

## **Memorandum 14-046 Enacting a Time Limit for Ethics Code Complaints**

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**TO:** MAYOR WYTHE AND CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK  
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**SUBJECT:** ENACTING A TIME LIMIT FOR ETHICS CODE COMPLAINTS

Upon review of the Board of Ethics provisions I discovered there was no time limit for filing a complaint of a violation of the City's Ethics Code. The current code leaves a retired city official or city manager in a perpetual state of uncertainty. The more time that passes after an individual held office diminishes the benefit of enforcing the ethics code.

The State of Alaska has a five-year limitation from the date of the potential violation to file a complaint of a violation of the Ethics Code. It is recommended the City of Homer enact a time limit for filing an ethics complaint that is consistent with the State's provision.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Ordinance 14-14 to set a time limit for filing a complaint of a violation of the Ethics Code.

Related Ordinances **Memorandum - Related Ordinances:** [Ordinance 14-14\(S\) Enacting HCC 2.80.100 to Establish a Five-Year Time Limitation for Filing a Complaint of a Violation of the City Ethics Code](#)

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