

41 WHEREAS, In December 2019 the KPB Municipal and City Clerks began meeting monthly
42 to consider the VBMS and how to develop a unified process that meets the needs for each
43 municipality; and

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45 WHEREAS, The City of Homer (COH) shares roughly 5,000 voters with the KPB and
46 engaging in a joint effort with the KPB Election process will be a more convenient process for
47 the shared voters; and

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49 WHEREAS, The KPB has been using a VBMS successfully in six of its 28 precincts (Cooper
50 Landing, Hope, Fox River, Moose Pass, Seldovia/Kachemak Bay, and Tyonek) for over 20 years;
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53 WHEREAS, The Homer City Council supports the transition of the COH Elections to a
54 **VBMS, a hybrid system that allows a voter to either vote by mail or in person at a vote**
55 **center established in each municipality;** and


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57 WHEREAS, KPB Ordinance 2020-24 addresses the ESG recommendations regarding the
58 removal of advocacy statements for or against ballot propositions and also the Borough's
59 restrictive timeline for run-off elections; and

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61 WHEREAS, The current global health pandemic further reinforces the need to
62 implement a VBMS election process, to allow for greater flexibility and voter participation
63 when events make it impractical or difficult for borough residents to safely vote at a traditional
64 polling site.

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66 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA that the
67 Homer City Council encourages the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly enact Ordinance 2020-
68 24, which amends the borough election process in ways that are consistent with the
69 recommendations and guiding principles adopted by the Election Stakeholder Group in July,
70 2019.

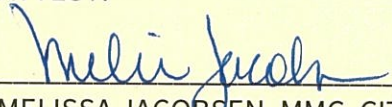
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72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption of KPB Ordinance 2020-24 the Homer
73 City Council will take necessary steps to amend the City's election processes to implement a
74 VBMS for the City of Homer in conjunction with the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

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76 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, this 11th day of May, 2020.

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81 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR
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ATTEST:



MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: N/A

