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**KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE NO. FY2022-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH AMENDING  
TITLE 7, ELECTIONS, 7.30.020 PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES.**

**WHEREAS,** The Assembly finds that when an election is held during a disaster or emergency declaration some of the procedures used to conduct the election may need to be adapted to conduct the election in a manner which does not unreasonably endanger the public health and welfare; and

**WHEREAS,** The Assembly finds that the process required may vary based upon the nature of the disaster or emergency, and the transient and variable nature of emergencies or disasters makes it more appropriate to designate the procedures to be followed to respond to the circumstances posed by a particular disaster or emergency declaration in a resolution specific to that election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH** that:

**Section 1:** This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Kodiak Island Borough Code of Ordinances.

**Section 2:** That Section 7.30.020, Precincts and polling places, of the Kodiak Island Borough Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

**7.30.020 Precincts and polling places.**

- A. The precincts established by the state and set forth in the Alaska Administrative Code shall be the precincts for all elections. The clerk shall secure a polling place for each precinct for each election. Whenever practicable, the polling place shall be located within the precinct.
- B. No later than 20 days before each regular and special election, the clerk shall publish in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the borough the locations of the precinct polling places. Such publication shall be repeated at least once no later than the day prior to the election.
- C. If a declaration of a disaster or emergency has been issued by the President of the United States, the Governor of Alaska, or the Emergency Services Council (KIBC 2.110.030) which includes areas within the Kodiak Island Borough, precincts where the voter turnout was less than 100 voters at the last regular election may be designated as "ballot by-mail" precincts by resolution of the assembly. In those precincts, ~~no~~ election officials ~~shall~~ **need not** be appointed. In "ballot by-mail" precincts the procedures outlined in Chapter 7.70 KIBC shall be followed **as modified by the resolution designating the precinct a ballot by mail precinct**

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as needed to accommodate the restrictions created by the declared disaster or emergency. Voters in a "ballot by-mail" precinct wishing to vote early or absentee in person may do so at any designated early voting or absentee voting site. Any precinct designated as a "ballot by-mail" precinct in accordance with the provisions of this subsection will remain a "ballot by-mail" precinct until such time as declared disaster or emergency status has been lifted.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH  
THIS SECOND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021**

KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH

  
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William Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Alise L Rice, Borough Clerk

VOTES:

Ayes: Arndt, Delgado, Kavanaugh, Smith, Symmons, Turner and Williams

Noes:

