

**CITY OF KODIAK
ORDINANCE NUMBER 1429**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KODIAK AMENDING
KODIAK CITY CODE 2.16.068 EARLY VOTING**

WHEREAS, Section 7.50.025 of the Kodiak Island Borough authorizes early in-person voting in a regular or special borough election; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.50.030 of the Kodiak Island Borough authorizes in-person absentee voting in a regular or special borough election; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kodiak and the Kodiak Island Borough coordinate election administration such that polling places in the City of Kodiak used for City elections are also used as polling places for Borough elections; and

WHEREAS, the polling place used by the City of Kodiak would be used as the polling place for early in person voting in Borough elections; and

WHEREAS, the process to receive, account for, and tabulate early in person votes differs from the process to receive, account for, and tabulate in person absentee votes; and

WHEREAS, it would be more efficient to receive, account for and tabulate in person absentee votes in the same manner early in person votes are received accounted for and tabulated; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kodiak, Alaska, as follows:

Section 1: Kodiak City Code Chapter 2.16 is ~~hereby amended by Section 2.16.068~~ is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.16.068 Early voting

~~(a) For 21 days before an election and on election day, a qualified voter who meets the requirements set out in this section may vote in locations designated by the city clerk. Early voting shall be made available in the Borough building and it shall not begin prior to 15 days before a regular or special election. The period for early voting may be extended to up to 21 days before the date of the election by the City Council resolution.~~

(b) The city clerk or other election official shall issue a ballot to the voter upon:

- (1) Exhibition of proof of identification as required in KCC 2.24.160(a);
- (2) Verification that the voter is on the official voter registration list with a residence address within the city; and

(3) The voter's signing the poll registration list.

(c) After the voter has marked the ballot, the voter shall place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve and inform the city clerk or other election official. The voter shall deposit the ballot in the ballot box in the presence of the city clerk or other election official unless the voter requests the city clerk or other election official to deposit the ballot on the voter's behalf.

(d) The period for early voting may be extended to up to ~~35 days~~ twenty-one days before the date of the election by city council resolution. [~~Ord. 1419 §1, 2021~~]

Section 2: Kodiak City Code Chapter 2.16 is hereby amended.

Section 3: This ordinance shall be effective on the date that is one month after final passage and publication in accordance with Kodiak Charter 2-13.



CITY OF KODIAK


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

First Reading: July 14, 2022

Second Reading: August 1, 2022

Effective Date: September 3, 2022