

Requested By: Councilman Chappel
Prepared By: Clerk's Office
Introduction Date: 09/08/97
Public Hearing Date: 09/08/97
Postponed: 10/13/97
No Action: 10/27/97
Defeated: 12/0897

ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 97-59

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA AMENDING CHAPTER 4.10, CANDIDATES, OF THE WASILLA MUNICIPAL CODE.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Classification. This ordinance is of a permanent nature and shall become part of the Wasilla Municipal Code.

SECTION II. Purpose. To amend Section 4.10.020(B) to require a new nominating petition be filed when a candidate wishes to change his/her seat designation.

SECTION III. Amendment. Chapter 4.10.020(B), Nominating Petition is hereby amended as follows:

4.10.020 Nominating Petition - Time for Filing.

B. Persons seeking elective office shall request a nominating petition from the City Clerk for the specific seat which they are seeking. If the person chooses to run for a different seat, a ~~council seat change authorization form for that seat shall be filed with the Clerk's Office~~ THE CANDIDATE SHALL RETURN HIS/HER PETITION AND IT SHALL BE MARKED VOID BY THE CLERK OR DESIGNEE. THE CANDIDATE WILL THEN RECEIVE A NEW PETITION WITH THE NEW SEAT STATED ON THE PETITION.

SECTION IV. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Wasilla on this _____ day of _____, 1997.

SARAH H. PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:

KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC
City Clerk



CITY OF WASILLA

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Requested By: Councilman Chappel
Prepared By: Clerk's Office

ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 97-59

Subject: Amending Chapter 4.10, Candidates, of the Wasilla Municipal Code.

Meeting Date: 09/08/97

**RECOMMENDATION AND MOTION:
Introduce Ordinance Serial No. 97-59 and schedule for public hearing at the next regular meeting on 09/22/97.**

Administration Recommendation:

Reviewed by Sarah H. Palin, Mayor:

Route To:	Department:	Reviewed	Remarks:
1	Clerk's Office		
2	Finance		
3	Library		
4	Museum		
5	Planning		
6	Police		
7	Public Works		
8	Admin.	SP	Clarifies existing law
9	City Attorney		

Attachment (s): Fiscal Note: YES ___ NO XX
(List other attachments; i.e., maps, bid information, etc.)

Staff Recommendation: Introduce Ordinance Serial No. 97-59 and schedule for public hearing at the next regular meeting on 09/22/97.

Summary Statement:

To amend Section 4.10.020(B) to require a new nominating petition be filed when a candidate wishes to change his/her seat designation.



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Code Ordinance

Requested By: Clerk's Office
Prepared By: Clerk's Office
Introduction Date: 09/08/97
Public Hearing Date: 09/22/97
Postponed: 13/13/97
No Action: 10/27/97
Defeated: 12/08/97

ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 97-59 (SUBSTITUTE)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA AMENDING SECTION 2.04.020, QUALIFICATIONS OF COUNCILMEN, SECTION 2.16.025, QUALIFICATIONS OF MAYOR, AND CHAPTER 4.10, CANDIDATES, OF THE WASILLA MUNICIPAL CODE.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Classification. This ordinance is of a permanent nature and shall become part of the Wasilla Municipal Code.

SECTION II. Purpose. To amend Sections 2.04.020 and 2.16.025 and Chapter 4.10 to eliminate the nominating petition and establish a declaration of candidacy.

SECTION III. Amendment. Sections 2.04.020 and 2.16.025 and Chapter 4.10 of the Wasilla Municipal Code are hereby amended as follows:

2.04.020 Qualifications of Councilmen Members. The person or persons seeking office shall be United States Citizens, State-registered voters within the City of Wasilla, and shall have been residents of the City or of territory annexed to the City, or shall have had a combination of residence in the City and in the annexed territory for a period of not less than one (1) year preceding the date of filing declarations of candidacy~~nominating petitions~~ for election to the Council.

2.16.025 Qualifications of Mayor. The person or persons seeking office shall be United States Citizens, State-registered voters within the City of Wasilla, and shall have been residents of the City or of territory annexed to the City, or shall have had a combination of residence in the City and in the annexed territory for a period of not less than one (1) year preceding the date of filing declarations of candidacy~~nominating petitions~~ for election of the Mayor.

CHAPTER 4.10

CANDIDATES

SECTIONS:

- 4.10.010 Declaration of Candidacy~~Nominating Petitions~~ - Form & Filing
- 4.10.020 Declaration of Candidacy~~Nominating Petitions~~ - Time for Filing
- 4.10.030 Declaration of Candidacy~~Nominating Petitions~~ - Conflict of Interest
- 4.10.040 Declaration of Candidacy~~Nominating Petitions~~ - Corrections, Amendments and Withdrawal

4.10.010 Declaration of Candidacy Nominating Petition - Form & Filing.

A. A qualified person wishing to run for elective office shall cause to have filed a declaration of candidacy in the Clerk's Office. Candidates seeking office shall file with the City Clerk in a form required by the City. The candidate shall have ten (10) resident voters to nominate him to the office he seeks. The seat that the candidate seeks shall be stated on the form at the time of filing.

