

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the
Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Dept. of Law
For reading: January 11, 2022

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2022-_____

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY SUBMITTING TO THE**
2 **QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL**
3 **ELECTION ON APRIL 5, 2022, A BALLOT PROPOSITION AMENDING**
4 **MUNICIPAL CHARTER TO ELECT THE MUNICIPAL CLERK.**
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7 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage Municipal Charter Section 4.05 provides that the Municipal
8 Clerk shall be appointed by the assembly and serve of the pleasure thereof;
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10 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Code 28.10.020, the Municipal Clerk is
11 in charge of preparing, conducting and supervising all municipal elections;
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13 **WHEREAS**, electing the Municipal Clerk by the people shall improve transparency,
14 create accountability, and increase public trust in the democratic process; now,
15 therefore,
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17 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**
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19 **Section 1.** Pursuant to Article XVIII of the Anchorage Municipal Charter, a ballot
20 proposition in substantially the same form and substance as appears below shall be
21 placed on the ballot and submitted to the qualified voters of the Municipality at the
22 regular municipal election of April 5, 2022.
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24 **PROPOSITION No. _____**
25 **Amend Charter to Elect Municipal Clerk**
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27 This proposition would amend Anchorage Municipal
28 Charter to change Municipal Clerk from an appointed
29 position to an elected position.
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31 Charter Section 4.05 currently requires the assembly to
32 appoint the Municipal Clerk.
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34 This proposition would amend Charter Section 4.05 to
35 read as follows (**Underlined bolded words** are
36 proposed new words; ~~strikeouts~~ are proposed
37 deletions):
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39 **Section 4.05. – Clerk.**
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41 **(a) The municipal clerk is elected at-large for a**
42 **three-year term.**
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1 **(b) A candidate for municipal clerk:**

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3 **(1) Shall be a qualified voter of**
4 **Anchorage; and**

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6 **(2) Shall be a resident of Anchorage for at**
7 **least two years immediately preceding**
8 **the candidate's election.**

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10 **(c) The municipal clerk shall remain a resident of**
11 **Anchorage while in office.**

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13 ~~The assembly shall appoint a municipal clerk and~~
14 ~~prescribe the duties of that office. The clerk serves at~~
15 ~~the pleasure of the assembly.~~

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17 Shall the Municipal Charter be amended as set forth
18 above?

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20 YES NO

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22 **Section 2.** Pursuant to Charter Section 18.02, this ordinance shall be effective
23 immediately upon passage and approval by two-thirds of the Assembly.

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25 **Section 3.** Pursuant to Charter Section 18.01, the Proposition in Section 1. of this
26 ordinance shall become effective 30 days after certification of the next regular
27 municipal election results if and only if approved by a majority of qualified voters.

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29 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of
30 _____, 2022.

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36 Chair of the Assembly

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40 ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk