

CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

ORDINANCE 89-1 (A)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL ADDING A NEW CHAPTER TO THE HOMER MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING PREFERRED MEETING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

WHEREAS, state law requires that reasonable notice of the meetings of public bodies be given, and

WHEREAS, providing public notice of meetings of the city council and other city bodies facilitates public observance of and participation in local government, and

WHEREAS, the council finds it appropriate to establish, as a goal, public notice requirements that exceed the minimums required by law,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Classification. This ordinance is of general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the City of Homer Code.

SECTION 2. Adoption of New Chapter. There is adopted a new chapter 1.14 reading:

Chapter 1.14

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Sections:

- 1.14.010 Purpose and Application
- 1.14.020 Notice - Regular Meetings
- 1.14.030 Notice - Special Meetings
- 1.14.040 Alternate Notices
- 1.14.050 Notice - Emergency and Urgent Meetings

1.14.010 Purpose and Application. It is the purpose of this chapter to set out standards for notice of meetings of public bodies of the City of Homer that exceed those required by AS 44.62.310. The provisions of this chapter apply unless more stringent requirements of an ordinance or law are specially applicable to a particular body. It is the intent of the city council that notice given of the meetings of public bodies always meet the minimum requirements of the state statute but that a reasonable effort should be made to exceed the minimum statutory requirements. This chapter applies to notice of meetings of the

city council, and all commissions, boards, committees, subcommittees, task forces and any sub-unit of the foregoing public bodies of the City of Homer, whether meeting in a formal or informal meeting. The failure to give the notice provided for under this chapter does not invalidate or otherwise affect any action or decision of a public body of the City of Homer; however, this sentence does not change the consequences of failing to give the minimum notice required under state statute. Notice will ordinarily be given by the City Clerk. The presiding officer or the person or persons calling a meeting are responsible for notifying the City Clerk of meetings in sufficient time for the clerk to publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

1.14.020 Notice - Regular Meetings. Notice of regular meetings of a public body of the City of Homer may be given by the adoption by the city council of an ordinance or resolution setting out the days of each month and the time and place of the regular meetings of the body. In addition to, or instead of, notice given by ordinance or resolution, notice of a regular meeting may be given by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation not less than three days before the date of the meeting.

1.14.030 Notice - Special Meetings. Notice of special meetings of any public body of the City of Homer may be given by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation at least three days before the date of the meeting or as provided in section 40.

1.14.040 Alternate Notice. Instead of the published notice provided for under section 30, notice may be given by

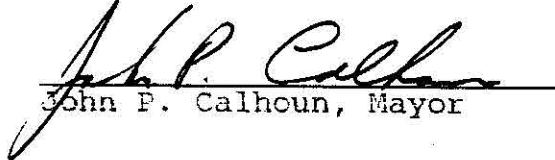
(a) Broadcast by local radio at least twice a day for three consecutive days before the day of the meeting or for two consecutive days before the day of the meeting plus the day of the meeting.

1.14.050 Notice - Emergency and Urgent Meetings. If the presiding officer or the members of a body calling a special meeting determine that an emergency exists or that a situation requiring action or consideration by the body is required before the notice provided for under section 30 of this chapter can be given, the standards of section 30 may be relaxed, but notice of the meeting should be broadcast as soon as possible and be repeated at least two additional times before the meeting.

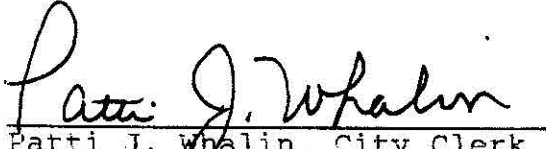
SECTION 3. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon passage by the Homer City Council.

Adopted this 13th day of February, 1989.

City of Homer


John P. Calhoun, Mayor

ATTEST:


Patti J. Whalin, City Clerk

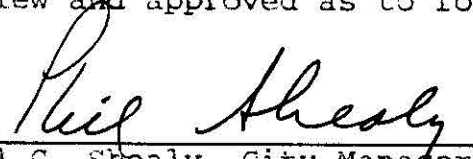
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Public Hearing: 1/23/89

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Review and approved as to form and content:


Phil C. Shealy, City Manager

Date: 2/15/89

Attorney for City of Homer

Date: _____