



BALLOT REVIEW

Prepared by the League of Women Voters of Anchorage for the

Anchorage Regular Municipal Election, Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Assembly • School Board • Bond Propositions • Charter Amendments • Ordinance

Election Day
Tuesday
April 2, 2019

This is a VOTE BY MAIL ELECTION and traditional polling places will not be available.

Ballot packages will be mailed March 12, 2019 to qualified voters in the Municipality of Anchorage at their address of record with the State of Alaska Division of Elections. Ballot packages will not be forwarded by the U.S. Postal Service.

For the Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Regular Municipal Election, qualified voters within the Municipality of Anchorage will:

- Elect five Assembly and two School Board members and
- Vote areawide on seven bond propositions, three Charter amendments and an ordinance.
- Voters residing in some service areas will also elect members to their respective service area boards.

Vote by Mail is as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Vote your ballot, filling in the ovals completely. Place your voted ballot in the enclosed security envelope and place the security envelope in your ballot return envelope. (Only one ballot per return envelope.)
2. Sign the voter declaration on the back of your ballot return envelope.
3. Return your ballot envelope in one of three ways: 1) place your ballot in a Secure Drop Box (muni.org/elections/dropbox), 2) through the mail with the U.S. Postal Service or 3) turn it in to an Accessible Vote Center (muni.org/elections/AVC).

Learn more by calling 907-243-VOTE (8683), emailing elections@muni.org or visiting muni.org/elections. There are answers to a number of Frequently Asked Questions online at muni.org/electionsFAQ.

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All ballots must be returned in one of three ways: 1) to a Secure Drop Box on or before 8:00 pm on Election Day, Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 2) postmarked on or before Election Day, or 3) received at an Accessible Vote Center on or before closing (individual AVC hours vary and may be viewed at muni.org/elections/AVC).



This **Ballot Review** presents information about the ballot measures and bond propositions, as well as contact information for the candidates for Assembly and School Board.

The **Notice of Election** was published in the *Anchorage Daily News* Friday, February 15, 2019 and will be published again on **Monday, April 1, 2019**. It is online at muni.org/elections. The notice will list Assembly, School Board and Service Area Candidates, Accessible Vote Centers and Secure Drop Box hours and locations, and the text of the ballot propositions. The **Notice of Bonded Indebtedness** will be published in the *Anchorage Daily News* on **Sunday, March 3, 2019** and on **Monday, April 1, 2019**.

Who may vote?

Anyone registered to vote in Alaska by March 3, 2019, and who has lived within the Municipality of Anchorage for at least 30 days before Election Day may vote in this election.

Voting Options Prior to Election Day and on Election Day

Voting begins when you receive your ballot package. You may vote at home, vote in-person at an Accessible Vote Center, request a ballot to be mailed to a Temporary Address, request to Vote by Fax or request to vote by email.

Applications to vote at a Temporary Address or applications to Vote by Fax or by email must be received by the Clerk's Office by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. Applications received after 5:00 pm on March 26, 2019 will be processed subject to availability of staff and resources until 5:00 pm on Monday April 1, 2019. **Applications are available at muni.org/elections or by calling 907-243-VOTE (8683).**

Voting on Service Area Bonds

Bond-related projects such as roads and parks are organized into service areas with various geographic boundaries; only taxpayers in those service areas pay for the bonded projects. Even so, State law requires a pledge of the "full faith and credit" of the whole Municipality, which means that a bond proposition in a service area must be approved by a majority of voters throughout the Municipality as well as by a majority of voters in the service area.

For example, all qualified voters vote on the Anchorage Road and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA) bonds but only taxpayers in the ARDSA pay for them. In this election, this applies to Propositions 4 (ARDSA – Roads), 5 (APRSA – Parks), 6 (AFSA – Fire) and 7 (AMPASA - Police). Other bond related projects like Propositions 1 (Schools), 2 (Areawide Safety) and 3 (Areawide Facilities) are funded areawide and paid for by all Anchorage taxpayers.

Voting for Candidates

Qualified voters residing in the Municipality of Anchorage may vote for a candidate listed by filling in the oval next to the name, or writing in the name of a person qualified to hold that office and filling in the oval next to the write-in name. Assembly members are elected to designated seats. All School Board members are elected at large, meaning each member represents all areas of the Municipality but are elected to designated seats. Assembly and School Board candidates win with a simple majority. Candidates' names appear in random order on the ballot.



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Accessible Vote Centers offer the following services, where voters can:

- Return a ballot
- Replace a lost or damaged ballot
- Receive a ballot package if they did not receive one in the mail
- Receive voting assistance
- Register to vote
- Vote a questioned ballot

Accessible Vote Center Locations

View a map of Accessible Vote Center locations at muni.org/elections/AVC. Call 907-243-VOTE (8683) for more information.

