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Memorandum 21-036

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
FROM: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
DATE: February 10, 2021
SUBJECT: Ordinance to Seat Newly Elected Officials at a Special Meeting

In 2019, Ordinance 19-55 was introduced. It sought to clarify when a Councilmember would be seated after winning an election. The ordinance was introduced shortly after a contentious election and it did not prevail at that time. Councilmembers Evensen and Hansen-Cavasos reached out to administration to reintroduce this ordinance because they continue to believe it would benefit the City and its elected officials.

The sponsors believe this change brings positive benefits such as:

- Providing a better environment for welcoming newly elected officials
- Providing a better environment for thanking outgoing officials for their public service and celebrating their commitments, accomplishments, etc.
- Allows the City to certify an election in a more streamlined way

Staff recommendation: Introduce the ordinance.