CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
ORDINANCE 1218

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA, AMENDING CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.18.040 - DETERMINATION OF ELECTED CANDIDATES AND PASSAGE OF PROPOSITIONS, AND REPEALING SECTION 2.20.100 - RUN-OFF ELECTIONS, TO PREVENT CONFLICT WITH CHARTER WHICH WAS CHANGED WITH VOTER APPROVAL OF PROPOSITION ONE AT THE MARCH 5, 2024, REGULAR CITY ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Cordova approved Resolution 05-23-16 on May 3, 2023, placing proposition one before the voters at the March 5, 2024, Regular City Election; and

WHEREAS, the voters approved proposition one at the March 5, 2024, Regular City Election; and

WHEREAS, proposition one effectuated non-designated Council seats and removed the 40% vote threshold for prevailing Mayoral and City Council candidates; and

WHEREAS, the 40% vote threshold remains in Title 2 of City Code in 2 locations and it is in the City's best interest to change Code to prevent conflict between Charter and Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordained as follows:

<u>**Section 1.**</u> Cordova Municipal Code Section 2.18.040 Determination of elected candidates and passage of propositions, is hereby amended as follows:

2.18.040 Determination of elected candidates and passage of propositions.
A. Except as provided otherwise in this Code, the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes cast for an office ~~and not less than forty percent of the total votes cast for that office~~ shall be elected.
B. If the number of "yes" votes on any proposition exceeds the number of "no" votes, the proposition shall be considered approved. The proposition shall become effective immediately upon certification of the election results.

<u>**Section 2.**</u> Cordova Municipal Code Chapter 2.20 Election Contests, Recounts, and Run-Offs, is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 2.20 - ELECTION CONTESTS~~,~~ **AND** RECOUNTS~~, AND RUN-OFFS~~
…
~~2.20.100 Run-off elections.~~
~~A run-off election shall be held within three weeks after the date of certification of the election if no candidate for a given seat on council or for the office of mayor receives at least forty percent of the votes case for that seat. Notice of the run-off election shall be published at least twenty days before the run-off election. The run-off election shall be between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the office or council seat. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes in the run-off election shall be elected.~~

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Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and publication. This ordinance shall be enacted in accordance with Section 2.13 of the Charter of the City of Cordova, Alaska, within ten (10) days after its passage.

1st reading: June 5, 2024
2nd reading and public hearing: July 3, 2024

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF JULY 2024.

David Allison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

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