

Legislative History

Initiative Petition Application Submitted to the City Clerk: March 4, 2020
Petition Application Certified by the City Clerk: April 7, 2020
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This petition was not certified and submitted to the voters due to the Council submitting a proposition prior to petition books being filed. See Resolution No. 20-010 for City Council's proposition

CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

Resolution No. 20-012

A Voter Initiative Resolution Amending Charter Section 3.2: Terms of Office, to Limit Mayor and Councilmembers to no More Than Three Consecutive Terms Without a One-Year Break, to the City's Qualified Voters at the October 6, 2020, City of Palmer Election

WHEREAS, Section 14.2 of the Charter of the City of Palmer provides that the Charter may be amended by initiative petition; and

WHEREAS, Section 14.4 of the Charter of the City of Palmer provides that when an amendment to the Charter is proposed by initiative petition, it shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City at any election to be held in the City not less than 90 days after the filing of the petition; and

WHEREAS, the language of Charter Section 3.2, if approved by the city's qualified voters will limit the terms of Mayor and Councilmembers to three three-year terms as a Council Member or Mayor and no more than three three-year terms if serving consecutively as a Council Member and Mayor applicable to the Mayor and Council members first elected in 2021 and elected thereafter; and

WHEREAS, at the October 1, 2019, City's Regular Election, the city of Palmer Council sent an advisory vote to the electorate asking if term limits should be enacted; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the electorate voted in favor of the advisory vote requesting the City Council enact term limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

Section 1. At the City of Palmer election to be held on October 6, 2020, the following proposition shall be submitted to the qualified City of Palmer voters in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. XXXX
(Initiative Resolution No. 20-012)

AMENDMENT OF THE PALMER CITY CHARTER, CHAPTER III, SECTION **3.2 Terms of Office**

Shall Chapter III, Section 3.2 of the Charter of the City of Palmer be amended to read as follows (new language is **underlined** and **bolded** and deleted language is ~~stricken~~ and [bracketed]):

Section 3.2 Terms of office.

The terms of two councilmen shall expire each year, except that in each third year, counting from 1963, the terms of the Mayor and of two Councilmen shall expire. When appointments are made to fill vacancies in the manner provided by Section 2.13(a) of this Charter, appointees shall qualify for and assume the duties of office within ten days after appointment, unless such time be extended for not more than sixty days by the Council. **A person serving as the mayor or as a council member may not serve for more than three consecutive, full terms without a break in service for at least one full year. No member of the council shall serve more than three consecutive terms, as the mayor and a council member, without a break in service for at least one full year. Years of service of an appointee filling a vacated seat does not count toward the total term limit.**

PROPOSITION NO. Yes ()
 No ()

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon certification of the election. The amendment set forth in Section 1 shall become effective for terms served after the 2021 City Regular Election upon its approval by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question at the election of October 6, 2020.