

CITY OF KENAI PROPOSITION SUMMARY

PROPOSITION NO. 2026-B ANNUAL ELECTIONS - TIME

Setting the Fixed Date for the Annual City General Election in 2026, Removing the Fixed Election Date beginning in 2027 and Authorizing the Annual General Election Date to be Set by Municipal Ordinance thereafter.

Proposition No. 2026-B: Charter Amendment Setting the Fixed Date for the Annual City General Election in 2026, Removing the Fixed Election Date beginning in 2027 and Authorizing the Annual General Election Date to be Set by Municipal Ordinance thereafter.

Ballot Question:

Shall Section 10-1, Annual Elections - Time, of the Charter of the City of Kenai be amended to change the fixed date of the annual City General Election for 2026 to the same date as the current annual election date of the Kenai Peninsula Borough and State of Alaska and thereafter remove the fixed date of the annual City General Election from Charter and authorize the City Council to establish the annual election date by ordinance beginning in 2027.

Proposed Charter Amendment: New Text Underlined; [DELETED TEXT, SMALL CAPS AND BRACKETED]

Section 10-1 Annual Election - Times, of the Charter of the City of Kenai

There shall be no primary election, but only a general election, herein also called general election, for the election of a Mayor and other Councilmembers. [SUCH] The 2026 general election shall be held on the first Tuesday [IN OCTOBER] following the first Monday in November [OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR]. Thereafter, all future general election dates shall be set by ordinance.

YES - A "YES" vote would amend the Charter as described above.

NO - A "NO" vote would defeat the amendment described above.

Summary of Amendment:

This amendment would set the date for the City's 2026 annual General Election to the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November, and delete from the City Charter the fixed date in which future annual City elections must be held.

If approved, this Charter amendment would authorize the City Council after the 2026 annual General Election to set the date of the annual City General Election in the City's Municipal Code. Any future change to the annual election date, such as alignment with the Kenai Peninsula Borough or State of Alaska election, could then be made by ordinance without requiring additional charter amendments or the need for calling a Special Election.