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Memorandum 21-113

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL

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DATE: JUNE 22, 2021

SUBJECT: RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

At the June 14th City Council meeting question was raised about the city's ability to impose residency requirements.

Alaska Statutes (AS) 15.05.020 establishes the rules for determining residence of a voter and a candidate is required to be a registered voter in the City.

AS Title 29 contains the controlling provisions for general law municipalities. AS 29.20.140 Qualifications item (c) reads that a municipality may, by ordinance, establish district residency requirements for members of its governing body.

Homer City Code 2.08.020 establishes eligibility for office and section (a) reads that a person is eligible for the office of City Council or the office of Mayor if the person is a voter of the City as prescribed by HCC 4.05.010 and has been a resident within the City for a period of one year immediately preceding the election day on which the person is a candidate.

The purpose of section one of Ordinance 21-35 is to codify the process the City Clerk uses to determine the eligibility of a candidate.