



CITY OF KOTZEBUE, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 26-03

ENTITLED: "A CODE ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE KOTZEBUE MUNICIPAL CODE ("KMC") TO REDUCE PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP, SEVEN (7) TO FIVE (5) MEMBERS AND TITLE 4 OF THE KMC TO REDUCE LBCB/LRA MEMBERSHIP FROM SEVEN (7) TO FIVE (5) MEMBERS."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE, ALASKA:

Section 1. This is a Code Ordinance pursuant to KMC 1.12.010 and KMC 1.12.040.

Section 2. The Planning Commission and LBCB/LRA have been unable to fill all of their respective 7-member positions for an extended period of time, despite repeated efforts to do so. As a result, these bodies have frequently been unable to meet due to a lack of quorum.

Section 3. Using legislative format for amending the Kotzebue Municipal Code ("KMC"), to wit: deleted portions are placed in brackets with a strike through them [--] and revised/added portions are **bolded and underlined**, the proposed amendments to Title 17 and Title 4 of the KMC are as follows:

17.36.020 Composition—Appointment -- Qualifications.

The commission shall consist of [~~seven~~] **five** members. The mayor appoints commission members, subject to council confirmation. Each commission member shall be a qualified city voter.

(Ord. 26-03 §3(part), 2026: Ord. 04-07 §3 (part), 2004: Ord. 83-3, 1983: Ord. 80-14 §1 (part, 1980: prior code § 13.15.020).

4.01.020 Composition—Appointment—Qualifications.

The LBCB shall consist of [~~seven~~] **five** members appointed by the mayor, subject to city council confirmation and serving at the pleasure of the city council. Each LBCB member shall be a qualified city voter, at least twenty-one years of age at the time of appointment, a resident of the city

for at least one year at the time of appointment and have no convictions for any alcohol-related offenses as set out in Titles 4, 11 and 28 of the Alaska Statutes or any type of felony within the ten years preceding appointment to the LBCB. There shall be no specifically designated seats on the LBCB. However appointments shall be made by the mayor and confirmed by the city council in such a manner as to provide diversity and expertise for the LBCB to properly perform its powers and duties as set out in Section 4.01.150, below, using the application process set forth in Section 4.01.040, below.

Ord. 26-03 §3 (part), 2026: Ord. No. 10-02, §2 (Exh. A), 11-25-2009).

Section 4. These revised sections (KMC 17.36.020 and KMC 4.01.020 shall become effective immediately upon passage of this Ordinance 26-03 pursuant to 1.12.030(B).

ENACTED this 7th day of May, 2026.

CITY OF KOTZEBUE

Saima Chase
Mayor

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Donald Jones
City Clerk

ATTESTATION: I, Donald Jones, Clerk for the City of Kotzebue, hereby attest that the above Ordinance, No. 26-03 was duly presented to the Kotzebue City Council, duly published and that a valid public hearing was held and that it was duly enacted on May 7, 2026.

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