

Assemblymember Hale

Ordinance 23-089

Our code already requires that the planning commission be apportioned so that the number of members from home rule and first class cities reflects the borough population residing in home rule and first class cities located in the borough. This is a requirement of state law. With 7 seats that means that one member must be from Wasilla or Palmer.

What our code doesn't have is that the member from Wasilla or Palmer must be selected by the Mayor from a list from the city council.

The intent of this amendment is to keep the Planning Commission at 7 members and simply put into code that when considering the member from Palmer or Wasilla, the Mayor appoints from a list submitted by the city council.

I move to amend Ordinance Serial No. 23-089 as follows:

First, to strike all references to 9 seats and keep the current 7 seats.

Second, in Section 10 of the ordinance, to keep the majority vote at 4.

Third, to strike Section 8 of this ordinance and replace it with:

Section 8. Amendment of Section. MSB 15.08.020 is amended to read as follows:

15.08.020 APPOINTMENTS.

The mayor shall make appointments subject to confirmation by the assembly, **except that a member from the City of Wasilla or the City of Palmer shall be selected from a list of recommendations submitted by the city council and subject to confirmation by the Assembly.** Representation from as many assembly districts as is feasible shall be sought on the commission, but all commission members shall be appointed for their expertise and knowledge of the community and shall represent the entire borough.