



**FNSB Code 5.16.050 Informational insert for initiatives and referendums.**

- A. At least 15 days prior to each regular election or special election the borough clerk shall publish an insert in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner containing information approved by the assembly of a strictly factual nature pertaining to each initiative or referendum on the ballot, except as provided below in this section. Sample ballots may also be included in the insert. All information published will be displayed on the public borough website.
- B. Statements advocating voter approval or rejection of initiatives or referendums may be included in the informational insert in accordance with this subsection.
  - 1. The clerk may include statements advocating voter approval and rejection of initiatives or referendums in the election insert. The clerk shall offer authorship of the statement advocating voter approval of an initiative or referendum in the following order: to the sponsors, to an APOC-registered person or organization with the identified purpose of supporting the initiative or referendum, an individual or organization with a publicly stated interest in supporting the initiative or referendum. The clerk shall offer authorship of the statement advocating voter rejection of an initiative or referendum first to an APOC-registered person or organization with the identified purpose of opposing the initiative or referendum, then to an individual or organization with a publicly stated interest in opposing the initiative or referendum. To the extent more than one person or organization meets the criteria for authorship, preference should be given in the following order: first an APOC-registered local organization, then an APOC-registered local person, then an Alaskan organization, then an Alaskan individual.
  - 2. The clerk will establish a deadline for the submission of a statement under this section. A statement advocating voter approval and rejection must be received by the clerk by the established deadline date.
  - 3. A statement submitted under this section may not exceed 500 words. Articles such as “a,” “an,” and “the” will be counted as a word.
  - 4. A statement submitted under this section must include a signer bloc located at the bottom of the statement. The signer bloc must include no more than three signers. Any signers more than the allotted three will be considered endorsements and included in the text of the statement and counted against the 500-word limit. Signers must include the signers’ full names and organizations, if any.
  - 5. Signers shall sign a form prepared by the clerk indicating that the signers participated in the drafting of the statement.
  - 6. **The clerk will not release statements until all statements regarding the question have been received in final form and have gone to the printer.**
  - 7. The clerk may appoint a coordinator for the drafting of statements under this section.
  - 8. Statements must be accepted by the clerk in order to be published.
  - 9. The clerk will add a disclaimer to each initiative or referendum noting the text of the ballot proposition is presented as submitted by the petition sponsors. The clerk will add a disclaimer to each statement noting the information is the opinion of the author(s) and has been reproduced as submitted, without any changes to grammar, spelling or punctuation.

The presentation order for each initiative or referendum shall be:

    - a. Text of the ballot proposition or sample ballot;
    - b. Proposition summary approved by the assembly of a strictly factual nature;
    - c. A statement advocating voter approval; and
    - d. A statement advocating voter rejection.
  - 10. Each statement accepted under this section shall appear in the insert with a title identifying it either as a statement advocating voter approval or a statement advocating voter rejection. If a statement is not timely submitted or accepted by the clerk then the insert shall indicate under the statement title that no eligible statement advocating that position was submitted. (Ord. 2015-59 § 2, 2015; Ord. 2015-35 § 2, 2015; Ord. 2013-55 § 3, 2013)

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**IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ THE ABOVE FNSB CODE AND  
VERIFY THE FOLLOWING PRIOR TO TURNING IN YOUR STATEMENT**

Deadline to submit statement is **Thursday, August 24, 2017** by 5:00 p.m.

- ( ) Did you count the number of words in your statement (not to exceed 500)? How many words? \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) Did all author(s) sign their full name at the bottom of the statement as required?  
*(Any signers more than the allotted three (3) will be counted against the 500-word limit. See paragraph B(4) above.)*
- ( ) Did you include the organization name at the bottom of the statement, if applicable?