

Summary of Election Code Modernizations

Chapter 3.10 GENERAL PROVISIONS

everywhere- gendered language updated, clerk changed to The Clerk, Judges and Clerks changed to Election Officials, outdated language and technology replaced, municipality replaced with city

§ 3.10.010 Administration authority.	no changes made to existing code
New 3.10.015 Election Administration	new section: instead of exact wording of all election materials being set in code, the clerks has authority to set them, inside of the provisions of applicable law. (State forms will be used)
§ 3.10.020 Voter qualifications.	minor change, reference to AS 15.05.010 added, all references to municipality in all of this code have been replaced with "city" at the recommendation of DCRA
§ 3.10.021 Rules for determining residence of voter.	minor change, reference to AS 15.05.010 added, AS 15.05.020 added and old language struck, all references to municipality in all of this code have been replaced with "city" at the recommendation of DCRA
§ 3.10.022 Registration.	no changes made to existing code
§ 3.10.030 Regular elections.	no changes made to existing code
§ 3.10.040 Special elections.	no changes made to existing code
§ 3.10.050 Expenses.	Here and in the rest of the code, Judges and Clerks replaced with Election Officials, to match current State practice for election work, wording for compensation updated, Section D struck- wrong section, new part about public moneys, facilities and equipment prohibited added to match current state law
§ 3.10.060 Time off for voting.	clarified this is only for City of Dillingham Employees
§ 3.10.070 Plurality—Tie votes.	changed the name of the title to Simple Majority —Tie votes., word substitution
§ 3.10.075 Procedure for filling vacancies.	struck- already listed in 2.06.060
§ 3.10.080 Public notice of election.	Updated title to Election Notices, minor changes to align with State requirements and remove outdated language, notice of bonded indebtedness added
§ 3.10.090 Polls—Opening and closing.	struck last sentence as it isn't needed- no dual election on that day
§ 3.10.100 State registration list.	slight updates to wording, nothing substantial
§ 3.10.110 Election information supplied to state officials.	minor updates added to align our code with State requirements
§ 3.10.120 Precinct boundaries and polling places.	no changes made to existing code
§ 3.10.130 Preservation of election materials.	minor change in wording of types of records to align with records retention
§ 3.10.140 Severability.	no changes made to existing code

Chapter 3.20 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

§ 3.20.010 Booths and ballot boxes.	language updated to include other types of voting areas
§ 3.20.020 Voter instructions.	outdated language replaced
§ 3.20.030 Ballots—Form.	original language struck, new sections created to follow updated State requirement
New 3.20.040 Emergency Replacement Ballots	new section: allows for emergency ballots, if and when needed
§ 3.20.050 Ballots—Printing, inspection and distribution.	minor changes added as recommended by DCRA
§ 3.20.060 Sample ballots.	change made to point back to newly created 3.20.040
§ 3.20.070 Precinct register list—Distribution to precinct officials.	slight update to wording, not a substantial change- entering address by hand is no longer included
Chapter 3.30 ELECTION OFFICIALS	
§ 3.30.010 City clerk duties.	no substantial change
§ 3.30.020 Judges and clerks—Appointment.	complete section struck and replaced with new language- big change: council appoints boards, youth election workers, reporting
§ 3.30.030 Election board—Filling vacancies.	change, vacancies on the day of the election shall be filled by someone the City Clerk appoints
§ 3.30.040 Election officials—Oath.	old outdated oath language struck, current oath used by Alaska Division of elections to be used.
Chapter 3.40 CANDIDATE QUALIFICATION AND NOMINATION	
§ 3.40.010 Qualifications.	no substantial change
§ 3.40.015 Designated seats.	original language struck as this is already in title 2 and 3.40.015, new language added
§ 3.40.020 Form and filing.	minor changes to the type of information, F struck
§ 3.40.030 Time for filing.	Substantial change- we keep missing the deadline to have ballots printed (it is the fourth Monday in August, more than a week before our candidacy filing period ends) and the ballots arrive too late for the first day of absentee voting- change to date of filing period to allow enough time for printing and shipping of ballots and also change write in period to end 5 days earlier than election day to allow time for proper notice to the community of who is qualified as a write in - following the example of Kodiak for dates, new sections added
§ 3.40.040 Record.	change "every person" to "certified candidates"
§ 3.40.050 Withdrawal from candidacy.	correct or amend added to this section

