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CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

Ordinance No. 16-006

An Ordinance of the Palmer City Council Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 18.07.025 Signature Requirements

THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance shall be permanent in nature and shall be incorporated into the Palmer Municipal Code.

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

Section 3. Section 18.07.025 is hereby amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and deleted language is stricken out):

18.07.025 Signature requirements.

- A. The signatures on an initiative or referendum petition shall be secured within 90 days after the clerk issues the petition.
- B. The statement provided under PMC 18.07.020 (A)(6) shall be signed and dated by the sponsor.
- C. All signatures shall be in ink.
- D. The clerk shall determine the number of signatures required on a petition and inform the contact person in writing. Except as provided in subsection (HE) of this section, a petition shall be signed by a number of voters equal to 25 percent of the number of votes cast at the last regular election held before the date written notice is given to the contact person that the petition is available.
- E. Illegible signatures shall be rejected by the clerk unless accompanied by a legible printed name. Signatures not accompanied by a legible residence address shall be rejected.
- F. The clerk shall reject the signature of any person whose name does not appear on the State of Alaska Division of Elections voter registration list and is not registered to vote in the City of Palmer on the day the clerk requests state verification of the person's voter status.

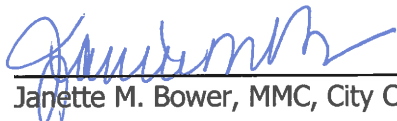
- G. A petition signer may withdraw the signer's signature on written application to the clerk before certification of the petition.
- H. If the ordinance or resolution that is the subject of an initiative or referendum petition affects only an area that is less than the entire area of a city, only voters residing in the affected area may sign the petition. The clerk shall determine the number of signatures required on the petition and inform the contact person in writing. The petition shall be signed by a number of voters equal to 25 percent of the number of votes cast in that area at the last regular election held before the date written notice is given to the contact person that the petition is available.

Section 4. Effective Date. Ordinance No. 16-006 shall take effect upon adoption by the City of Palmer City Council.

Passed and approved this twenty-second day of March, 2016.



Bradley Hanson, Deputy Mayor



Janette M. Bower, MMC, City Clerk