

Introduced by: Council Members
Hanson and Carrington
Introduced: March 22, 2016
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Action: Adopted
Vote: 4-3

Yes:	No:
Combs	Best
Carrington	Johnson
DeVries	LaFrance
Hanson	

CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

Ordinance No. 16-010

An Ordinance of the Palmer City Council Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 4.15.060 Residency

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 circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Section 4.15.060 is hereby amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and deleted language is stricken):

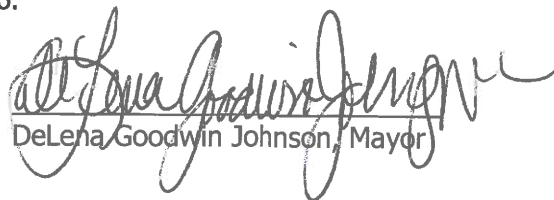
4.15.060 Residency.

- A. In accordance with the Charter, the city manager shall be a resident of the city during his or her tenure in office.
- B. The city clerk shall be a resident of the city during his or her tenure in office within 180 days of hire.
- C. All department directors, fire chief, and the police chief shall reside within five miles of the city limits within 180 days of hire.

Section 4. Effective Date. Ordinance 16-010 shall take effect upon adoption by the Palmer City Council.

Passed and approved this twelfth day of April, 2016.

Backa for Janette Bower
Janette M. Bower, MMC, City Clerk


DeLena Goodwin Johnson, Mayor

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Description by Councilman Steve Carrington

This ordinance adds the requirement for the city clerk during their time as city clerk. It is worded similarly to the city manager requirement.

City residency only makes sense for the position that records and certifies the actions of the Council, administers the oaths, is custodian of the city seal and official records, and keeps track of all bonds, franchises, contracts, or agreements. When you add in the fact that the clerk is also responsible for calling and supervising all city elections, it really does make sense that the clerk should be a resident of the city. [see Palmer Charter 5.5 available: <http://www.codepublishing.com/AK/Palmer/>]

We could also note, that our outgoing clerk has been living within the city limits for some years. Also before this clerk, the clerk was a resident of the city for over 30 years as the position was combined with the manager back in 1971.

"B. The city clerk shall be a resident of the city during his or her tenure in office within 180 days of hire."