Submitted by: Assembly Reapportionment

COMMITTEE

Prepared by: Assembly Counsel For reading: February 15, 2022

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AO No. 2022-37(S-1)*

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY PROVIDING FOR REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ELECTION DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, for the Assembly's consideration, attached is <u>Map 11</u> [MAP 6V2] for reapportioning Assembly Election Districts; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Municipal Charter section 4.01 states the "assembly shall be reapportioned whenever it becomes malapportioned" and requires the Assembly to review its election districts following the State of Alaska's adoption of a final state redistricting plan.

WHEREAS, after the U.S. 2020 Census and the State of Alaska's adoption of a final state redistricting plan, the Assembly declared itself malapportioned with passage of AR 2021-382 on November 23, 2021; and

 WHEREAS, the Assembly's Reapportionment Committee explored a number of alternatives, keeping in mind the mandates of federal, state and local law, including principles of "one person, one vote", equal protection's substantial equality of population, and the requirement to maintain compact and contiguous districts containing as nearly as practicable relatively integrated socioeconomic areas; and

WHEREAS, the public was invited to submit Assembly apportionment maps to the Committee and several maps were received;

WHEREAS, the Assembly Reapportionment Committee selected maps best meeting the legal criteria and public policy objectives for reapportioning at this time, and introduces the attached [PUBLIC SUBMISSION] map from <u>Assembly Member Weddleton, Map 11</u> [ANCHORAGE ACTION, MAP 6V2] for the full Assembly's consideration; now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

<u>Section 1.</u> The official Assembly Election Districts apportionment map is replaced with the Assembly reapportionment map in Exhibit A, <u>Map 11</u> [MAP 6V2], attached hereto. The revisor of ordinances shall replace the existing map in Anchorage Municipal Code section 2.25.010 with Exhibit A.

<u>Section 2.</u> Anchorage Municipal Code section 2.25.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.25.010 - Election districts. 1 2 3 Α. There are established six election districts, each of which is entitled to the following number of assembly members: 4 5 1. District 1 (Downtown), two [ONE] members. 2. District 2 (Eagle River/Chugiak), two members. 6 3. District 3 (West Anchorage), two members. 7 8 4. District 4 (Central Anchorage), two members. 5. District 5 (East Anchorage), two members. 9 6. District 6 (South Anchorage), two members. 10 B. The geographic boundaries of the districts established in this section 11 are described on the copy of the official assembly apportionment map 12 following this section. The original of this map is maintained in the 13 office of the municipal clerk. 14 C. Assembly members shall be elected by the voters of their respective 15 election districts. 16 17 (AO No. 81-37; AO No. 81-76; AO No. 85-77; AO No. 86-11; AO No. 88-76; 18 AO No. 91-20; AO No. 91-182; AO No. 2001-159, §§ 1, 2, 9-11-01) 19 20 21 Section 3. The new official Assembly Election Districts Map in Section 1 shall be applicable to all Municipal elections held subsequent to the April 5, 2022 regular 22 election, except any new election ordered as a remedy after an election contest to 23 24 any Assembly seat race on the April 2022 regular election ballot shall be conducted 25 with the former Assembly Election Districts Map. 26 27 Section 4. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly. 28 29 30 31 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of 32 , 2022. 33 34 35 Chair of the Assembly 36 37 ATTEST: 38 39 40 41 Municipal Clerk 42

