

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 12-24-44**

**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 3-6 ENTITLED “SAME; TAX
ASSESSOR, DUTIES” TO CORRECT THE ERROR IN THE TITLE, TO REMOVE
REQUIREMENTS THAT PLACE THE TAX ASSESSOR IN A SPECIFIC CITY
DEPARTMENT AND TO REMOVE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT AS IN CHARTER
SECTION 4-2 ENTITLED “QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES”, FOR
TAX ASSESSOR**

WHEREAS, it is in the City’s best interest to preserve the City’s ability to retain an assessor separate from the City Clerk to serve as a municipal officer of the City and for the assessor to be assigned to the department that best serves the City’s needs as determined by the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, historically the City Clerk has contracted for assessor services with entities and individuals that serve multiple communities and live outside Cordova.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The City shall submit the following Proposition No. 2 amending City Charter Section 3-6 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. 2

Amendment of City Charter Section 3-6 “Same: Tax assessor, duties” to correct the error in the title, to eliminate the provision that specifies the department of the tax assessor, and to remove the residency requirement for the tax assessor.

Should Cordova City Charter Section 3-6 be amended to read as follows (deletions are ~~stricken through~~; new text is **bold and underlined**):

Section 3-6. - ~~Same: Tax assessor, duties.~~

~~Within the department of finance,~~ There shall be a tax assessor, who shall be an officer of the city appointed by the city manager for an indefinite term, and who shall be qualified to serve as tax assessor. The tax assessor shall assess property for taxation in accordance with this charter and the ordinances of the city. **Notwithstanding charter section 4-2(1), the tax assessor 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. 2

Yes

No

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage and approval. Proposition No. 2 shall become effective upon their 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 18th DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.



David Allison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk