

Code Ordinance

By: Administration
Introduced: January 13, 2014
Public Hearing: January 27, 2014
Adopted: January 27, 2014
Vote: Buswell, O'Barr, Sullivan-Leonard and Wall in favor
Harris and Wilson opposed

**City of Wasilla
Ordinance Serial No. 14-08**

An ordinance of the Wasilla City Council amending Wasilla Municipal Code Section 2.60.010 to reduce the membership of the planning commission from seven to five 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 2.60.010, Establishment, duties and compensation, is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The planning commission consisting of five members is established.

Section 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by the Wasilla City Council.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on January 27, 2014.


VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

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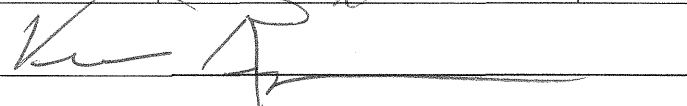
Ordinance Serial No. 14-08: Amending Wasilla Municipal Code Section 2.60.010 to reduce the membership of the planning commission from seven to five members.

Originator: Mayor Verne E. Rupright

Date: 12/26/2013

Agenda of: 1/13/2014

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
X	Finance Director		12/30/13
X	Deputy Administrator		12/30/13
X	City Clerk		12/30/13

Reviewed by Mayor Verne E. Rupright: 

Fiscal Impact: yes or no

Attachments: Ordinance Serial No. 14-08 (1 page)

Summary Statement: Due to increasing difficulty in filling planning commissioner vacancies, this ordinance proposes to reduce the membership from seven to five members. This change is consistent with the Alaska Statute 29.40.020, which only requires a minimum of five members on a planning commission.

With the current requirement for seven commissioners all actions require a minimum of four votes. Currently, the commission only has four members, which requires all actions to be done via unanimous vote until the appointment of additional commissioners. Even with the confirmation by the City Council of an appointment of a fifth commissioner on January 13, 2014, all actions will still require four votes since a majority vote is based on seven commissioners unless this amendment is approved. Additionally, this change will result in annual budgetary savings of approximately \$4,000 for meeting compensation for the two commissioners not including any other training costs.

Staff Recommendation: Introduce and set for public hearing Ordinance Serial No. 14-08.

For the last few years, the number of members on the Planning Commission has averaged five members.