

Introduced by: Mayor O'Brien
Date: August 29, 2000
Public Hearing: September 8, 2000
Action: Enacted
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

ORDINANCE #00-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF TITLE 7 (ELECTIONS) OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, that:

SECTION 1. Classification. This ordinance is permanent in nature and shall be placed in the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Amendment of Section 7.80.050.A. Section 7.80.050 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and old language is stricken out):

7.80.050 Absentee voting – In person.

A. A qualified voter may apply in person for an absentee ballot at the office of the city clerk during regular office hours. A qualified voter may vote absentee in person fifteen calendar days or less before a regular or special election.

SECTION 3. Amendment of Section 7.80.080. Section 7.80.080 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and old language is stricken out):

7.80.080 Counting of Ballots.

To be counted in the election, an absentee ballot must be postmarked on or before election day and be received by the clerk no later than the Monday~~Tuesday~~ following the election. Absentee ballot envelopes received after the canvass board has completed absentee ballot counting shall not be opened, but shall be marked "invalid" and the date of receipt noted thereon. Such envelopes shall be retained with the other election records and destroyed with them as provided by the city's record retention schedule. Absentee ballot envelopes shall be examined by the canvass board who shall determine whether the absentee voter is qualified to vote at the election and whether the ballot has been properly cast.

SECTION 4. Amendment of Section 7.90.010. Section 7.90.010 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and old language is stricken out):

7.90.010 Canvass board. Before each election, the clerk, subject to approval of the ~~clerk~~city council, shall appoint four or more qualified voters who shall constitute the election canvass board for that election. All members of the election canvass board, before entering upon their duties, must subscribe to the oath required of all public officials by the Constitution of the State of Alaska in the manner prescribed by the clerk.

SECTION 5. Amendment of Section 7.90.020.A. Section 7.90.020.A of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and old language is bracketed):

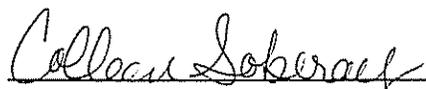
7.90.020 Canvass of returns.

A. No later than ~~Tuesday~~Monday following each election, the election canvass board shall meet in public session and canvass all election returns. In full view of those present, the election canvass board shall judge the applicability of absentee and questioned ballots, shall open and tally those accepted, and shall compile the total votes cast in the election. The canvass of the ballot vote counted by the precinct election boards shall be accomplished by reviewing the tallies of the recorded vote to check for mathematical error by comparing totals with the precinct's certificate of results. All obvious errors found by the election canvass in the transfer of totals from the precinct tally sheets to the precinct returns shall be corrected by the canvass board. A mistake which has been made in precinct returns that is not clearly an error in the transfer of the results from the tallies to the certificate of results, empowers the canvassing board to recommend a recount of the results of the precinct or precincts for that portion of the returns in question.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately.

ENACTED THIS 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2000, by a vote of * in favor and * opposed.

ATTEST:


Colleen Soberay, City Clerk


Mike O'Brien, Mayor