Sponsored by: Mayor Eberhart Introduced: February 10, 2014

ORDINANCE NO. 5936, AS AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FGC SECTIONS 2-486 AND 2-487 REGARDING THE CLAY STREET CEMETERY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, in July of 2010, the City Council created the Clay Street Cemetery Commission by passing Ordinance No. 5813 that enacted FGC Sections 2-485 through 2-488; and

WHEREAS, FGC Sec. 2-487, which established the composition of the five-member commission, was amended by Ordinance No. 5821 on November 22, 2010; and

WHEREAS, after the confirmation of the appointments to the Commission, it was determined that not all seated members were residents of the City; 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

WHEREAS, the council believes that the Clay Street Cemetery Commission needs administrative support from city staff and that the appointment of the City Clerk as a liaison would be beneficial; and

WHEREAS, the requirement for recording permanent records or minutes of the meetings was omitted from the originating ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, HEREBY ENACTS the following:

SECTION 1. That Fairbanks General Code Sections 2-486 and 2-487, are hereby amended as follows [new text in **underlined bold** font; deleted text in **strikethrough** font]:

Sec. 2-486. Duties and powers.

The commission shall:

- (a) Advise the council and mayor regarding the restoration, improvement and maintenance of the Clay Street Cemetery.
- (b) Conduct regular public meetings, including public hearings required as a condition of receipt of grants.
- (c) Provide and update a long-term plan for the cemetery.
- (d) If authorized by the city council, convene into executive session in accordance with state law.
- (e) Establish its rules of procedure.

(f) Keep permanent records or minutes of all meetings. The minutes shall promptly be filed in the office of the City Clerk and shall be open to public inspection.

Sec. 2-487. Composition.

The membership of the Clay Street Commission shall be fiveseven members as follows:

- (a) Five Seven voting members, three of whom must be residents of the city, appointed by the city mayor and confirmed by the city council:
 - 1. One member active in the study of Fairbanks history.
 - 2. One member with experience or interest in maintaining the cemetery.
 - 3. Three Five at-large public members or two four at-large public members if a council member is appointed to the commission.
- (b) The City Public Works Director, or designee, shall be an *ex officio* member of the commission.
- (c) The chairperson shall be selected from among the commission's members by the commission.
- (d) The City Clerk shall supply the commission with administrative support.

SECTION 2. That the effective date of this Ordinance shall be the 1st day of March 2014.

John Eberhart, City Mayor

AYES:

Matherly, Hilling, Walley, Staley, Gatewood, Anderson

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

None

ADOPTED:

February 24, 2014

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

aney Hovenden, MMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney