

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2026-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL APPOINTING JUDGES AND CLERKS FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON OCTOBER 6, 2026 AND JUDGES TO SERVE ON THE CANVASS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Unalaska City Code § 4.08.020(A) states that before each city election, the City Council shall appoint three election judges to constitute the Election Board, one who is designated the Chair, and may appoint two election clerks; and

WHEREAS, Unalaska City Code § 4.04.050 states that wages for non-employee election judges and clerks shall be established by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Unalaska City Code § 4.08.020(B) states that the City Council will serve as a canvass committee, or may appoint three judges to constitute the canvass committee, who will canvass all votes after the election judges have completed their tally.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Unalaska City Council that the following persons are appointed judges and clerks for the October 6, 2026 General Election and shall attend at the Unalaska Precinct Polling place, namely Unalaska City Hall, at 7:30 a.m. on October 6, 2026 and shall continue until polls close at 8:00 p.m. Thereafter, the judges and clerks shall count and check all votes cast against the poll listed in the manner required by law:

ELECTION BOARD

Judges:

Estkarlen Magdaong, Chair
Yvonne Sabater
Judy Huling

Clerks:

Christy Berikoff
Peter Withers

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following persons are appointed as judges to constitute the Canvass Committee, who shall meet on Friday, October 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., to canvass all votes after the election judges have completed their tally:

CANVASS COMMITTEE JUDGES

Estkarlen Magdaong, Chair
Yvonne Sabater
Shari Coleman

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that non-employee election judges and clerks shall be paid twenty dollars (\$20) per hour.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on September 8, 2026.



Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Estkarlen P. Magdaong, CMC
City Clerk



MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Estkarlen P. Magdaong, City Clerk
Through: Marjie Veeder, Acting City Manager
Date: September 8, 2026
Re: Resolution 2026-53: Appointing Judges and Clerks for the General Municipal Election on October 6, 2026 and Judges to serve on the Canvass Committee

SUMMARY: City Code requires Council to appoint three judges and Council may appoint two clerks to serve as the Election Board for the municipal election to be held on October 6, 2026; and Council is to appoint three judges to serve as the Canvass Committee on October 9, 2026. Resolution 2026-53 accomplishes these mandates.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council adopts a similar resolution for each local election.

DISCUSSION: UCO 4.08.020 requires appointment of three judges and states council may appoint two clerks to serve as the Election Board, and allows for the City Clerk to appoint additional clerks should the need arise.

City Council is to act as the Canvass Committee or may appoint three judges to constitute the Canvass Committee, which is the option typically taken. Traditionally, one Council member serves on the Canvass Committee and this year Shari Coleman has agreed to serve in this capacity.

Additionally, Code states that Council determines the rate of pay for non-employee election workers by resolution. Resolution 2026-53 sets the hourly rate of pay at \$20 per hour. The City Clerk feels this rate of pay is fair and reasonable, as it matches what the State of Alaska, Division of Elections pays their election workers, and the Clerk's Department budget contains sufficient funds to cover the expense.

ALTERNATIVES: None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Pay for non-employee election workers is included in the Clerk's Office FY27 budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 2026-53.

PROPOSED MOTION: This is a consent agenda item and will be included in the motion to adopt the consent agenda.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS: I concur with the Staff Recommendation.