

1.15.110 Political Activity.

- A. Definitions – for purposes of this chapter, the following terms are defined:
1. Political Activity – an act for the purpose of influencing the outcome of an election. Election includes ballot, bond, or candidate elections.
 2. Partisan Activity – an act for the purpose of supporting a party, cause, or action.
 3. Advocacy – an act in support of a political or partisan position.
 4. Education – presenting information from a position of neutrality.
- B. Compliance with APOC: Compliance with the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) requirements under state statute is outside of the scope of this chapter. Elected officials have an independent duty to comply with APOC.
- C. Use of Municipal Resources for Political or Partisan Activity Prohibited: A public servant shall not use or authorize the use of municipal resources for political or partisan activity with the following exceptions and subject to independent APOC requirements:
1. The mayor, school superintendent, member of the assembly, and member of the school board, or their executive designee, may:
 - a. Appear before the assembly, the school board, appointed bodies of the municipality, community councils, civic organizations, and media representatives in support or in opposition to any ballot measure coming before the voters in a municipal election; and
 - b. Incur associated but limited expenses, such as employee time, use of municipal vehicle, and clerical costs.
 2. Elected officials may voice their opinions as part of their usual and customary duties with similar limited use of municipal resources.
- D. Limitations on Political and Partisan Activity:
1. Elected officials and board members may use their titles when engaging in political or partisan activity, but shall not state or imply that they are acting on behalf of the assembly or the municipality.
 2. Employees may use their titles when engaging in political or partisan activity when authorized to do so by their responsible official or if they state that they are not speaking on behalf of their work group or the municipality.

3. Employees may not appear in their uniforms or substantially similar dress when engaging in political or partisan activity.
- E. Political Activity in the Workplace: Employees and board members shall not engage in political activity while at the workplace or in the performance of work duties, including wearing campaign buttons. An exception to this is bumper stickers on personal vehicles in municipal parking facilities, except to the extent that such activity is prohibited by the municipal election code addressing political persuasion near polling locations.
 - F. Partisan Activity in the Workplace: Employees and board members shall not engage in partisan activity addressing municipal matters while at the workplace or in the performance of work duties. Fundraising in the workplace shall be addressed by the assembly and administration through policy.
 - G. Candidates: No public servant shall expend municipal resources for the support, opposition, or endorsement of candidates for any elected government entity.
 - H. Education: Nothing in this chapter prohibits the use of municipal resources for the purpose of education regarding municipal matters subject to assembly and administration policies.