KETCHIKAN CHARTER COMMISSION

AGENDA STATEMENT

NO _____H-2 (k)_____

MEETING OF June 18, 2004

ITEM TITLE Amend Article XI, Section 11.02 – Notice of Bond Election 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 XI, Section 11.02 (a) reads:

Before holding any election required by this article, the Assembly shall cause a notice of election to be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality. The first publication shall be at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of election. For elections approving the issuance of general-obligation bonds or revenue bonds the notice shall contain the following information:

Ms. Edwards suggests that the wording should be revised to read: "Before holding any election required by this article, the Assembly shall cause a notice of bond indebtedness to be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality. ..."

The "notice of election" as commonly used is where the public is advised of the offices that will be on the ballot; any propositions that will be on the ballot; and information about polling places and absentee voting. The notice required by Section 11.02 is something entirely different. The section title should be changed to "**Notice of Bond Indebtedness**."

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

"I move to amend the first sentence of Article XI, Section 11.02 (a) as indicated in bold above, as well as changing the title of the section to read "Notice of Bond Indebtedness."