

# KETCHIKAN CHARTER COMMISSION

## AGENDA STATEMENT

NO       H-2 (f)      

MEETING OF June 18, 2004

ITEM TITLE Amend Article III, Section 3.03 –  
Ordinances – Emergency SUBMITTED BY Harriett  
Edwards, Borough Clerk

### SUMMARY STATEMENT

Borough Clerk, Harriett Edwards, has made suggestions to amend the Draft Charter in a number of different areas.

Article III, Section 3.03 reads:

An emergency ordinance is an ordinance which, in the judgment of the Assembly, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, and which should become effective immediately without a second reading. Every such ordinance shall contain, as a part of its title, the words, "and declaring an emergency"; and in a separate section, herein called the emergency section, shall declare the emergency. An affirmative vote of at least \*\* five \*\* members of the Assembly shall be required for the final passage of an emergency ordinance. An emergency ordinance is repealed by resolution or automatically expires in sixty days.

Clerk Edwards suggests that the “five” should be revised to two-thirds (2/3) because of reasons previously stated (see Section 2.09 above).

As amended, Article III, Section 3.03 would read: “An emergency ordinance is an ordinance which, in the judgment of the Assembly, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, and which should become effective immediately without a second reading. Every such ordinance shall contain, as a part of its title, the words, "and declaring an emergency"; and in a separate section, herein called the emergency section, shall declare the emergency. An affirmative vote of at least **two-thirds (2/3) of the** members of the Assembly shall be required for the final passage of an emergency ordinance. An emergency ordinance is repealed by resolution or automatically expires in sixty days.”

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

“I move to change “five” members to **two-thirds of the** members in Article III, Section 3.03.”

