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**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
JULY 05, 2012 @ 7:15 PM
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM**

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor James Kallander, Council members Keith van den Broek, James Kacsh, David Allison, Bret Bradford, EJ Cheshier, David Reggiani, and Robert Beedle

C. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance 1095..... (page 1)

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending Cordova Municipal Code section 16.15.2305(d) to increase the minimum basic design snow load from 100 pounds per square foot on the horizontal projection of the roof to 150 pounds per square foot ground snow load for building permits issued on or after September 1, 2012

D. ADJOURNMENT

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Memorandum

To: City Council
From: Sam Greenwood, City Planner
Date: 6/28/2012
Re: Ground Snow Load Increase

PART I. BACKGROUND:

The Planning and Zoning commissioners requested a review of the current ground snow load for Cordova.

4/10/2012 P&Z meeting information was provided about ground snow load, how it was calculated and determined. At this meeting it was decided that in order to determine if the snow load needed to be increased that an analysis of the snow pack data for Cordova needed to be done.

5/8/2012 Steve Witsoe (Hoots) the City's current avalanche expert provided snow pack information for the commission. At this meeting the Planning and Zoning Commission decided to increase the ground snow load to 150 pounds per square foot. P&Z also provided a resolution to City Council asking for support of this increase.

5/14/2012 the information provided by Steve Witsoe and the resolution from P&Z were presented to City Council. The resolution was accepted by Council.

PART II. GENERAL INFORMATION:

The ordinance to increase the snow load has been reviewed by legal and is before you at this time.

PART III. SUGGESTED MOTION:

"I move to adopt Ordinance 1095."

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
ORDINANCE 1095**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
AMENDING CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 16.15.2305(d) TO INCREASE
THE MINIMUM BASIC DESIGN SNOW LOAD FROM 100 POUNDS PER SQUARE
FOOT ON THE HORIZONTAL PROJECTION OF THE ROOF TO 150 POUNDS PER
SQUARE FOOT GROUND SNOW LOAD FOR BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED ON OR
AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2012**

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova (“City”) experienced extremely heavy snow fall in the 2011-2012 winter season; and

WHEREAS, the increased snow fall damaged structures and created safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the ground snow load numbers from past years, code provisions throughout Alaska governing snow load requirements, historical snow accumulation totals, and the potential impact of increased snow load requirements on building costs in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the City’s best interest, in light of the recent damages resulting from heavy snow fall and the results of the City’s research regarding snow load requirements, to increase such requirements for construction within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cordova, that:

Section 1. Cordova Municipal Code Chapter 16.15.2305(d) is amended to read as follows:

16.15.2305(d) - Snow loads.

Delete the last sentence in the second paragraph and substitute the following:

- (i) The minimum basic design snow load shall be 100 pounds per square foot on the horizontal projection of the roof for building permits issued or required prior to September 1, 2012.
- (ii) The minimum basic design snow load shall be 150 pounds per square foot ground snow load for construction requiring or issued a building permit on or after September 1, 2012

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Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and publication. This ordinance shall be enacted in accordance with Section 2.13 of the Charter of the City of Cordova, Alaska, and published in the Cordova Times, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, within ten (10) days after its passage.

1st reading: June 20, 2012

2nd reading and public hearing: July 5, 2012

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 2012.

James Kallander, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, City Clerk

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