

Introduced by: King
Date: July 20, 1982
Hearing: Sept. 7, 1982
Vote: Unanimous
Action: Enacted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

ORDINANCE 82-60

AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ENACTING SECTION 4.12.060 TO PRESCRIBE THE MANNER OF STATING BALLOT PROPOSITIONS IN BOROUGH ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, in the democratic process the people are required to cast their ballots at elections to authorize the expenditure of public monies or to express their approval or disapproval of certain ballot propositions; and

WHEREAS, the matter of clarity and conciseness in ballot propositions is of utmost importance in order that the electorate be apprised of the matter being voted on; and

WHEREAS, persons have lodged complaints that ballot propositions are not always stated in a manner which is understandable and clear regarding the ballot proposition; and

WHEREAS, the electorate should be encouraged to vote rather than discouraged;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That Section 4.12.060 of the Borough Code of ordinances is enacted to read:

4.12.060 Ballot Propositions--Clarity--Conciseness. All ballot propositions shall be stated in a concise and clear language to avoid verbosity and with the object of informing and advising the voter of the issue in a clear and forthright manner. All ballot propositions shall be stated in the affirmative and not the negative so that a yes vote will always mean that the voter approves of the affirmative of a position and not the negative; and a no vote disapproves the affirmative statement of an issue. Ballot propositions shall not be used to obtain a negative result by the casting of a yes vote. Words of multi-syllables will be avoided in ballot propositions, and simple sentences shall be used in preference to complex or compound sentences, with the object of making ballot propositions understandable to the average reader.

Section 2. That this ordinance takes effect on the date of its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ON THIS 7th DAY OF September, 1982.


John C. Davis, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Borough Clerk