

**CITY OF WASILLA
WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NUMBER 08-04**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN INCREASE IN POLICE OFFICER PRESENCE
AND PATROLS IN WASILLA CITY PARKS IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE
VANDALISM AND OTHER CRIMES.**

WHEREAS, the public facilities and equipment in the Wasilla City Parks have been repeatedly vandalized; and

WHEREAS, this vandalism has included spray painting and carving into playground equipment that is meant for small children images and words that are of a lewd and obscene nature; and

WHEREAS, there has been repeated vandalism of public restrooms at these parks that has included setting these facilities on fire; and

WHEREAS, there have been motorized vehicles operated in City Parks and on City Trails that are specifically designated and posted for non-motorized use thereby causing damage to these facilities; and

WHEREAS, the above issues diminish the experience of citizens using these public parks and result in increased costs to the City of Wasilla for maintenance and repair; and

WHEREAS, the crime and vandalism that has taken place in some of these parks, most notably Iditapark, have spilled over into the surrounding commercial businesses; and

WHEREAS, increasing both drive-by patrols and foot patrols of these parks by the Wasilla Police Department will hopefully reduce the rate of these crimes; and

WHEREAS, Wasilla Municipal Code, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, Section 2.64.010(B) states, "The purpose of the commission is to advise the city on matters pertaining to parks and recreation facilities".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission hereby respectfully requests the following:

1. That the Wasilla Police Department increase their presence and patrols in the Wasilla City Parks and that the Wasilla City Park rules as outlined in Wasilla Municipal Code Section 12.24.025 – 12.24.040 be enforced by the Wasilla Police Department to include acceptable use and hours of operation.
2. A written or in person response as to the feasibility of and/or actions taken in implementing Item 1 above.

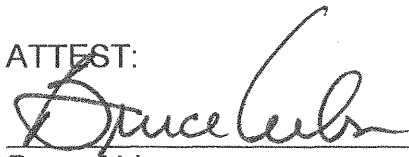
ADOPTED by the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission on December 10, 2008.

APPROVED:



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ATTEST:



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