B. At the time of filing the declaration of candidacy shall state in substance:

1. the full name of the candidate;
2. the full residence address of the candidate;
3. the full mailing address of the candidate;
4. the day and evening telephone numbers of the candidate;
5. the office for which the candidate is declaring (i.e. Council or Mayor);
6. that the candidate is a United States Citizen, State-registered voter within the City of Wasilla, and shall have been residents of the City or of territory annexed to the City, or shall have had a combination of residence in the City and in the annexed territory for a period of not less than one (1) year preceding the date of filing a declaration of candidacy to the office of Council or Mayor;
7. the name of the candidate as the candidate wishes it to appear on the ballot;
8. that the candidate meets, or shall meet, as required by law, the specific requirements of the office the candidate is seeking;
9. the date of the election at which the candidate seeks election;
10. the date and notarized signature of the candidate;
11. a statement that the proposed candidate shall serve if elected; and
12. a certification by the candidate that the information in the declaration of candidacy is true and accurate.

4.10.020 Declaration of Candidacy Nominating Petition - Time for Filing.

A. Packets containing declarations of candidacy shall be available from the Clerk's Office on the day the filing period opens; the packets shall remain available throughout the filing period. A declaration of candidacy shall Nominating petitions must be completed and filed with the Clerk not earlier than 8:00 a.m. sixty-four (64) calendar days before a regular election and not later than 5:00 p.m. fifty-three (53) calendar days before a regular election; and not earlier than 8:00 a.m. fifty (50) calendar days before a special election and not later than 5:00 p.m. thirty-nine (39) calendar days before a special election. Declarations of Candidacy Nominating Petitions shall may be submitted in original form or and shall not be submitted by facsimile. All declarations of candidacy nominating petitions in proper form which are not withdrawn by the candidate, shall be

preserved by the Clerk and eventually destroyed as provided by the records retention policies promulgated by the Clerk.

B. Persons seeking elective office shall make a request in person or in written form through a second party for a declaration of candidacy packetnominating petition from the City Clerk ~~for the specific seat which they are seeking. If the person chooses to run for a different seat, a council seat change authorization form for that seat shall be filed with the Clerk's Office. A declaration of candidacy for a particular seat may not be substituted for another office or seat. If the candidate wishes to change the office or seat he/she is running for, the candidate must:~~

1. request that the declaration of candidacy on file be voided by one of the following means:

a. in person; or

b. by a written, notarized statement; and

2. cause to have submitted a new declaration of candidacy before 5:00 p.m. of the last day of the filing period.

C. Special Mayoral Election. The City Council shall have the authority to set filing deadlines for special elections filling a vacancy in the Mayor's office of longer than six (6) months per WMC 2.16.040.

4.10.030 Declaration of CandidacyNominating Petitions - Conflict of Interest. Candidates for elective city office and declared write-in candidates shall file an Alaska Public Offices Commission Conflict of Interest Statement with the Clerk in accordance with A.S. 30.50 at the time of filing a declaration of candidacyfor any office.

4.10.040 Declaration of CandidacyNominating Petitions - Corrections, Amendments and Withdrawal. A candidate may withdraw his/her declaration of candidacynominating petition at any time during the period of filing by written notice to the Clerk. After the filing period has closed, no declaration of candidacynominating petition may be corrected, or amended.

SECTION IV. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Wasilla on this _____ day of _____, 1997.

ATTEST:

KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC
City Clerk

SARAH H. PALIN, Mayor

ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 97-59 (Substitute)

Subject: Amending Section 2.04.020, Qualifications Of Councilmen, Section 2.16.025, Qualifications Of Mayor, And Chapter 4.10, Candidates, Of The Wasilla Municipal Code.

Meeting Date: 09/08/97

RECOMMENDATION AND MOTION:
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Administration Recommendation: *Intro*

Reviewed by Sarah H. Palin, Mayor: *Sarah Palin*

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Attachment (s): Fiscal Note: YES _____ NO XX _____
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Staff Recommendation: **Introduce Ordinance Serial No. 97-59 (Substitute) and schedule for public hearing at the next regular meeting on 09/22/97.**

Summary Statement:

To amend Sections 2.04.020, 2.16.025 and Chapter 4.10 to eliminate nominating petitions and establish declarations of candidacy. Simplifyies the method in which a person who is qualified to run for office can exercise their rights.