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Date: 1-31-12 **ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**
AO No. 2012-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON APRIL 3, 2012, A BALLOT PROPOSITION AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CHARTER SECTION 17.13, DEFINITION OF "PUBLISH", TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION INSTEAD OF NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Charter requires public notices to be published;

WHEREAS, the current Charter definition of "publish" reads "'Publish' means to cause to be printed at least once in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the municipality, the matter required by law to be published. The assembly shall provide for additional modes of dissemination";

WHEREAS, this definition does not allow the use of electronic publication instead of newspaper publication;

WHEREAS, newspaper publication under the charter requires a public notice to run for as little as one day; and

WHEREAS, various forms of electronic publication, including posting to municipal websites, could be more cost effective, reach a broader audience, and allow 24/7 access to municipal publications and notices through various mobile devices; now therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. A ballot proposition in substantially the following form and substance shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the Municipality of Anchorage at the next regular Municipal election to be held on April 3, 2012:

PROPOSITION NO. ____

SHALL THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CHARTER SECTION 17.13, DEFINITION OF "PUBLISH" BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (*underlined text is new, capitalized and blocked text is deleted*)


"Publish" means to cause to be posted on a municipal website designated for public notices [PRINTED AT LEAST ONCE IN AT LEAST ONE NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY,] the matter required by law to be published. Unless otherwise provided by the assembly, posting shall be maintained for seven consecutive days. The assembly shall provide for additional modes of dissemination.

YES [] NO []

Section 2. Section 1 of this ordinance, to submit the ballot proposition to qualified voters of the Municipality of Anchorage at the regular election on April 3, 2012, shall become effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

Section 3. With certification of voter approval in the regular election of April 3, 2012, the ballot proposition shall become effective as of May 1, 2012. Because Municipal Code already allows electronic publication to the extent allowed by law, no further action by the Assembly is required to implement the charter amendment.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 31st day of January, 2012.


Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk