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ITEM TITLE:

#16-10 - Amending Chapter 2.06 of the Valdez Municipal Code by Creating Section 2.06.020 Titled Compensation. Second Reading. Adoption.

SUBMITTED BY: Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A
Unencumbered Balance: N/A
Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

No recommendation from administration. This item was placed on the agenda by Council member Smith and Council member Fleming.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

In compliance with Section 3 (B) of the City Council Policies and Procedures, two council members have requested an ordinance authorizing compensation for the mayor and council members be placed on the city council agenda for consideration by the governing body.

The City Charter authorizes establishing compensation for the mayor and council members by ordinance. However, no increase in compensation shall take effect until the council meeting following the first general city election after the increase (or established) compensation is ordered. Therefore, the ordinance would take effect on May 16, 2017.

At the regular municipal election of May 3, 2016, an advisory question was placed before the voters on the question of providing compensation in the form of a stipend to be paid to the mayor in an amount not to exceed $125.00 per regular meeting and a stipend to be paid to council members in an amount not to exceed $100.00 per regular meeting. The advisory vote results were 346 votes against providing compensation verses 342 votes in favor of providing compensation. The purpose of an advisory question is to solicit opinion from the voters, it shall not bind the council to prohibit, initiate or repeal legislation.

Ordinance #16-10 provides compensation for the mayor in an amount not to exceed $125.00 per regular city council meeting and $100.00 per regular city council meeting for council members. The ordinance provides an option for the mayor or a council member to decline the stipend by filing a

form with the City Clerk.