

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #11. PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN THE MANNER OF PLACING CANDIDATE NAMES ON THE CITY BALLOT, PROVIDING FOR ABSENTEE VOTING ON ELECTION DAY, PROVIDING FOR A DEFINITION OF RESIDENCY, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA:

Sec. 1. Repealer

Strike the sentence in Sec. 9 Ord. 14 which reads: "The name of each candidate shall be placed under the designation of the office for which he has been nominated, and when there is more than one candidate for such office, the names of such candidates shall be arranged in alphabetical order."

Sec. 2. Reenactment

Add the following sentences to Sec. 9 Ord. 14 in precisely the same place that the sentence in Sec. 1 of this Ordinance appeared before the Repealer: "The name of each candidate shall be placed under the designation of the office for which he has been nominated, and when there is more than one candidate for such office, the names of such candidates shall be arranged in the following order:

(a) The municipal ballot shall be designed with the position of names of the candidates changed in the section as many times as there are candidates. As nearly as possible, an equal number of ballots shall be printed after each change. In making the changes of position, the name of the candidate at the head of each section shall be taken and placed at the bottom of the section and the column moved up so that the name that before was second is first after the change. After the ballots are printed, they shall be placed in separate stacks, one stack for each change of position. The ballots shall then be gathered by taking one from each stack, the intention being that every other ballot shall have the names of the candidates in a different position.

Sec. 3 Absentee voting

- (a) A qualified voter may vote absentee in any municipal election,
- (1) if he will be unable to be present at the polls because of physical disability, or
  - (2) if he believes he will be unable to be present at the polls because of the physical inaccessibility of the polling place causing undue hardship or hazard to the voter.
- (b) The City of Bethel shall provide absentee ballots. The City shall provide a small envelope in which the voter shall initially place the marked ballot(s) and shall provide a larger envelope with the prescribed voter's certificate on the back in which the smaller envelope with ballot(s) enclosed shall be placed.
- (c) The voter's certificate shall include an oath, for use when required, that the voter is a qualified voter in all respects, a blank for the voter's signature, a certification that the said voter properly executed the marking of the ballot(s) and identified himself, and blanks for the attesting two witnesses, one of whom must be an election judge.

