



MEDIA ADVISORY

ELECTION UPDATE AND EXTENDED DEADLINES DUE TO COVID-19

April 1, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Municipal Clerk Barbara Jones announces that the MOA Election Center has received 35,116 ballot envelopes as of April 1.

Municipal Clerk Barbara Jones is encouraged that “Anchorage voters appear to be ‘hunkering down’ and voting because the number of ballots approved for envelope opening six days before the 2020 Election is 140% higher than the numbers of approved envelopes on this date in 2019.” Jones also acknowledged the 2020 envelope numbers are about 90% compared to the record high 2018 numbers. Jones provided a chart comparing the number of voters per day for the last three Vote by Mail-Vote at Home municipal elections.

Jones also announced that she is exercising the emergency powers of the Municipal Clerk, pursuant AMC 28.150.030B., due to the COVID-19 pandemic, to extend the deadline for issuing replacement ballots or ballots to be mailed to a temporary address.

- The Municipal Code specifies that the replacement ballots shall not be issued less than seven (7) days before the election, or by March 31, 2020.
- Jones has extended the deadline for issuing replacement ballots until Friday, April 3 at 5:00 p.m.
- Voters are encouraged to submit their requests to the Voter Hotline at 243-VOTE (8683) by Thursday, April 2 by 5:00 p.m.
 - Alternatively, voters may obtain a replacement ballot at the City Hall Accessible Vote Center from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on weekdays, and from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. on Election Day, April 7.

Requesting a replacement ballot to be mailed, emailed or faxed, by calling 243-VOTE (8683) will allow voters to avoid potential crowds or standing in line at the Accessible Vote Center, yet still allows voters to be able to Vote At Home and return their ballots on or before Election Day.

For more election information, please visit muni.org/elections

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