

Vote: Buswell, Harris, O'Barr, Sullivan-Leonard, Wall and Wilson in favor

**City of Wasilla  
Ordinance Serial No. 14-15**

**An ordinance of the Wasilla City Council repealing Wasilla Municipal Code Chapter 2.72, the Historical Preservation Commission, due to lack of participation.**

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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. Repeal of chapter.** WMC 2.72, Historical Preservation Commission, is hereby repealed in its entirety, as follows:

2.72.010 Establishment, duties and compensation.

A. The historical preservation commission shall consist of seven members, two members who are residents of the city and five members who are not required to be city residents. Commissioners shall be appointed as follows:

1. Two members who are residents of the city;
2. One member from the Wasilla-Knik Historical Society;
3. One member to be recommended by the Knik Tribal Council;
4. One professional archeologist;
5. One professional historian; and
6. One architectural historian/architect.

B. The commission shall:

1. Develop a local historical preservation plan to include provisions for identification and protection of the city's significant historic and prehistoric sites, protection of sensitive information, and interpretation of the city's significant historic and prehistoric sites. Such plan should be compatible with the Alaska Historic Preservation Plan and produce information compatible with and for the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey database.

2. Review and make recommendations to the city planning commission about local projects that might affect historic and prehistoric sites.

3. Develop a local register of historic places for historic and prehistoric sites within the city. Designation as a historic place shall be based on a criteria of evaluation as follows:

- a. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of Wasilla's development/history;
- b. Associated with the lives of persons, either living or deceased, that are significant to Wasilla;

c. Embodied the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a locally or nationally known master, or possess high or unique artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; this criteria applies to architectural significance; or

d. Yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in Wasilla's prehistory or history; this criteria applies mostly to archeological sites.

4. Identify historic districts within the city for nomination on the national, state and local registers of historic places.

5. Review and develop nominations to the national, state, and local registers for historic and prehistoric sites within the city.

6. Support continued rehabilitation, restoration, and preservation of historic and prehistoric sites within city limits that are listed on the national, state, and local registers of historic places.

7. Act in an advisory role to the Wasilla-Knik Historical Society, the Dorothy Page Museum, and the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office on all matters concerning historic sites in the city.

8. Work toward continuing education of citizens regarding historic preservation.

9. Support the enforcement of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Alaska Historic Preservation Act.

10. Perform other activities which are necessary and proper to carry out the above duties as determined by the council that are beneficial to carry out the historic preservation goals of the city.

11. Work with the community and economic development department when updating the comprehensive plan and with future economic development issues.

C. The compensation of each commission member shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per meeting attended.

#### 2.72.020 Officers.

A. The commission shall have a chairperson and vice-chairperson.

B. The recreational and cultural services director, or designee, shall act as the secretary of the commission.

#### 2.72.030 Meetings.

A. The commission shall meet at least once per quarter or more often, as deemed necessary by the commission. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson or at the request of two commission members. In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, only those matters stated in the public notice may be acted upon at a special meeting.

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

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on March 24, 2014.

  
VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

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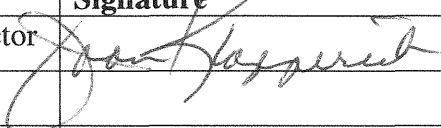


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**CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

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Originator: Kristie Smithers, City Clerk  
 Date: 2/4/2014 Agenda of: 2/24/2014

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
X	Recreation & Cultural Services Director		2-13-14
X	Finance Director		
X	Deputy Administrator		2-14-14
X	City Clerk		2/11/14

Reviewed by Mayor Verne E. Rupright: 

**Fiscal Impact:**  yes or  no      **Funds Available:**  yes or  no

**Attachments:** Ordinance Serial No. 14-15 (2 pages)

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**Summary Statement:** Wasilla Municipal Code Chapter 2.72, forming the Historical Preservation Commission, was adopted in 2008.

When the commission was first formed, we did not receive enough applications to fill a full commission. And, in the past several years, we have received no applications from the public who wish to serve.

To clean up the code, the proposed ordinance repealing the Historical Preservation Commission is suggested. Thank you.

**Staff Recommendation:** Introduce and set for public hearing Ordinance Serial No. 14-15.