

CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2021-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID GREGORY AND DECLARING COUNCIL SEAT CC-D VACANT EFFECTIVE MAY 26, 2021

WHEREAS, Unalaska City Code Section 2.12.050(A)(3) states that the office of City Council member is vacated when the person elected resigns and the resignation is accepted by Council; and

WHEREAS, the office of City Council member becomes officially vacant upon the declaration of vacancy by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Council Member David Gregory has submitted his resignation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Unalaska City Council accepts Council Member Gregory's resignation for City Council Seat CC-D and declares Council Seat CC-D vacant effective May 26, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on May 11, 2021.

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Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Marjie Veeder, CMC  
City Clerk

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## MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

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To: Mayor and City Council Members  
From: Marjie Veeder, City Clerk  
Through: Erin Reinders, City Manager  
Date: May 11, 2021  
Re: Resolution 2021-31, accepting the resignation of Council Member David Gregory and declaring Council Seat CC-D vacant effective May 26, 2021

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**SUMMARY:** Council Member David Gregory submitted his resignation from City Council, stating his last meeting will be May 25, 2021 ([copy attached](#)). City Code states that the office is vacated when the person elected resigns, the resignation is accepted by Council, and upon the declaration of vacancy by the City Council. Adoption of Resolution 2021-31 meets the requirements contained in code to declare a vacancy.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** Council has declared council seats vacant as necessary in the past, but has not acted on this particular resignation.

**BACKGROUND and DISCUSSION:** Vacancies on council are filled, pursuant to UCO 2.12.050(C), by the remaining council members, within 30 days of vacancy, appointing a qualified person to fill the vacancy. Because the resignation is more than sixty days before the next regular election, the appointee will serve until the local election on October 5, 2021, meaning Seat D will be on the ballot in October. With a vacancy effective May 26, the deadline to fill the seat is June 25, 2021.

The qualifications for a person appointed to fill a vacancy are the same as qualifications for anyone who wants to declare candidacy for council: they must be a voter registered in the city who has resided in the city for no less than twelve consecutive months immediately prior to the time of submission of declaration of candidacy.

**ALTERNATIVES:** There are no alternatives.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** None.

**LEGAL:** None.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution 2021-31 and direct the City Manager to assign staff to advertise the vacancy of Council Seat D; to accept letters of interest through 10am on Friday, June 4, 2021 from persons who desire to be appointed to Council Seat D; and to invite such interested persons to the council meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at which time council will make an appointment to fill the vacancy.

**PROPOSED MOTIONS:**

1. I move to adopt Resolution 2021-31.

2. I move to direct the City Manager to assign staff to advertise the vacancy of Council Seat D; to accept letters of interest through 10am on Friday, June 4, 2021 from persons who desire to be appointed to Council Seat D; and to invite such interested persons to the council meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at which time council will make an appointment to fill the vacancy.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:** I support staff's recommendations.

**ATTACHMENT:**

[Letter of Resignation](#)

May 6, 2021

City of Unalaska  
Mayor Vince Tutiakoff  
Members of the City Council  
PO Box 610  
Unalaska, Alaska 99685

Dear Mr. Mayor:

After much thought and reflection, I have come to the conclusion that I need to relocate to Anchorage in order to be closer to my elderly mother. To that end the City Council meeting of May 25, 2021 will be my last as a member of the Unalaska City Council.

I have very much enjoyed my time serving as a member on the Unalaska City Council. I feel privileged and humbled to have had the opportunity to serve the Community that I love so much and will continue to call my home.

I am sorry I have to leave without completing the term the Unalaska voters elected me to. I take my responsibilities as a council member seriously and wish that circumstances would allow me to stay, unfortunately this is not the case.

Again, I have very much enjoyed serving the community of Unalaska and can assure you I will be back often to visit and enjoy all that Unalaska has to offer.

Sincerely,



David M. Gregory

