

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
ORDINANCE 1121**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
AMENDING SECTION 2.20.010(D) OF THE CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE
BROADCAST NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY ELECTIONS FROM ONCE IN
EACH MONTH FOR THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION TO CONTINUOUSLY
FOR 40 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance 1116 on April 16, 2014, requiring the City of Cordova, Alaska ("City") to publish notice via radio and television, if available, once in each of the three months before the election in order to increase awareness of elections; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interest to encourage and facilitate participation in City elections to the greatest extent possible; but

WHEREAS, the three-month notice period restricts the City's ability to engage voters in time sensitive matters; and

WHEREAS, a continuous 40-day publication of notice would likely provide more awareness of an upcoming election than a short notice period provided once in each of the three months before the election.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cordova, that:

Section 1. Section 2.20.010 D of the Cordova Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2.20.010 Notice of election.

A. The city clerk shall publish notice of each election in one or more newspapers of general circulation at least once in each of the three calendar weeks immediately preceding the calendar week of the election. For special elections, in addition to published notice as set forth in the preceding sentence, the city clerk shall give such other notice to the public as may be required by the laws of the state or by resolution of the city council. Each notice of election shall include:

1. The type of election, regular or special;
2. The date of election;
3. The polling place and hours the polls will be open;
4. The offices to which candidates are to be elected;
5. The subjects of propositions to be voted upon;
6. Voter qualifications; and
7. The dates and manner of absentee voting.

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B. In addition to the above notices, the city clerk shall publish in full every City Charter amendment, every ordinance and every other question which is to be submitted at an election, except that a referred ordinance which was published in full after passage not more than eight weeks and at least four weeks before the election, in accordance with City Charter Sections 1-6(5) and 10-9, need not be published in full again.

C. The city clerk shall notify at least one local radio station and one television scanner channel, if such stations and channels are in existence, of:

1. The type of election
2. The date of election
3. The polling place, and
4. The polling place hours
5. The location of the published notices required under subsections A and B and in Section 2.24.010 of this title.

D. The radio and television scanner channel notifications required in subsection C shall be made **for the forty days prior to the regular election and any special election**. ~~once in December of the year preceding the regular election; once in January of the year of the regular election; and once in February of the year of the regular election. For special elections, these notifications shall be made at least once in each of the three months immediately before the election; including the month of the election if the special election is held on or after the eighth day of a month.~~

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and publication. This ordinance shall be enacted in accordance with Section 2.13 of the Charter of the City of Cordova, Alaska, and published within ten (10) days after its passage.

1st reading: September 17, 2014


2nd reading and public hearing: October 1, 2014

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014




James Kacsh, Mayor

Attest:


Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

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