ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2013-93

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF APRIL 1, 2014, A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO AMEND THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CHARTER BY CHANGING ALL GENDER-SPECIFIC TERMINOLOGY TO A GENDER-NEUTRAL TERM, AS APPROPRIATE AND INDICATED BY THE CONTEXT.

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. A ballot proposition in substantially the following form shall be placed on the ballot and submitted to the qualified voters of the Municipality at the regular Municipal Election of April 1, 2014, amending the Anchorage Municipal Charter by changing all gender-specific terminology to a gender-neutral term, as appropriate and indicated by the context.

PROPOSITION NO. _______

CHARTER AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT TO THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CHARTER SECTION TO REMOVE AND REPLACE GENDER-SPECIFIC TERMS WITH GENDER NEUTRAL TERMS:

Shall the Anchorage Municipal Charter be amended by removing each usage of gender-specific terminology and replacing it with a gender-neutral term in the Charter as follows:

1. "assemblyman" shall be changed to "assembly member";
2. "assemblymen" shall be changed to "assembly members";
3. "chairman" shall be changed to "chair";
4. "he" shall be changed to "the person" or "the assembly member" or other noun as appropriate and indicated by the context;
5. "he/she" shall be changed to "the person" or "the candidate" or other noun as appropriate and indicated by the context;
6. "his" shall be changed to "the person's" or "the candidate's" or other noun as appropriate and indicated by the context.

If approved by the voters at the April 1, 2014 Regular Municipal Election, this proposition shall be effective 30 days after certification of the results of the election.

YES □ NO □
Section 2. The proposition contained in Section 1 of this ordinance, and the amendment to the Anchorage Municipal Charter, shall become effective if, and only if, approved by a majority of the voters voting on the question.

Section 3. The Charter amendment shall be effective 30 days after certification, subject to approval of the proposition contained in Section 1 of this ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 10th day of September, 2013.

[Signature]  
Chair

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Municipal Clerk