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Memorandum 20-137

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE CITY OF HOMER REGULAR ELECTION
OCTOBER 6, 2020

Pursuant to Homer City Code (HCC) Sections 4.20.010 and 4.35.010 the Election Judges are approved by City Council and the Canvass Board is confirmed by the City Council. Election Central Judges and Absentee Voting Officials are appointed by the City Clerk and require no approval or confirmation of the City Council.

HCC 4.20.010 (c) states that each election board member serving at a precinct polling place must be a qualified resident voter in the precinct for which the board member is appointed; provided, however, that if no qualified resident voter is available and willing to serve, a voter from another precinct may be appointed. Deputy Clerk Krause worked to secure election judges and encountered difficulty in attempts to find people willing to commit. HCC 4.20.010 (a) states that when a City election corresponds with an election conducted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough and/or State election the City Clerk may appoint the same judges.

Given the challenges encountered with securing an Election Board of qualified resident voters in the precinct for which the board member is appointed and the allowances in code, we worked with the Kenai Peninsula Borough Clerk's office to appoint judges at City of Homer precincts, some of which are from other precincts, but are qualified voters and many have worked City, Borough, and/or State Elections. The Canvass Board that meets to review, count absentee, special needs, and question ballots for certification are qualified voters in each of the City precincts.

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Recommendation: Confirm the appointment of the Canvass Board and approve the appointment of the Election Judges for the October 6, 2020 City of Homer Regular Election.

Fiscal Note: Polling Place - \$15.50/hr. Chairs, \$15/hr. Judges, 12-18 hrs. The Kenai Peninsula Borough will pay the Election Judges and invoice the City of Homer for half the cost. Canvass board- \$15/hr. 2-4 hours or until done.