



**CITY OF THORNE BAY  
RESOLUTION 26-03-03-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA, DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL ELECTION PURSUANT TO AS 29.20.280(b)

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2026, the City Council of the City of Thorne Bay accepted the resignation of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Alaska Statutes 29.20.280(b), if more than six months remain in the term of office, “the assembly shall call a special election to be held not later than six months after the vacancy occurs”; and

WHEREAS, more than six (6) months remain in the unexpired term of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the vacancy occurred on February 3, 2026, the date the resignation was accepted by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City of Thorne Bay to hold a Special Election no sooner than forty-five (45) days and no later than seventy-five (75) days after the approved authorization to conduct a special election to ensure adequate notice, candidate filing time, and orderly administration of the election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA:

**Section 1. Declaration of Vacancy.**

The City Council hereby formally declares a vacancy in the office of Mayor effective February 3, 2026.

**Section 2. Call for Special Election.**

Pursuant to AS 29.20.280(b), the City Council hereby calls a Special Election to fill the vacancy in the office of Mayor.

**Section 3. Election Timeline.**

The Special Election shall be held no sooner than forty-five (45) days and no later than seventy-five (75) days following March 3, 2026. The election date shall therefore occur between April 17, 2026, and May 17, 2026, and in all cases shall be held not later than six (6) months after the vacancy occurred, as required by law.

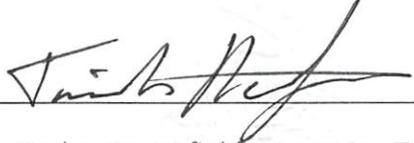
**Section 4. Authorization of the City Clerk.**

The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to conduct this Special Election in accordance with Alaska law, the Thorne Bay Municipal Code, and applicable election procedures, including but not limited to setting the specific election date within the required timeframe, establishing candidate filing periods, publishing required notices, appointing election officials, and certifying the results.

**Section 5. Effective Date.**

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Thorne Bay, Alaska, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026.



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Timber Pesterfield, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:



Caitlyn Sawyer, City Clerk