

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL TEMPORARILY EXTENDING ABSENTEE ELIGIBILITY TO ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS VOTING IN THE OCTOBER 6, 2020 CITY OF DILLINGHAM MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, unforeseen circumstances and public emergencies may disrupt the normal administration of an election and changes are necessary to protect the voter franchise, security and privacy of the ballots, and integrity of the election; and

WHEREAS, the current spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and public health advisors on how to protect oneself and the public health have prompted the city clerk to develop additional absentee voting eligibility to address effects of COVID-19 on voters and election workers, and

WHEREAS, DMC 3.50.010 allows qualified voters to vote an absentee ballot if unavoidably absent from the voting precinct on election day or if unable to be present at the polls because of physical disability, and

WHEREAS, temporarily expanding absentee voting eligibility to all qualified voters allows additional opportunity for qualified voters to vote while preserving the health and safety of Dillingham residents, and

WHEREAS, in an emergency the Dillingham City Council authorizes the city clerk to take action to preserve the integrity of the election, while at the same time allowing people to vote who might otherwise not take the opportunity;

NOW, BE IT ENACTED BY THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. Classification. This is a non-code ordinance.

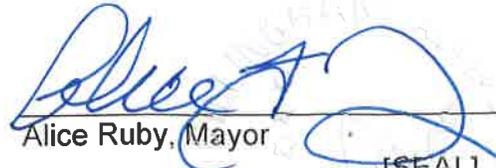
Section 2. Temporary Expansion of Absentee Voting Eligibility. The uncodified law of the City of Dillingham is amended by added a new section to read:

Temporary Expansion of Absentee Voting Eligibility

Any qualified voter may vote an absentee ballot for the precinct in which he resides and is registered if the voter applies for, and is otherwise qualified to receive, an absentee ballot in accordance with DMC 3.50.050 – 3.50.070.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective upon adoption and will remain effective until the results of the October 6, 2020 municipal election are certified in accordance with 3.70.040.

PASSED and ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Dillingham City Council on September 3, 2020.


Alice Ruby, Mayor [SEAL]

ATTEST:

Lori Goodell, City Clerk