

CLERK OF COURTS

ANCHORAGE

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Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the
Request of the ELECTION COMMITTEE
Prepared by: Assembly Counsel, on behalf of the
Elections Committee
For reading: December 11, 2007

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO NO. 2007-172

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION
28.30.030, DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY, TO REVISE THE DEADLINE FOR
CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL.

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Anchorage Municipal Code section 28.30.030, Declaration of Candidacy,
is hereby amended to read as follows (*the remainder of the section is not affected and
therefore not set out*):

28.30.030 Declaration of candidacy.

A. *Nomination of candidates.* A candidate for municipal office is nominated
by executing a declaration of candidacy under oath and filing it with the
municipal clerk in accordance with this section.

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C. *Time of filing.* Declarations of candidacy shall be filed with the municipal
clerk no earlier than 67 days and no later than 53 days before a regular
election, and no earlier than 35 days and no later than 28 days before a
special election.

D. *Withdrawal.* A candidate may withdraw his declaration of candidacy no
later than 49 [46] days before a regular election and 28 days before a
special election, by filing with the municipal clerk a statement under oath
containing the name of the candidate, the office for which the candidate
declared, and that the candidate is withdrawing his candidacy for that
office.

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(GAAB Ord. No. 75-82; AO No. 80-101; AO No. 85-75; AO No. 89-80; AO No.
91-50)

1 **Section 2.** This ordinance shall become effective on the date the United States
2 Department of Justice issues its non-objection, or on the date the United States
3 Department of Justice must object, if no objection is issued within the objection period.
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5 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 8th day of
6 January, 2008.
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10 Debbie Osslander
11 Vice Chair

12 ATTEST:

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16 Municipal Clerk
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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM
NO. AM 757-2007

Meeting Date: December 11, 2007

From: Municipal Clerk's Office
Subject: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE
SECTION 28.30.030, DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY, TO
REVISE THE DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL.**

The attached ordinance would change the last date a candidate could withdraw from seeking municipal office to the 49th day before the election, which is the same date by which the Assembly currently has to take final action on ballot propositions.

At this time, candidates may withdraw their names from the ballot up to 5:00 pm on the 46th day before an election, which is after all other ballot items are finalized. All other ballot items have to be completed and finalized by the Assembly by the 49th day. Following finalization of ballot information, the Election Coordinator still must finalize the ballot programming for printing, prepare public notices as required by law, update the web page election information and prepare memory cards for extensive testing by two separate boards. Currently, the only ballot information that can change after the 49th day is the potential withdrawal of a candidate name.

Candidate name withdrawal does not happen frequently, but still means we must wait for many other highly pressurized and time sensitive deadlines until 5:00 pm on that 46th day before the election in order to proceed. The Notice of Election final ad copy must print the next morning; ballot programming to be finalized for the printing vendor who must prepare test ballots within ten (10) days; and internet web page updates are expected to occur that night for the public and media. Timing now is very compressed under the 49-day rule. Losing an additional three days is not recommended.

The Election Commission has no objection to this change. Approval of this ordinance is requested.

Prepared by: Guadalupe Marroquin, Election Coordinator, Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Municipality of Anchorage
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE
Agenda Document Control Sheet

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(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION)

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| 1 | SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY | DATE PREPARED 12/04/07 | |
| | | Indicate Documents Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AO <input type="checkbox"/> AR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM | |
| 2 | DEPARTMENT NAME Assembly | DIRECTOR'S NAME Dan Coffey, Assembly Chair | |
| 3 | THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY | HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER | |
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| 5 | Special Instructions/Comments | | |
| | CONSENT AGENDA - INTRODUCTION | | |
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| 6 | ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED 12/11/07 | 7 | PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED |

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