KETCHIKAN CHARTER COMMISSION

AGENDA STATEMENT

NO _____H-2 (m)_____

MEETING OF **June 18, 2004**

ITEM TITLE Amend Article XVI, Section 16.01 – Personal Financial Interest; Nepotism
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 XVI, Section 16.01 (a) reads:

Prohibition. An elected municipal officer may not participate in any official action in which the officer or a member of the officer's household has a substantial financial interest unless, after disclosure of the interest, the officer's participation is approved in public meeting by the presiding officer or a majority of the body. Municipal officials shall publicly disclose their substantial financial interests as required by law. The Assembly, by ordinance, shall adopt procedures dealing with conflicts of interest on the part of municipal employees**.**

Clerk Edwards suggests that the words in the first sentence, "the presiding officer or" should be deleted.

She explained the reason for the change by saying that rather than placing the burden on the presiding officer to determine a conflict of interest, let the body decide.

If amended, the first sentence of Section XVI, Section 16.01 (a) would read: "**An elected municipal officer may not participate in any official action in which the officer or a member of the officer's household has a substantial financial interest unless, after disclosure of the interest, the officer's participation is approved in public meeting by a majority of the body**…"

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

"I move to amend Article XVI, Section 16.01 (a) as indicated above in bold."