



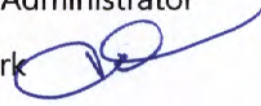
City & Borough of Sitka

Municipal Clerk's Office

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Memorandum

To: Mayor and Assembly
Cc: Thru Mark Gorman, Municipal Administrator
From: Colleen Ingman, Municipal Clerk 
Date: April 23, 2015
Subject: Voting by Mail Temporary Ordinance 2015-22 – Cost Comparisons and Potential Fraud

Cost Comparisons

I don't foresee any additional costs in an all-by-mail election that are not off-set by existing expenditures or budgets.

- No increase in ballot order as we already order enough ballots for every registered voter.
- Increase in postage is off-set by not having to pay as many election workers for 14-17 hour days.
- Increase in annual equipment lease (for ballot scanners), is off-set by not having to pay rent of various buildings to house voting precincts.
- Any special mailing envelopes that may or may not be required are budgeted for and covered in this year's 2015 Fiscal Budget.

Potential Fraud

Our current absentee-by-mail procedure is very secure and doesn't allow for fraud. In my recent research of Washington by-mail procedures I have confidence that voting by mail will still be secure and not allow for fraud. For an example: there are a several cross checks that ascertain that people don't vote more than once and voted ballots are never left alone or transported by any one individual; it always requires at least two people.