

**ORDINANCE NO. 6212**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FGC SECTION 22-9 BY ADDING  
PROVISIONS FOR CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION  
AND NON-PARTISAN POSITION STATEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, regular City elections are held in conjunction with Borough elections, and the City has sought to keep its election codes and procedures as similar as possible to that of the Borough to ensure consistency for voters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly is considering Ordinance No. 2022-36, which would allow candidates for Borough Mayor, Borough Assembly, School Board, and the Interior Alaska Natural Gas Utility Board (IGU) to provide biographical and non-partisan information to the Borough Clerk's Office for incorporation into a pamphlet; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Clerk's Office receives inquiries from voters every year asking if there is information available about local candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, offering candidates an opportunity to share biographical and non-partisan position statements is a cost-effective way to help educate voters.

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

**Section 1.** That FGC Sec. 22-9, Declaration of candidacy by affidavit, is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font]:

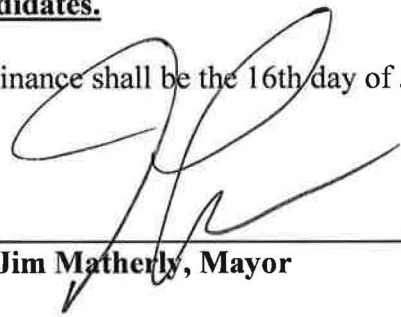
**Sec. 22-9. - Declaration of candidacy by affidavit; candidate biographical information and nonpartisan position statement.**

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- (i) **Qualified candidates for city mayor and city council may provide biographical and non-partisan information in accordance with this section to be compiled by the city clerk into a candidate pamphlet.**
- (j) **On a form prescribed by the city clerk, candidates may submit their biographical information, non-partisan position statement, and recent photograph to the City Clerk's Office. In order to be included in the candidate pamphlet, submissions must be received no later than 5 p.m., ten business days following the close of the filing period for a regular city election and no later than 5 p.m., five business days following the close of the filing period for a special city election.**

- (k) The biographical information may not exceed 150 words. The non-partisan position statement may not exceed 250 words. Articles such as “a,” “an,” and “the” will be counted as words. Biographical information and non-partisan position statements must be typewritten and may be submitted in person, by mail, or electronically.
- (l) Candidate photographs should be a clear image of only the candidate, taken within one year of submission, and be of a quality suitable for reproduction. Photographs may be submitted in person, by mail, or electronically.
- (m) The city clerk shall reject any information or photograph that is not in compliance with this section. The city clerk shall reject any portion of a candidate’s biographical information or position statement deemed by the city clerk to be obscene, libelous, profane, defamatory, or affiliated with any political party.
- (n) The city clerk shall compile and make available to the public a candidate pamphlet containing all information submitted in accordance with this section. The pamphlet will be available to the public no later than 30 days prior to a regular election and no later than 15 days prior to a special election and will, at a minimum, be published on the city website. Paper copies will be available at the City Clerk’s Office.
- (o) The city clerk will add a disclaimer to the candidate pamphlet noting that the candidate information and photograph is presented as submitted by the candidate without any changes to grammar, spelling, or punctuation and that the city has not verified the accuracy of the information provided by candidates.

Section 2. That the effective date of this Ordinance shall be the 16th day of July 2022.




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Jim Matherly, Mayor

AYES: Clark, Rogers, Marney, Therrien, Cleworth, Gibson  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSENT: None  
 ADOPTED: July 11, 2022

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:




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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk




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Paul Ewers, City Attorney