Chapter 3.50 ABSENTEE VOTING	No changes made by this ordinance- they are being made in O 2026-10, see below
§ 3.50.010 Eligibility.	struck language that is not consistent with State law
§ 3.50.020 Public notice.	no major change
§ 3.50.030 Preparation of ballots and other materials.	Struck, ballots are authorized in 3.20.030
§ 3.50.040 Form of identification envelope.	struck, 3.10.015 authorizes The Clerk to prescribe forms and materials and so does the added language
§ 3.50.050 Absentee voting in person.	some added language
§ 3.50.060 Absentee voting by personal representative.	struck and replaced with new language
§ 3.50.070 Absentee voting by mail.	struck and replaced with new language
§ 3.50.080 List of absentee voters.	lists are not allowed but we will mark the precinct register to show who has already voted
§ 3.50.090 Surrender of absentee ballot.	struck

Chapter 3.60 PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING ELECTIONS

§ 3.60.010 Polls—Opening and closing.	no substantial changes except E, which is struck for being not allowed by the State
§ 3.60.020 Voting procedure.	some changes to procedure to align with State requirements, voting ID linked to AS 15.15.225, voting assistance moved to 3.60.040
§ 3.60.030 Questioned ballots.	minor changes made
§ 3.60.040 Voter assistance.	struck and replaced with new language, minor changes in substance
§ 3.60.050 Ballots—Marking, validity—Removal prohibited.	minor updates made
§ 3.60.055 Write-in candidates.	change to the last day that write in candidates can be accepted (five days before the election instead of the day before the election) to allow the clerk time to provide proper notice to the community of who has filed letters of intent during the open period for filing. Could consider making the time earlier in the day to allow more time for notices to be posted
§ 3.60.060 Ballots—Counting.	change from any person present to authorized poll watchers may stay and witness the process
§ 3.60.070 Defective ballots.	Renamed title, struck and replaced with new language, records retention mentioned
§ 3.60.080 Spoiled and unused ballots.	small change added- records retention named
§ 3.60.090 Tally of votes.	small change added to recount when there is a tie
§ 3.60.100 Majority decision of election board.	no substantial changes
§ 3.60.110 Prohibited practices.	no substantial changes

Chapter 3.70 ELECTION RESULTS

§ 3.70.010 Election board as canvassing committee.	Change- election board is not the same as canvassing committee and is appointed by the council in advance, change to date of canvassing committee to match State change from 3 days after the election to 7 to ten days after the election to allow time for the absentee by mail ballots to arrive and be included in the count.
§ 3.70.020 Canvass to be made public—Procedure.	minor changes, records retention added
§ 3.70.030 Record of canvass.	Change to title, change from Minutes to report
§ 3.70.040 Certification of election results.	Change date of council certification of the election results from Second Thursday to Third Thursday to accommodate change to the day the canvassing committee meets
§ 3.70.050 Contests.	new language added, list of prohibited practices added here, \$250 is the minimum amount used by other communities...the council may choose to use this space to point to the fines and fees schedule and list the amount there so that as inflation changes the value of money, the amount can be more easily updated without changing this ordinance every time, prescribed form deleted
§ 3.70.060 Recount expenses—Bond.	old language struck, new language added, \$250 could be in Fee schedule instead if that is the wish of the council
§ 3.70.070 Investigation.	struck
§ 3.70.080 Ballot recount.	struck
§ 3.70.090 Prohibited practices alleged—Production of register books required.	struck
§ 3.70.100 Sustained charges—Recount.	struck
§ 3.70.110 Determination of tie votes.	coin toss replaces by lot- clerk does the notifying, not Mayor, Clerk Certifies, not Mayor- you can change this if you want to , it seems odd but that is what DCRA suggested
§ 3.70.120 Oath and affirmation.	struck, found in Title 2 instead
§ 3.70.130 Definitions.	new definitions added
New 3.70.170 Preserving and destroying ballots	new section added at the recommendation of DCRA