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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 96-28

FROM: Marj Harris, City Clerk
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SUBJECT: Election Code Analysis

The attached proposed ordinance amends the Election Code, Title 4.

Additions have been made throughout Title 4 to make it gender friendly. Below are sections showing other changes.

4.04.010 Definitions: delete "A", phrase is un-necessary.

"Q": delete words "or ballot", this wording appeared to be extraneous, research to old documentation gave no clue as to what this was for.

"R": delete words "in writing", WMC 4.12.020(B) does not require an election judge to question a voter in writing.

4.04.050 Special Election - Time: increasing time frame for calling a special election from 60 days to 90 days, Department of Justice requires 60 days to preclear any election which is not set on the same day each year.

4.06.050 Voter Disqualification - Purged: deleted, the State of Alaska does not purge voters and has not for a few years because it is not in compliance with federal law.

4.08.010 Time of Election: Same as 4.04.050, above.

4.08.030 Precinct Election Officials: Adjustments for consistency.

4.08.040(4) Ballots - Form: delete, rotation of ballots is no longer a requirement for state ballots. Cost savings to the City by no longer rotating ballots.

4.10.010: elimination of nominating petitions and enactment of declaration of candidacy nominations. Declaration of candidacy allows for the constitutional rights of individuals to place their names on the ballot without the circulation of a petition to gather signatures of sponsors.

4.10.020: indicates when packets will be available for pick up for declaration of candidacy and insures that opening always begins on a Monday and ends on a Friday. Establishes a filing fee.

4.10.030: requires a conflict of interest be filed at the same time as the declaration of candidacy. This is required by State law and is the current practice, outlines it in the City Code.

4.10.040: limits time frame of corrections, amendments and withdrawal on the declaration of candidacy.

4.12.030 Punch Card Voting - Authorized: gender friendly language and changes "the two City precincts" to "all City precincts".

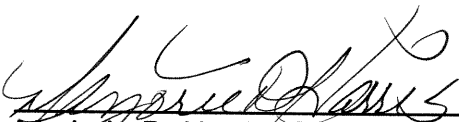
4.14.020 Application: outlines procedure more clearly.

4.14.040(B): Makes it clear that the absentee ballot must be received by the Canvass Board meeting, before 2:00 p.m. on Friday following the election.

4.16.020 Canvass Board Appointment: increases the canvass board from 3 members to 4 members.

4.16.080(E) Election Recounts: inserts the word "no" before "more than two percent (2%)". This may have been left out originally. It does not make sense to require an applicant to pay for a recount if it proves an error was made and the result requested for recount is more than two percent.

Recommend: Introduction of Ordinance Serial No. 96-14 and schedule for public hearing and subsequent adoption.



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