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ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Emergency Serial No. 2020-30

**An Emergency Ordinance Amending the Elections Code Relating to
Candidate Nomination and Write-in for the Vote by Mail October 6, 2020,
City and Borough of Juneau Municipal Election.**

WHEREAS, CBJ Charter 5.4(a) provides the Assembly may adopt an emergency ordinance to meet a public emergency by an affirmative vote of at least six assemblymembers; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus (“virus”), a new strain of the coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans and is easily transmittable person to person; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared the virus a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska declared a public health emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of the virus in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Assembly declared a local emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused governments to alter the election procedures to protect poll workers and voters to minimize transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2020-24(b) amends the Elections Code relating to Vote by Mail; and

WHEREAS, if Ordinance 2020-24(b) is adopted on June 29, 2020, the candidate nomination provisions related to CBJC 29.07.370(b) would not be effective for the October 2020 municipal election because of the mandatory 30-day delay caused by Charter 5.3(b).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Classification. This is a non-code ordinance.

Section 2. Candidates; nomination; write-in for the October 6, 2020, City and Borough of Juneau Municipal Election. The following time requirements of CBJC 29.07.050 are modified when conducting a by-mail election for the October 6, 2020, election:

- (1) Nominating petitions must be completed and filed with the election official, accompanied by any required state financial disclosure forms, not earlier than July 17, 2020, nor later than 4:30 p.m. of the July 27, 2020.
- (2) Any candidate nominated may withdraw his or her nomination not later than 4:30 p.m. of the July 31, 2020.
- (3) A write-in candidate filing a letter of intent with the election official shall do so not earlier than July 31, 2020, nor later than 4:30 p.m. on September 29, 2020.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective immediately and expire ninety days after adoption.

Adopted this 29th day of June, 2020.



Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:



Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk