HAINES BOROUGH, ALASKA ORDINANCE No. 15-09-419

## Adopted

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Haines Borough Code Title 11, Section 11.28.010 to change the ballot instructions to match the 2014 charter and code amendments that eliminated the requirement to get 40% of the vote in order to be elected.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:

Section 1. <u>Classification</u>. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and the adopted amendment shall become a part of the Haines Borough Code.

Section 2. <u>Severability</u>. 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. <u>Effective Date</u>. This ordinance is effective upon adoption.

Section 4. <u>Amendment of Section 11.28.010</u>. Haines Borough Code is amended, as follows:

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

## 11.28.010 Form of ballot.

A. The clerk shall prepare all official ballots to facilitate fairness, simplicity, and clarity in the voting procedure, to reflect most accurately the intent of the voter, and to expedite the administration of elections.

B. The official ballot shall contain, at the top thereof, the words "Official Ballot" and the date of the election, whether such election is a general borough election or a special borough election, and such instructions to the voters as will enable them intelligently to mark their ballots for the candidates for whom they desire to vote, and to intelligently vote upon the questions which are submitted.

C. The clerk shall determine the size of the ballot, the type of print, necessary additional instruction notes to voters, and other similar matters of form not provided by law. The ballots shall be numbered in series to ensure simplicity and secrecy and to prevent fraud.

D. The title of all offices to be voted upon (mayor, assembly member, or school board member) shall be printed on the ballot. The title of each office to be filled shall be followed by the printed names of the candidates for such office in a single list arranged alphabetically, below which shall be blank lines equal in number to the candidates to be elected to such office, upon which the voter may write the names of persons not listed on the ballot. The words "Vote for not more than \_\_\_\_\_" with the appropriate number replacing the blank shall be placed before the list of candidates for each office. Instruction notes shall state that offices will be filled by the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes exceeding 40 percent, and if terms are of different lengths, the candidate with the highest number of votes will be elected to the longest term. The names of candidates shall be printed as they appear upon the nomination petitions filed with the borough clerk except that any honorary or assumed title or prefix shall be omitted. However, the candidate's name appearing on the ballot may include a nickname or familiar form of the proper name.

E. Following the offices and candidates there shall be placed on the ballot or on separate ballots, as the clerk may determine, all propositions or questions to be voted upon. The words "Yes" and "No" shall be placed with the statement of each proposition or question for selection.

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ADOPTED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.

ATTEST:

Julie Cøzzi, MMC, Borough Clerk

Date Introduced: Date of First Public Hearing: Date of Second Public Hearing: 09/08/15 09/22/15 10/13/15 - Adopted

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