

**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: August 8, 2022

Subject: **Ordinance No. 22-1950 – Amending Section 1.08.490 Entitled “Canvass of Returns” and Section 1.08.530 Entitled “Certification of the Election Results”**

At the October 6, 2020 municipal election the voters approved Proposition No. 1 – City Charter Amendment – Section 10-2 of Article X, which allows for the term of office for the Mayor and Council to be no later than the second Monday after the election to allow the Clerk’s office more time to canvass. The attached ordinance updates the Ketchikan Municipal Code to reflect the 2020 charter change. Provisions to be added are underlined and in bold, and provisions to be deleted are shown with strikethrough language.

Recommended Motion:

I move the City Council approve in first reading Ordinance No. 22-1950 amending Ketchikan Municipal Code section 1.08.490 entitled “Canvass of Returns” and section 1.08.530 entitled “Certification of the Election Results”; and establishing an effective date.

THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 22-1950

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA; AMENDING SECTION 1.08.490 ENTITLED “CANVASS OF RETURNS” AND SECTION 1.08.530 ENTITLED “CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION RESULTS”; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment: Subsection 1.08.490(a) of the Ketchikan Municipal Code, entitled “Canvass of Returns: is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) No later than ~~the Wednesday~~ **seven days** following each election, the election canvass board shall meet in public session and canvass all election returns. The canvass may be postponed for cause from day to day, but there shall be no more than three such postponements. In full view of those present, the election canvass board shall judge the applicability of absentee and questioned ballots, shall open and tally those accepted, and shall compile the total votes cast in the election. The canvass of the ballot vote counted by the precinct election boards shall be accomplished by reviewing the tallies of the recorded vote to check for mathematical error by comparing totals with the precinct’s certificate of results. All obvious errors found by the election canvass in the transfer of totals from the precinct tally sheets to the precinct ballot statement shall be corrected by the canvass board. A mistake that has been made in precinct returns that is not clearly an error in the transfer of the results from the tallies to the ballot statement empowers the canvassing board to recommend a recount of the results of the precinct or precincts for that portion of the returns in question.

Section 2. Amendment: Subsection 1.08.530(a) of the Ketchikan Municipal Code, entitled “Certification of the election results” is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) The council shall meet in public session **no later than the second** ~~first~~ Monday following the election to receive the report of the canvass board. If, after considering the report, the council determines that the election was validly held, the election shall be certified by resolution and entered upon the minutes of the meeting, together with the total number of votes cast for each candidate and for or against each proposition or question.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective one (1) month after its final passage and publication.

PASSED ON FIRST READING_____.

FINAL PASSAGE_____.

David Kiffer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Stanker, MMC
City Clerk