Introduced by: Policies & Procedures Committee Date: 12/12/95 Hearing: 1/16/96 Action: Enacted Vote: Unanimous

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 95-41

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ABSENTEE BY MAIL PROCEDURES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That KPC Section 4.80.070 is amended to read:

4.80.070 Absentee voting — By mail.

A. A qualified voter may apply for an absentee ballot by mail if postmarked not earlier than the first of the year in which the election is to be held nor less than seven days before an election. <u>A voter may request his name be placed on permanent absentee by mail status</u>. The application shall include the address to which the absentee ballot is to be returned, the applicant's full Alaska residence address, and the applicant's signature.

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C. Upon receipt of an absentee ballot by mail, the voter, in the presence of a notary public, commissioned officer of the armed forces including the National Guard, district judge or magistrate, United States postal official, or other person qualified to administer oaths, may proceed to mark the ballot in secret, to place the ballot in the small envelope, to place the small envelope in the larger envelope, and to sign the voter's certificate on the back of the larger envelope in the presence of an official listed in this subsection who shall sign as attesting official and shall date his signature. If none of the officials listed in this subsection are reasonably accessible, an absentee voter shall have the ballot witnessed by \underline{a} [2] person[S] over the age of 18 years.

D. An absentee ballot must be marked and attested on or before the date of the election. If the voter returns the ballot by mail, he shall use the most expeditious mail service and mail the ballot not later than the day of the election to the borough clerk. It must be postmarked on or before midnight of election day and received by the clerk no later than the <u>Tuesday</u> [MONDAY] following the election. Ballot envelopes received after that time shall not be opened but shall be marked "invalid, with the date of receipt noted thereon, and shall be preserved with other ballots of the election.

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SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall take effect upon enactment.

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ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 16th DAY OF JANUARY, 1996.

Andrew P. Scalzi, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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