CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE 1200

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA, AMENDING SECTION 11.08.020 OF THE CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HARBOR COMMISSION MEMBERS FROM FIVE TO SEVEN

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova’s South Harbor, which houses one of the State of Alaska’s largest commercial fishing fleets along with a multitude of other harbor users, is the subject of a significant and long-awaited restoration project; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 the Cordova Harbor Commission (the “Commission”) was reduced from seven to five members due to a perceived lack of community interest in serving the Commission; and

WHEREAS, multiple applications have been filed for recent vacancies on the Commission, indicating an increased interest in the Commission due to the restoration project; and

WHEREAS, the Council seeks to increase input from diverse users as the Commission advises City Council on port and harbor projects within the City of Cordova,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordained as follows:

Section 1. Cordova Municipal Code Section 11.08.020, “Harbor commission”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

11.08.020 Harbor Commission.
A. A Harbor Commission shall be established for the purpose of advising the City Council on the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Port of Cordova's port and harbor facilities, and for such additional purposes as the City Council may from time to time designate. The Harbor Commission shall consist of seven voting members. The City Manager and Harbormaster shall be ex officio members of the Commission, and Ex officio members of the Commission shall have the right of the floor to participate in all discussions, however, they but shall not have a vote on any matter before the Commission. The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from its voting membership each January.

B. Only residents of the City who qualify as municipal voters pursuant to Section 2.08.010 shall be entitled to serve on the Harbor Commission. City Council may appoint one of its members to the Commission. One of the members of the commission may be designated by the council from its number. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, Commission members shall Members not designated from the council from its number shall be nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

C. Each term of membership shall be for three years and shall be overlapping. All members shall serve without compensation.
D. The Harbor Commission shall hold a minimum of one meeting per quarter unless the Commission determines that fewer meetings are needed. Meetings shall be held at a date, time and place established as set by the Commission, except that the Commission shall not be required to have meetings during the fishing season or any like period so long as the Commission identifies the fishing season or like period during which meetings will be suspended and the period of suspension does not exceed six months as hereafter be set by the commission, during any given year, said period not to exceed six months.

E. The Harbor Commission shall conduct its meeting in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

F. The unexpired portion of any term remaining after a vacancy exists on the Commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

G. The Harbor Commission shall recommend for adoption by the City Council a general plan for the Port of Cordova, Port of Cordova rules and regulations, and Port of Cordova fees, payments and assessments, which recommendation shall be presented to the City Council, in writing, by the City Manager at the first regular City Council meeting in the month of March each year.

H. The Harbor Commission shall review all plans for construction and development within the confines of the Port of Cordova or anywhere within ATS 220, and shall report to the City Council the expected impact of such construction or development on the Port of Cordova. The Harbor Commission shall make appropriate recommendations to the Council concerning such construction or development.

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, within ten (10) days after its passage.

1st reading: June 1, 2022
1st reading of substitute ordinance: June 15, 2022
2nd reading and public hearing: July 6, 2022

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY 2022.

David Allison, Mayor

Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk