

Introduced by: Mayor Pruhs\*  
Councilmember Marney  
Councilmember Ringstad  
Councilmember Sprinkle  
Councilmember Cleworth  
Councilmember Tidwell  
Councilmember Therrien  
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Date: August 25, 2025

**ORDINANCE NO. 6325, AS AMENDED**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE  
SECTION 2-63, SUCCESSION TO OFFICE OF ACTING MAYOR, AND  
SECTION 2-64, SALARY OF ACTING MAYOR**

WHEREAS, AS 29.20.280 and Section 4.1.3 of the City of Fairbanks Charter defines when a vacancy in the Office of the Mayor occurs; and

WHEREAS, both AS 29.20.280 and Section 4.1.3 of the Charter require the Council to fill a vacancy in the Office of the Mayor occurring within six months before a regular election; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks General Code Sec. 2-63 and 2-64 refer to the Office of the Acting Mayor, but the process for unanticipated succession of the mayor is not clearly defined; and

WHEREAS, the City needs clear succession procedures should the mayor be unable to perform the duties of the office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows:**

**SECTION 1.** Fairbanks General Code Section 2-63 is hereby amended as follows [new text in bold/underline font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

**Sec. 2-63. - Succession to office of ~~acting~~ mayor pro tempore.**

Should the office of ~~acting~~ the mayor become vacant, ~~or should both the mayor and acting mayor be absent or unable to perform the duties of the office of mayor~~ as defined in the Charter at Section 4.1.3, the order of interim succession shall be determined as follows:

- (1) The Chief of Staff councilmember with the longest total period of tenure in office shall assume the office of mayor pro tempore until the office of the mayor has been filled by the council or by special election.
- (2) ~~Should more than one councilmember have the same total period of tenure in office, that councilmember who received the largest plurality at the time of his more recent election shall assume the office of mayor pro tempore.~~

**SECTION 2.** Fairbanks General Code Section 2-64 is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

**Sec. 2-64. -- Salary of acting mayor.**

The acting mayor shall receive the same salary as other councilmembers; however, during the period when he is acting as the mayor, he shall receive an expense allowance of \$10.00 per day.


**SECTION 3.** The effective date of this ordinance is six days after adoption.



David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES: Cleworth, Sprinkle, Tidwell, Marney, Ringstad, Therrien  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ADOPTED: September 29, 2025

ATTEST:

  
D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney