



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RETAINING THREE PERCENT (3%) SALES TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF WASILLA

Resolution No.: 2015-01

WHEREAS, the current City of Wasilla cumulative sales tax rate is three percent (3%); and

WHEREAS, the cumulative sales tax rate is scheduled to decrease when a total of 15 million dollars is raised to fund the construction and equipping of the new Wasilla Public Library; and

WHEREAS, state funding for capital projects has decreased substantially and is not expected to return to previous levels in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for capital projects has decreased substantially and is projected to remain at current or lower levels; and

WHEREAS, demand for and use of City-provided services will increase as population of the Mat-Su valley increases; and

WHEREAS, Wasilla is the retail and transportation hub of the Mat-Su valley and has over 80,000 vehicles through the city each day; and

WHEREAS, the property owners of Wasilla should not be required to bear the burden of funding capital projects and operating costs which benefit a greater number of non-residents than residents; and

WHEREAS, a sales tax provides a method for users of facilities and services to pay a small proportionate share of the costs associated with using those facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, preservation of Wasilla's existing infrastructure through ongoing capital projects is essential to maintaining our quality of life; and




WHEREAS, retention of the current three percent (3%) sales tax rate is projected to make an additional three million dollars per year available to cover increases in operating costs associated with additional population stressors as well as provide funding for capital projects.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce, an organization established and operated to ensure and enhance the economic well-being of the greater Wasilla area, supports the continuation of a three percent (3%) sales tax rate for the City of Wasilla; and

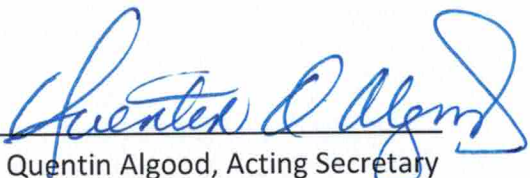
NOW FURTHER, be it resolved, the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce encourages the Wasilla City Council to establish a permanent three percent (3%) sales tax rate for the City of Wasilla.

ADOPTED by the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, this 24th day of July, 2015.

GREATER WASILLA CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

By: 
Traci Boyle, CEO
Dated: July 27, 2015

GREATER WASILLA CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

By: 
Quentin Algood, Acting Secretary
Dated: July 27, 2015