

## ARTICLE XI. - ELECTIONS<sup>[4]</sup>

Footnotes:

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**State Law reference**— Elections, Alaska Const. art. V.

Sec. 11.1. - Annual elections: Time.

The regular city elections shall be held annually on the first Tuesday of October, or on such other date as may be fixed by ordinance.

(Prop. A of election 10-1-2013)

**State Law reference**— Change of election date, AS 28.20.010A.

Sec. 11.2. - Annual elections: Mayor and councilmen.

Two (2) councilmen shall be elected annually for three (3) year terms. A mayor shall be elected for a three-year term. If a mayor-elect or a councilman-elect fails to qualify within thirty (30) days after the beginning of his term, his office shall be deemed vacant.

**Editor's note**— This section has been editorially changed at the direction of the city to conform the mayor's term to Charter section 2.1.

Sec. 11.3. - Elections: Candidates, filing.

Any qualified elector who has resided in the city for at least one year may have their name placed on the ballot for election as a candidate for any elective office by filing with the city clerk a sworn declaration of his candidacy. The declaration of candidacy shall be filed not more than ninety days and not less than forty-five days prior to the election.

(Ord. No. 3422, § 1, 8-25-1975; [Ord. No. 6024, §§ 1, 2, 7-25-2016/10-4-2016](#))

Sec. 11.4. - Elections: Qualified voter defined.

Every person who has been a resident of the city for at least thirty (30) days and who is a qualified voter as defined by article V of the Alaska Constitution shall be entitled to vote at any election for which additional qualifications are not required by this Charter. The council may provide by ordinance for pre-registration as a condition to voting.

**State Law reference**— Qualified voter, Alaska Const. art. V, § 1.

Sec. 11.5. - Elections: Conduct of.

The council shall provide by ordinance for the manner of holding and conducting regular and special elections. All elections shall be nonpartisan and by secret ballot.

**State Law reference**— Methods for voting, contests, Alaska Const. art. V, § 3.

Sec. 11.6. - Elections: Canvassing, certificates.

The council shall canvass the returns and declare the results of all elections. The council may delegate this function to a board created by ordinance. The city clerk shall promptly issue certificates of election to all persons elected to office.

Sec. 11.7. - Elections: Determination.

A candidate is elected to a seat when the candidate receives the greatest number of votes cast for that seat. If there is a failure to elect because of a tie the election shall be fairly determined between tied candidates by lot at a city council meeting.

(Ord. No. 4553, § 1, 8-11-1986)

**Editor's note**— Ord. No. 4553, enacted Aug. 11, 1986, repealed former § 11.7, pertaining to runoff elections, and reenacted a new § 11.7, pertaining to electoral ties.

Sec. 11.8. - Elections: Run-off.

A runoff election for the office of mayor shall be held if no candidate receives over forty percent (40%) of the votes cast.

A run-off election shall be held within three (3) weeks after the date of certification of the election for which a run-off is required. Notice of the run-off election shall be published at least five (5) days before the election date. The run-off election shall be between the two (2) candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for mayor.

(Ord. No. 5376, § 1, 11-28-1998/10-5-1999)