done by City employees on permanent status, to eliminate the high cost of engineering testing of these three areas once a month, and to eliminate the \$12,000 to \$14,000 cost by the engineer for those three tests taken monthly through grab samples, and that the tests be sent to Alaska Testlab in Anchorage for analysis as required, and that the Administration keep proper records of this activity.

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the governing body of the City of Wasilla this _____ day of _____, 1992.

APPROVED:

JOHN C. STEIN, Mayor

ATTEST:

ERLING P. NELSON, CMC
City Clerk

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