

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2021-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL APPOINTING JUDGES AND CLERKS FOR THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON OCTOBER 5, 2021 AND JUDGES TO SERVE ON THE CANVASS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Unalaska City Code § 4.08.020(A) states that before each city election, the City Council shall appoint three election judges to constitute the Election Board, one who is designated the Chair and may appoint two election clerks; and

WHEREAS, Unalaska City Code § 4.04.050 states that wages for non-employee election judges and clerks shall be established by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Unalaska City Code § 4.08.020(B) states that the City Council will serve as a canvass committee, or may appoint three judges to constitute the canvass committee, who will canvass all votes after the election judges have completed their tally.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Unalaska City Council that the following persons are appointed judges and clerks for the October 5, 2021 General Election and shall attend at the Unalaska Precinct Polling place, namely Unalaska City Hall, at 7:30 a.m. on October 5, 2021, and shall continue until polls close at 8:00 p.m. Thereafter, the judges and clerks shall count and check all votes cast against the poll listed in the manner required by law:

ELECTION BOARD

Judges:

Marjie Veeder, Chair
Roxanna Winters
Estkarlen Magdaong

Clerks:

Minerva Fernandez
Judith Huling

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Unalaska City Council that the following persons are appointed as judges to constitute the Canvass Committee, who shall meet on Friday, October 8, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., to canvass all votes after the election judges have completed their tally:

CANVASS COMMITTEE JUDGES

Marjie Veeder, Chair
Estkarlen Magdaong
Dennis M. Robinson

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that non-employee election judges and clerks shall be paid fifteen dollars (\$15) per hour.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on September 14, 2021.

Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marjie Veeder, CMC
City Clerk

MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Marjie Veeder, City Clerk
Through: Erin Reinders, City Manager
Date: September 14, 2021
Re: Resolution 2021-60 appointing Judges and Clerks for the regular municipal election on October 5, 2021 and Judges to serve on the Canvass Committee

SUMMARY: City Code requires Council to appoint three judges and council may appoint two clerks to serve as the Election Board for the municipal election to be held on October 5, 2021; and council is to appoint three judges to serve as the canvass committee on October 8, 2021. Resolution 2021-60 accomplishes these mandates.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council adopts a similar resolution for each local election.

DISCUSSION: UCO 4.08.020 requires appointment of three judges and states council may appoint two clerks to serve as the Election Board, and allows for the City Clerk to appoint additional clerks should the need arise.

Council acts as the Canvass Committee or may appoint three judges to constitute the Canvass Committee, which is the option typically taken. Traditionally, one Council member serves on the Canvass Committee and this year Dennis Robinson has agreed to serve in this capacity.

Additionally, Code was recently amended to state that Council determines the rate of pay for non-employee election workers by resolution. Code previously set an hourly rate of \$10 per hour, which hasn't been increased in at least 20 years. A survey of other Alaska municipalities shows pay ranging from \$12-\$20 per hour depending on duties. The resolution sets the hourly rate of pay at \$15 per hour. Our non-employee election workers are experienced and have served in this capacity during previous elections and the increase from \$10 per hour (which is below minimum wage in Alaska) is justified. The City Clerk feels this rate of pay is fair and reasonable and the Clerk's Department budget contains sufficient funds to cover the pay increase.

ALTERNATIVES: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Pay for non-employee election workers is included in the Clerk's Office FY22 budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 2021-60.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to adopt Resolution 2021-60.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS: The Manager concurs with the Staff Recommendation.