

**An ordinance of the Haines Borough to amend Borough Code Section 11.48.50 to provide that candidates receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be declared the winners of an election even if the greatest number of votes cast is less than 40% of the total votes cast and to eliminate the requirement for a runoff election.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and the adopted amendment shall become a part of the Haines Borough Charter.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Amendment of Code Section 11.48.050. Section 11.48.050 of the Haines Borough Code is amended, as follows:

NOTE: **Bolded/UNDERLINED** ITEMS ARE TO BE ADDED  
STRIKETHROUGH ITEMS ARE DELETED

**11.48.050 Votes required to elect —Runoff elections.**

A. ~~Votes Required to Elect. To be elected to office, a candidate must receive at least 40 percent a simple majority of the votes cast for the office, determined by dividing the total number of legal votes cast for the office by the number of vacancies being filled.~~ **The candidate for mayor receiving the most votes shall be elected. The candidates receiving the most votes for borough assembly or school board shall be elected based on the number of votes received starting with the candidate receiving the most votes until all seats to be filled at any election have been filled.**

~~B. Runoff Elections. If in a borough election an office is not filled because candidates received fewer than 40 percent of the votes cast, the borough shall hold a runoff election between the top two unseated candidates on the first Tuesday in November following the canvass and certification as in HBC 11.48.040. There shall be two runoff candidates for each office to be filled. Notice of the runoff election shall be published at least 10 days before the election date. The person(s) receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected following canvass and certification of the election as provided in HBC 11.48.040.~~

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective only if the proposition described in Ordinance No. 14-07-384 is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposition at the October 7, 2014 Haines Borough General Election in which case this ordinance shall take effect thirty days after certification of the results of the 2014 election.

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ADOPTED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY THIS 26<sup>th</sup>  
DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.



*Stephanie K. Scott*  
Stephanie Scott, Mayor

Attest:

*Julie Cozzi*  
Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk

Date Introduced:	07/29/14
Date of First Public Hearing:	08/12/14
Date of Second Public Hearing:	08/26/14 - Adopted