

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Clerk

ORDINANCE 18-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, AMENDING HOMER CITY CODE 4.10.010(A) "DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY - TIME" AND HOMER CITY CODE 4.20.010 "ELECTION BOARD" TO ALLOW STUDENTS AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE AND QUALIFIED THROUGH THE YOUTH VOTE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM OUTLINED IN ALASKA STATUTES 15.10.108 TO SERVE AS ELECTION JUDGES IN CITY ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 16-01(A)(S) amended the time of the candidacy filing deadline to 12:00p.m. (noon) in an effort to be consistent with the Kenai Peninsula Borough ("Borough") filing period and the deadline for the election pamphlet prepared and distributed by the Borough Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, The Borough's candidacy filing deadline is 4:30 p.m., as outlined in KPB 4.30.020(D) and over the years the deadline for the election pamphlet has varied from noon to 4:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 15.10.108 outlines the requirements for the Youth Vote Ambassador Program that allows students ages 16 and up to serve as election workers; and

WHEREAS, Involving local youth in the election process can engage them in the public and political process that is so important for our local elections as well as Borough, State, and Federal elections and encourage participation in voting for a lifetime.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. Homer City Code 4.10.010 entitled "Declaration of Candidacy" is hereby amended to read:

a. Time. A person declares candidacy for an elective City office by filing a declaration of candidacy with the City Clerk on or after August 1st and not later than 4:30 p.m. on August 15th; provided, that if August 15th is a Saturday or Sunday, a declaration of candidacy may be filed no later than 4:30 p.m. on the following Monday.

b. Filing. A declaration of candidacy may be filed with the City Clerk by electronic transmission; provided, that the original signed and notarized declaration is delivered to the City Clerk no later than the close of the filing period. If the City Clerk has not

43 received the original signed and notarized declaration before the close of the filing
44 period, the candidate's name shall not appear on the ballot.

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46 c. Notice. At least one week preceding the candidate filing period, the City Clerk shall
47 publish a notice announcing that candidacy declarations are available, naming offices
48 and the terms that are open on the next regular election day. The notice shall include:

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50 1. Candidate qualifications.
51 2. Time for filing declarations.
52 3. Where to file declarations.

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54 d. Declaration. The City Clerk shall provide a form for declaration purposes which will
55 include candidate's name, residence address, mailing address and telephone number;
56 a statement of City residence, voter qualifications and the name of the office and the
57 date of the election to which he declares himself a candidate; the term of office; and a
58 statement of acceptance of the office if elected and an acknowledgment of compliance
59 with the State of Alaska Campaign Disclosure Law. The declaration will be signed and
60 dated by the candidate and sealed by a notary. The candidate's name shall be printed
61 as specified on the declaration for candidacy (see ballot form in HCC 4.15.010 for
62 prohibitions).

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64 Section 2. Homer City Code Chapter 4.20.010 Election Board is hereby amended to read:

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66 a. The City Clerk, subject to approval by the City Council, shall appoint at least
67 three judges for each City precinct. The Clerk shall designate one judge as chairperson
68 who shall be primarily responsible for administering the election in that precinct. When
69 a City election corresponds with an election conducted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough
70 and/or State election the City Clerk may appoint the same judges. Students who are at
71 least 16 years of age and are qualified through the Alaska Division of Elections Youth
72 Vote Ambassador Program may serve as election judges in City elections.

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74 b. The City Clerk shall be the Election Supervisor. The City Clerk may appoint judges and
75 other election officials as needed to conduct an orderly election and to relieve the
76 election judges of undue hardship. If any appointed election board member is unable
77 or refuses to serve on election day, the Clerk shall appoint a replacement for that
78 member.

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80 c. Each election board member serving at a precinct polling place must be a qualified
81 resident voter in the precinct for which the board member is appointed; provided,
82 however, that if no qualified resident voter is available and willing to serve, a voter from
83 another precinct may be appointed.

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85 d. Each election board member, before assuming the duties of the office, must
86 subscribe to the oath required of all public officers by the Constitution of the State of
87 Alaska in the manner prescribed by the City Clerk.

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89 e. Any election board judge may administer to a voter any oath that is necessary in the
90 administration of an election.

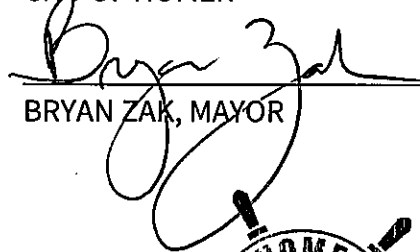
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92 f. A candidate, a member of a candidate's immediate family, or a resident of a
93 candidate's household shall not serve as an election board member for the election in
94 which the candidate is running.

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96 Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption by the Homer City Council.

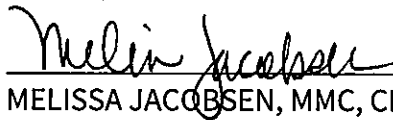
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98 Section 4. This Ordinance is of a permanent and general character and shall be included
99 in the City Code.

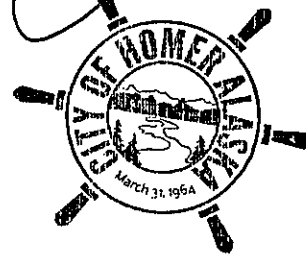
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101 ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 14 day of May, 2018.

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103 CITY OF HOMER

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106 BRYAN ZAK, MAYOR

107 ATTEST:

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110 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK



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114 ABSTAIN: 0

115 ABSENT: 0

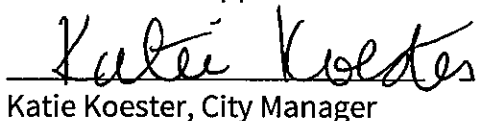
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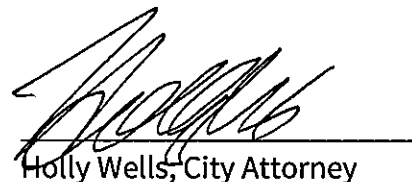
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119 Second Reading: 5.14.18

120 Effective Date: 5.15.18

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122 Reviewed and Approved as to form and content:

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125 Katie Koester, City Manager

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127 Holly Wells, City Attorney

126 Date: 5.17.18

127 Date: 6.20.18