

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
ORDINANCE FY15-15**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS PROVIDING FOR THE
AMENDMENT OF CITY ORDINANCE TITLE 5,
CHAPTER 5.20.40 BALLOTS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the City of Gustavus Municipal Code.
- Section 2. Severability. If any provisions of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and its application to other persons, or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.
- Section 3. Enactment. Now therefore, it is enacted by the Gustavus City Council that **TITLE 5, CHAPTER 5.20.40 (c)** be amended as follows: **Bold and underlined** items are additions.

Chapter 5.20.40 Ballots

- (a) The ballots shall state at the top whether the election is regular or special. There shall be printed "OFFICIAL BALLOT" and the date of the election.
- (b) The ballots shall include instructions on how to mark the ballots.
- (c) The ballots will be printed on plain white paper and numbered in consecutive order to assure simplicity and secrecy and to prevent fraud. The clerk shall assure that **the number of ballots printed equals a minimum of fifty (50) percent of there are one third (1/3) more ballots printed and numbered than there are registered voters in the City of Gustavus, in order to provide replacement ballots for ballots that may be spoiled by voters and for those persons who cast questioned ballots because their names do not appear on the master voter registration list. Number of ballots printed will be at the discretion of the City Clerk based upon historical voter turnout percentages, but no less than fifty (50) percent.**
- (d) A ballot shall show the list of candidates and issues to be decided at the election.
- (e) Before the list of candidates there shall be placed the words "vote for not more than three," or "vote for not more than one," or such other number as are to be elected.
- (f) Under the title of each office and before the printed names of the candidates, there shall be printed "Vote for one" or such other number as are to be elected to that office. The ballots shall list the office for which votes may be cast. The name of each office shall be followed by the names of all candidates for that office listed in a random order and by a blank line or lines for write-in candidates. In regular and special elections the number of blank lines provided for each office shall be equal to the number of persons who are to be elected to the office.
- (g) The names of the candidates will be printed in capital letters the same size. On each line on which the name of a candidate is printed and on the line of each blank provided for write-in candidates, a square not less than one-quarter (1/4) of an inch on each side will be printed.

- (h) The names of candidates shall be printed as they appear upon the declaration of candidacy filed with the City Clerk, except that any honorary or assumed title or prefix shall be omitted.
- (i) Following the names of the offices and candidates, there shall be placed on the ballot in the form prescribed by law all propositions and questions to be voted upon, if any. Provision shall be made for marking the propositions or questions "Yes" or "No."
- (j) The sample ballot appearing at the end of this chapter illustrates the ballot form.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This ordinance becomes effective upon its adoption by the Gustavus City Council.


Date Introduced: *May 11, 2015*

Date of Public Hearing: *June 8, 2015*

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this 8th day of June, 2015.



Mike Taylor, Mayor



Attest: Lori Ewing, City Clerk