

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: October 30, 2019  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: November 25, 2019

Presented By:  
City Clerk

Action Taken:  
Yes 5  
No 0  
Abstain 0

**CITY OF NOME  
ORDINANCE NO. 19-10-01 (Amended)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 7 TO DETERMINE A SUFFICIENT PLURALITY  
AND REDEFINING A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES REQUIRED TO HOLD PUBLIC  
OFFICE IN NOME**

**WHEREAS**, Nome Code of Ordinances requires candidates for elected office to receive a majority of votes cast to hold elected office; and,

**WHEREAS**, Nome Code of Ordinances currently defines a majority as 50 percent plus at least one vote; and,

**WHEREAS**, if no candidate receives a sufficient majority a runoff election is held; and,

**WHEREAS**, there have been four runoff elections in the past ten years, none of which changed the outcome of the October Municipal Elections; and,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOME:**


**Section 1. Amendment of Section 7.25.140.** Section 7.25.140 of the Code of Ordinances of Nome, Alaska is hereby amended to read as follows: [underlined material is added, ~~strike-out~~ material is deleted]:

**7.25.140 Insufficient Plurality**

No person may hold the office of mayor of Nome, Nome school board, Nome joint utilities or the Nome common council as a result of any election, regular or special, without receiving a majority of the votes cast for the office. A majority is defined as ~~fifty~~ forty percent plus at least one vote. In the event that no single candidate receives a majority, the two candidates receiving the most votes in the regular election shall have a run-off election on the first Tuesday of the month following the subject election to establish a winner. In the case of special election, the two candidates receiving the most votes shall have a run-off no more than thirty days subsequent to the special election. (Ord. O-93-6-6 § 1 (part), 1994)

**Section 15. Effective Date.** This ordinance is effective upon passage but the ordinance shall not be enforced until receiving preclearance review by the United States Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

**APPROVED and SIGNED** the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

  
**RICHARD BENEVILLE**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
**CHRISTINE PISCOYA**  
Deputy City Clerk