

## CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

## ORDINANCE NO. 342

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.08.240, VOTING BY COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND ENACTING SECTION 2.08.250, CONFLICT OF INTERESTS.

THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance shall be of a permanent nature and shall become a part of the City of Palmer Code of Ordinances.

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 2.08.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.08.240 Voting.

A. The presiding officer shall declare all votes; but if any member doubts a vote, the presiding officer, without further debate upon the question, shall request the members voting in the affirmative and negative respectively to so indicate, and he shall declare the result.

B. The vote upon all matters considered by the council shall be taken by yes or no votes which shall be entered upon the record, except that when the vote is unanimous, it shall be necessary only to so state.

C. Every member who shall be present when a question is put shall vote, unless the council excuses the member for special reasons or the presiding officer excuses the member because of substantial financial interest and the council does not override the presiding officer's action. Applications to be excused for special reasons must be made before the vote, and shall be decided without debate.

D. Anything to the contrary in these rules notwithstanding, in all cases where an extraordinary majority is not required, and when no motion is before the council, the presiding officer may, in lieu of calling for or awaiting a motion to be made, put the question in the following form: "Without objection, it will be so ordered." If no objection is heard, he shall announce: "It is so ordered," which will have the same effect as if a motion to that effect had been made and voted upon favorably. If a single question is seasonably expressed when the question is put, the presiding officer shall not proceed further under this rule, but instead shall call for a motion, which motion shall be handled in the regular manner.

Section 4. A new Section 2.08.250 is enacted as follows:

2.08.250 Conflict of Interest.

A. A member of the council shall declare a substantial financial interest the member has in an official action and ask to be excused from a vote on the matter.

B. The presiding officer shall rule on a request by a member of the council to be excused from a vote.

C. The decision of the presiding officer on a request by a member of the council to be excused from a vote may be overridden by the majority vote of the council.

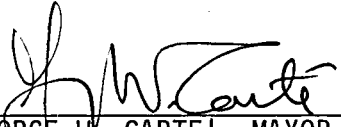
Section 5. Publication and Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication shall be by posting a copy hereof on the City Hall bulletin board for a period of ten (10) days following its adoption, and it shall be published by being printed and included in the Palmer Municipal Code at its next regular supplementation and printing. A notice of public hearing shall be given by such posting at least five (5) days before final passage.

First Reading: June 24, 1986

Public Hearing &  
Second Reading: July 8, 1986

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmer, Alaska, this 8th day of July, 1986.

  
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GEORGE W. CARTE', MAYOR

  
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DAVID L. SOULAK, CITY CLERK