

ORDINANCE NO. 5963

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FGC SECTION 2-396
REGARDING THE FACT FINDING COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, on February 24, 1992, the Fairbanks City Council established a Fact Finding Commission by adopting Ordinance No. 5038; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Commission is to assist the City Council in the investigation, collection, assessment and analysis of any issue referred to the Commission where facts are in dispute or are unknown; and

WHEREAS, the Fact Finding Commission has not been called upon to assist the City Council in many years, and FGC Section 2-396 has not been amended since it was adopted in 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is still considered active, so members and terms must be tracked and maintained on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to lengthen members' terms from two years to five years and eliminate the two alternate positions so that appointments will be needed less frequently and the City will save money on advertising; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the Commission may be better served by a cross-section of members from both inside and outside the city limits, and it has proven difficult to fill vacancies when all positions are limited to City residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows:

SECTION 1. Fairbanks General Code Section 2-396 is hereby amended as follows [new text in **underlined bold** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

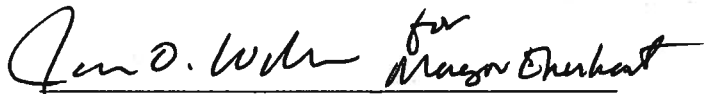
Sec. 2-396. – ~~Created~~Composition.

- (a) ~~There is created a fact finding commission~~ **shall** consisting of five members, serving without compensation, ~~to be~~ appointed by the mayor **and** subject to confirmation by the city council. **At least three** The members of the commission shall be residents of the city. The ~~membership of the~~ commission shall consist of two members who are ~~recognized~~ **experienced** in the fields of law or judicial enforcement and three members from the public at large. The ~~initial chairman and vice-chairman~~ shall be ~~appointed~~ **delected** by **and from the fact finding commission members,** the mayor subject to confirmation by the city council. ~~Of the five members appointed, one shall be appointed to a term expiring December 31, 1992; two shall be appointed to a term expiring December 31, 1993; and two shall be appointed to a term expiring December 31, 1994; thereafter,~~

~~a~~Appointments shall be for ~~two~~five years, except when an interim appointment is necessary to complete the term of a member who resigns, dies or is otherwise removed while in office.

~~(b) The mayor shall also appoint, subject to city council confirmation, two alternates who at the election of the chairman shall sit in the place of any absent regular or otherwise assist the commission as directed by the chairman. One alternate shall be a member who is recognized in the field of law or judicial enforcement, and one alternate shall be a member of the public at large. Of the two alternates, one shall be appointed to a term expiring December 31, 1993, and one shall be appointed to a term expiring December 31, 1994; thereafter, appointments shall be for three years.~~

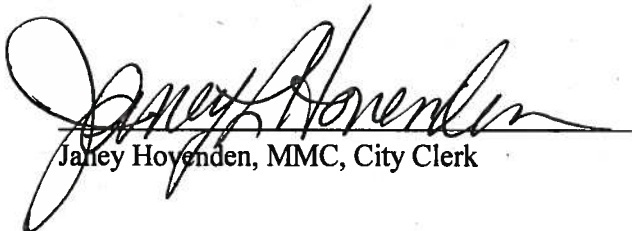
SECTION 2. That the effective date of this Ordinance shall be the 24th day of January 2015.



John Eberhart, City Mayor

AYES: Staley, Matherly, Gatewood, Pruhs, Cleworth
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Walley
ADOPTED: January 19, 2015

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Janey Hovenden, MMC, City Clerk


Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney