

**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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