



April 26, 2020

Dear Citizen of Valdez,

The City of Valdez Clerk's office would like to reassure registered voters that, even with current events, the May 5, 2020 Valdez Municipal Election is currently proceeding as scheduled. We are working diligently to provide a safe process for our voters and election workers on Election Day. I assure you, every voter will have the opportunity to safely cast their ballot in the upcoming municipal election.

Due to social distancing guidance and other concerns related to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, **I strongly encourage eligible voters to consider voting by absentee ballot.**

For your convenience, an absentee ballot request form is included with this letter. If you are a registered Valdez voter and wish to vote absentee, please carefully follow the directions outlined on the enclosed form. Please return your ballot request form via mail or email to the City Clerk's office no later than Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

Your ballot will be issued upon receipt of a completed absentee ballot request form. Once you receive your ballot, **please follow the included instructions carefully.** If you are returning your ballot by mail, please allow plenty of time for the post office to deliver your ballot to City Hall prior to the close of polls on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. In addition, for your convenience, a secure absentee ballot drop box will be located in the foyer of City Hall.

We will accept **voted** absentee ballots via mail or electronic transmission through the close of election polls on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

If you need further assistance or have questions regarding the upcoming municipal election, please contact Election Official Katie Carr in the City Clerk's office at [kcarr@valdezak.gov](mailto:kcarr@valdezak.gov) or (907) 835-4313.

Sincerely,

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC  
City Clerk  
City of Valdez, Alaska