

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

CLERK'S OFFICE

APPROVED

Date: 1-8-08

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO NO. 2007-173

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION
28.60.040, SPECIAL NEEDS VOTING, TO DELETE THE RESTRICTION ON THE
NUMBER OF QUALIFIED VOTERS REPRESENTED BY A SINGLE
REPRESENTATIVE.

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Anchorage Municipal Code section 28.60.040, Special Needs Voting, is
hereby amended to read as follows (*the remainder of the section is not affected and
therefore not set out*):

28.60.040 **Special needs voting.**

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D. Special needs voting by a representative selected by the voter.

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5. A person shall not act as a representative for a voter if:

- a. The person is the employer of the voter; or
- b. An agent of the employer of the voter; or
- c. An officer or agent of the union of the voter; or
- d. A candidate for office in the election; or
- e. A paid or unpaid campaign worker of a candidate for office in
the election.

[6. A PERSON SHALL NOT ACT AS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR
MORE THAN TWO (2) QUALIFIED VOTERS PER ELECTION.]

(GAAB 7.05.120, 7.05.180.B; CAC 2.68.300--2.68.330, 2.68.370, 2.68.390; AO
No. 80-101; AO No. 84-139; AO No. 85-75; AO No. 2006-155(S-1), § 1, 3-13-07)

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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Vice Chair Debbi Ascarder

ATTEST:

Andrea S. Gruendler
Municipal Clerk



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM
NO. AM 758-2007

Meeting Date: December 11, 2007

From: Municipal Clerk's Office
Subject: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE
SECTION 28.60.040, SPECIAL NEEDS VOTING, TO DELETE
THE RESTRICTION ON THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED
VOTERS REPRESENTED BY A SINGLE REPRESENTATIVE.**

AO No. 2006-155(S-1) passed in March 2007, changed Absentee Voting Special Needs Section 28.60.040 to allow voters unable to get to the polling place to ask a personal representative to deliver ballots. After the citizen has finished voting, the personal representative would return the voted and sealed ballots to the polling place before 8:00pm Election Day. At the time this ordinance passed, we chose to limit personal representative to two voters for each election; however, we now find the limitation should be removed.

Our program is modeled after the State, which does not have a limitation on the number of voters. Originally, we limited the number of voters to two as a conservative measure. Our year of experience has taught us that it is more often organizations that serve the disabled who are delivering ballots than relatives or friends. If we were to enforce the two voter limit, we and the voters we serve would be again faced with a hardship of finding our own volunteers willing to deliver ballots. At this time, ACCESS Alaska provides assistance to those who do not have family or friends to provide this service. They normally assist three to four voters per volunteer serving as Personal Assistants. State of Alaska Division of Elections does not experience abuse with their similar program, and we feel this would be the same for Municipal elections.

The Election Commission supports this change.

Your 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)

1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT SPECIAL NEEDS VOTING	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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	Municipal Manager		
	Anchorage Parks & Recreation		
	Fire		
	Health & Human Services		
	Merrill Field Airport		
	Municipal Light & Power		
	Office of Management and Budget		
	Police		
	Port of Anchorage		
	Office of Economic & Community Development		
	Solid Waste Services		
	Public Transportation		
	Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility		
	Executive Manager		
	Planning Department		
	Chief Fiscal Officer		
	Heritage Land Bank		
	Information Technology Department		
	Project Management & Engineering		
	Purchasing		
	Other		
5	Special Instructions/Comments		
	CONSENT AGENDA - INTRODUCTION		
6	ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED 12/11/07	7	PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED

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