

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION 12-24-35**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA PLACING A  
BALLOT PROPOSITION BEFORE THE VOTERS AT THE REGULAR ELECTION ON  
MARCH 4, 2025, AMENDING CHARTER SECTION 3-5 ENTITLED “DEPARTMENT OF  
FINANCE: CITY TREASURER, DUTIES” TO REMOVE THE RESIDENCY  
REQUIREMENT AS IN CHARTER SECTION 4-2 ENTITLED “QUALIFICATIONS OF  
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES”, FOR CITY TREASURER**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cordova has not been able to fill the Finance Director (also called City Treasurer) position in several years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has contracted with audit firms and other specialized municipal government finance experts to fulfill some of the duties of Finance Director in the interim while without a full-time Finance Director; and

**WHEREAS**, in seeking a Finance Director it has become clear that many other similarly situated municipal governments in Alaska are also having difficulty filling their Finance Director position; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the City’s best interest to allow the Finance Director to work remotely and reside outside Cordova when the City Manager determines that it is necessary or warranted; and

**WHEREAS**, technology and transportation have advanced substantially since the adoption of the relevant Code provisions in 1995, now allowing City officers, in some circumstances, to be present and engaged while residing outside Cordova.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

Section 1. The City shall submit the following Proposition No. 1 amending City Charter Section 3-5 to the qualified City voters at the March 4, 2025, regular City election. The proposition must receive an affirmative vote from a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question to be approved.

**Proposition No. 1**

**Amendment of City Charter Section 3-5 Department of finance: City treasurer, duties. To  
remove the residency requirement for City treasurer (Finance Director)**

Should Cordova City Charter Section 3-5 be amended to read as follows (deletions are ~~stricken through~~; new text is **bold and underlined**):

**Section 3-5. - Department of finance: City treasurer, duties.**

There shall be a city treasurer, who shall be an officer of the city appointed by the city manager for an indefinite term, and who shall be director, or head, of the department of finance. Except as the council provides otherwise by ordinance, the city treasurer shall collect and receive revenue and other money for the city; shall be responsible for its custody, safekeeping, deposit, investment, and disbursement, in accordance with this charter and the ordinances of the city; and shall maintain a general accounting

system for the city government. **Notwithstanding charter section 4-2(1), the city treasurer is not required to be a resident of the city.**

**Section 4-2. - Qualifications of officers and employees.**

Officers and employees of the city shall

- (1) reside in the city limits within six months from the date of hire or appointment; and
- (2) have the qualifications prescribed by this charter and such additional qualifications as the council may prescribe by ordinance; but the council shall not prescribe additional qualifications for the mayor or for council members.

Section 2. The proposition, both for paper ballots and machine ballots, shall be printed on a ballot and the following words shall be added as appropriate and next to a space provided for marking the ballot for voting by hand or machine:

Proposition No. 1

Yes

No

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage and approval. Proposition No. 1 shall become effective upon approval by the majority of qualified voters at a regular or special City election held not less than two months after passage of this resolution.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.**



David Allison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk