

CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 459

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PALMER MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 2.04 (CITY COUNCIL), OF TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL), OF THE PALMER MUNICIPAL CODE.

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 provisions 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. The purpose of this ordinance is to make the Code conform to existing practice and law, and further to correct a codification omission from Ordinance No. 194.

Section 4. Chapter 2.04 is amended to read as follows:

2.04.010 Form of government--Adopting by reference of federal and state law. The municipal government shall be known as the "council-manager government." Pursuant to this code and subject only to the limitations imposed by the laws of the U.S. Government or the state, all powers of the city shall be vested in an elective council and mayor. They shall, among other things, enact local legislation, adopt budgets, determine policies and appoint the city manager. The city manager shall execute the laws and administer the government of the city. All applicable laws of the federal government or the state pertaining to municipalities are incorporated in this code as if fully set out herein.

2.04.020 Compensation. The salaries of council members shall be fixed by code provision and when once so fixed may be changed by amendment of such code provision at any time except during the sixty-day period immediately preceding a general municipal election. Salary change will not become effective until the first Monday immediately following the next general municipal election subsequent to the adoption of the salary change. No elective or appointed official of the city shall be entitled to receive any other compensation or additional compensation from the city for any service to the city except as provided by this code. Remunerations from federal, state or local government authorities for positions to which an appointed or elected official is appointed shall not be construed as compensation from the city for purposes of this proscription. The compensation of officers appointed by the city council shall be by order of the city council and may be changed at any time.

2.04.030 Powers. The city may exercise all legislative powers not prohibited by law or charter. Such powers shall be liberally construed, in accordance with the provisions and intent of Article X, Section 1, of the Alaska Constitution.

2.04.040 Qualifications--Terms-Salaries. A. The qualifications of council members shall be that they be qualified electors of the city and shall have been residents of the city or of territory annexed to the city, or shall have had a combination of residence, for a period of not less than two years preceding the date of filing nominating petitions for election to the council.

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B. The council shall consist of the mayor and six council members.

C. The terms of office of the mayor and of each council member shall be as prescribed in the Charter.

D. The compensation of each council member shall be:

1. The mayor shall receive seventy-five dollars per regular meeting and each council member shall receive fifty dollars per regular meeting;

2. The mayor and each council member shall receive ten dollars per special meeting.

2.04.050 Absences. Neither the mayor nor any member shall absent him or herself from any meeting of the council except for good and sufficient reason.

2.04.060 Forms of legislation. The council shall act only by ordinance, resolution or order. All ordinances, resolutions, orders and motions shall be confined to one subject. Laws of general, uniform and permanent nature shall be reduced to ordinance; laws of a more temporary or special character shall be reduced to resolution. When the council expresses anything by way of command, the form of expression shall be "ordered"; when it expresses opinions, principles, facts or propositions, the form shall be "resolved."

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

First Reading: April 27, 1993

Public Hearing &
Second Reading: May 11, 1993

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmer, Alaska, this 11th day of May, 1993.



MARSHA M. MELTON, MAYOR PROTEM

DAVID L. SOULAK, CITY CLERK