

**Office of the City Clerk
City of Ketchikan, Alaska**

**Kim Stanker, City Clerk
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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Kim Stanker, City Clerk

Date: July 26, 2022

Subject: **Resolution No. 22-2853 – Proposing Section 10-3 "Filing" of the Charter be amended to add term limitations for the Mayor and Council**

Attached is a resolution that would amend Section 10-3 of the City Charter by adding “no person shall be eligible to serve more than three (3) terms consecutively as a councilmember or more than three (3) terms consecutively as mayor”. Election to serve the unexpired portion of a term shall be considered a full term for purposes of such limitations, however, the period served after appointment to a vacancy prior to an election to fill such vacancy shall not be considered a term for purposes of the limitations provide in this section.

If the resolution is approved, a proposition will be placed on the ballot at the regular election of October 4, 2022 related to adding term limits for the Mayor and Council.

Recommended Motion:

I move the City Council approve Resolution No. 22-2853 proposing term limitations for the Mayor and the Council by amending Section 10-3 “Filing” of the City Charter providing that such amendment be submitted to the registered voters for approval or rejection at the regular election to be held on October 4, 2022.

CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2853

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA PROPOSING THAT SECTION 10-3 OF ARTICLE 10 OF THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD THOSE TERM LIMITATIONS; BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 4, 2022; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS NECESSARY TO PLACE THE QUESTION BEFORE THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN ON OCTOBER 4, 2022; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska as follows:

Section 1. Charter Amendment. Pursuant to Section 10-9 and Section 13-1 of the Charter of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska, the City Council proposes that the Charter of the City of Ketchikan be amended as provided in the ballot proposition set forth in Section 2 below. And that such proposed Charter Amendment be submitted to the qualified voters of the City for approval or rejection at the regular election to be held on October 4, 2022.

Section 2: Proposition to be submitted to the voters. The proposed Charter amendment to be submitted to the voters for approval or rejection is set forth in the following proposition. Provisions to be added are underlined and provisions to be deleted are shown in brackets [] with full capitalization.

Proposition No. 1

Information: The Council for the City of Ketchikan has passed Ordinance No. 22-1948 which amends Section 10-3, Article 10 of the City Charter to read as follows:

Filing

Section 10-3. Any qualified person may have his or her name placed on the ballot for the election as candidate for mayor or councilperson by filing a petition with the city clerk, signed by at least 10 qualified voters of the city and a sworn statement of his or her candidacy, during the filing period August 1 through August 25, at 5:00 p.m. prior to the next regular election. Should August 25 be a Saturday or a Sunday, then candidates shall have until noon on the first Monday following to file their petition. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION IN THIS CHARTER, NO PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO SERVE MORE THAN THREE (3) TERMS CONSECUTIVELY AS A COUNCILMEMBER OR MORE THAN THREE (3) TERMS CONSECUTIVELY AS MAYOR. ELECTION TO SERVE THE UNEXPIRED PORTION OF A TERM SHALL BE CONSIDERED A FULL TERM FOR PURPOSES OF SUCH LIMITATIONS, HOWEVER, THE PERIOD SERVED AFTER APPOINTMENT TO A VACANCY PRIOR TO AN ELECTION TO FILL SUCH VACANCY SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED A TERM FOR PURPOSES OF THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. If an office is to be filled for an unexpired term at a special election, nominating petitions shall be provided by the city clerk not later than 60 days prior to the special election and must be filed not later

than 30 days before the special election. The petition may have been circulated and filed by the candidate or by one or more qualified voters other than the candidate.

Should Ordinance No. 22-1948 which amends Section 10-3 of Article 10 of the City Charter so no person shall be eligible to serve more than three (3) terms consecutively as councilmember or more than three (3) terms consecutively as mayor.

Yes
No



A “Yes” vote ratifies Ordinance No. 22-1948 which would enact term limits for councilmembers and the mayor.

A “No” vote rejects Ordinance No. 22-1948 which would **not** enact term limits for councilmembers and the mayor.

Section 3: Direction to Clerk. The City Clerk is directed to take actions necessary to place the ballot language set forth in Section 2 for ratification by the qualified voters of the City of Ketchikan at the regular election to be held October 4, 2022.

Section 4: Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council for the City of Ketchikan on this 4th day of August, 2022.

Dave Kiffer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Stanker, City Clerk