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ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Emergency Serial No. 2020-30

**An Emergency Ordinance Amending the Elections Code Relating to
Candidate Nomination and Write-in for the Vote by Mail October 6, 2020,
City and Borough of Juneau Municipal Election.**

WHEREAS, CBJ Charter 5.4(a) provides the Assembly may adopt an emergency ordinance to meet a public emergency by an affirmative vote of at least six assemblymembers; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus (“virus”), a new strain of the coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans and is easily transmittable person to person; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared the virus a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska declared a public health emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of the virus in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Assembly declared a local emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused governments to alter the election procedures to protect poll workers and voters to minimize transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2020-24(b) amends the Elections Code relating to Vote by Mail; and

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2 WHEREAS, if Ordinance 2020-24(b) is adopted on June 29, 2020, the candidate
3 nomination provisions related to CBJC 29.07.370(b) would not be effective for the October 2020
4 municipal election because of the mandatory 30-day delay caused by Charter 5.3(b).

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

6 **Section 1. Classification.** This is a non-code ordinance.

7 **Section 2. Candidates; nomination; write-in for the October 6, 2020, City and**
8 **Borough of Juneau Municipal Election.** The following time requirements of CBJC
9 29.07.050 are modified when conducting a by-mail election for the October 6, 2020, election:

- 10 (1) Nominating petitions must be completed and filed with the election official,
11 accompanied by any required state financial disclosure forms, not earlier than July
12 17, 2020, nor later than 4:30 p.m. of the July 27, 2020.
- 13 (2) Any candidate nominated may withdraw his or her nomination not later than 4:30
14 p.m. of the July 31, 2020.
- 15 (3) A write-in candidate filing a letter of intent with the election official shall do so not
16 earlier than July 31, 2020, nor later than 4:30 p.m. on September 29, 2020.

17 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately and expire
18 ninety days after adoption.

19 Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2020.

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21 Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

22 Attest:

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24 Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk
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