Location	Dates	Hours
Z. J. Loussac Library 3600 Denali Street, First Floor, Assembly Chambers <i>All Municipal ballots will be available at this location.</i>	Weekdays, March 25 – April 1 Saturday, March 30 Sunday, March 31	10:00 am – 6:00 pm 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Noon – 5:00 pm
	Tuesday, April 2 – Election Day	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Eagle River Town Center <i>Same building as the Library</i> 12001 Business Blvd., Community Room #170 <i>Only Chugiak-Eagle River ballots will be available at this location.</i>	Weekdays, March 25 – April 1	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
	Tuesday, April 2 – Election Day	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
O'Malley's on the Green 3651 O'Malley Road <i>All Municipal ballots will be available at this location.</i>	Weekdays, March 25 – April 1	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
	Tuesday, April 2 – Election Day	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Anchorage City Hall 632 West 6 th Avenue, Room 155 <i>All Municipal ballots will be available at this location.</i>	Weekdays, March 25 – April 1	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
	Tuesday, April 2 – Election Day	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
MOA Election Center 619 E. Ship Creek Ave., Suite 100 at Door D (on the east side of the building) <i>All Municipal ballots will be available at this location.</i>	Weekdays, March 25 – April 1	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
	Tuesday, April 2 – Election Day	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Muldoon Mall <i>NEW Pilot Location</i> 1251 Muldoon Road <i>All Municipal ballots will be available at this location.</i>	Weekdays, March 25 – April 1	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
	Tuesday, April 2 – Election Day	8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Secure Drop Box Locations

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(Other locations may be added if possible)

Location	Location
Anchorage School District Education Center , 5530 East Northern Lights Blvd.	Service High School , 5577 Abbott Road
Bartlett High School , 1101 Golden Bear Drive	Spenard Community Recreation Center , 2020 West 48th Avenue
Clark Middle School , 150 Bragaw Street	UAA Alaska Airlines Center , 3550 Providence Drive
Dimond High School , 2909 West 88th Avenue	Eagle River Town Center , 12001 Business Boulevard
Fairview Community Recreation Center , 1121 East 10th Avenue	Girdwood Community Center , 250 Egloff Drive
Loussac Library , 3600 Denali Street	South Anchorage High School , 13400 Elmore Road

Candidates for Assembly

District 2 - Seat A - Eagle River/Chugiak

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Prop. 1 - \$59,113,000 Anchorage School District Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay for educational capital improvements, construction, upgrades, design, planning, renovation and earthquake recovery of school facilities and educational facility building life extension projects. More information about these bonds is available at asdk12.org or 907-742-4153.

For property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$13.35 to retire the debt. There are no new costs for operation and maintenance (O&M).

Property owners throughout the Municipality would be taxed for these bonds.

Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
ROOF PROJECTS (PLANNING, DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION)		
Aurora Elementary School Roof Restoration	\$ 150,000	-
Eagle River Elementary School Roof Replacement	6,118,000	-
Government Hill Elementary School Roof	6,201,000	-
Orion Elementary School Partial Roof Replacement	7,528,000	-
Taku Elementary School Roof Replacement & Restoration	4,885,000	-
Subtotal – Roof Projects	\$24,882,000	
MECHANICAL PROJECTS (PLANNING, DESIGN, & CONSTRUCTION)		
Aurora Elementary School Boiler Replacement	\$ 1,015,000	-
Bayshore Elementary School Boiler Replacement	1,092,000	-
Bear Valley Elementary School Domestic Water Improvement	3,164,000	-
Subtotal - Mechanical Projects	\$ 5,271,000	

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
SAFETY & CODE UPGRADES (PLANNING, DESIGN, & CONSTRUCTION)		
O'Malley Elementary School Deferred Requirements	\$ 4,298,000	-
Homestead Elementary School Safety Improvements	4,392,000	-
Subtotal – Safety & Code Upgrades	\$ 8,690,000	
SCHOOL ENTRYWAY SECURITY/SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS (PLANNING, DESIGN, & CONSTRUCTION)		
Districtwide elementary schools	\$12,641,000	-
Subtotal – Safety & Code Upgrades	\$12,641,000	
PLANNING & DESIGN FOR 2020 DEFERRED REQUIREMENT PROJECTS		
Chugiak High School Roof Replacement Planning & Design	\$ 1,586,000	-
Planning & Design for 2020 Deferred Requirement Projects	2,043,000	-
Subtotal – Safety & Code Upgrades	\$ 3,629,000	
EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY		
Eagle River and Chugiak area schools	\$ 4,000,000	-
Subtotal – Earthquake Recovery	\$ 4,000,000	
Total Proposition	\$59,113,000	

(AO 2019-19)

Prop. 2 - \$5,936,000 Areawide Public Safety and Transit Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay to upgrade the Anchorage Area-Wide Radio Network infrastructure; acquire new ambulances, replace cardiac monitors, upgrade transit facilities, acquire and replace transit facilities, upgrade infrastructure and undertake bus stop improvements and school safety zone improvements.

For property assessed at \$100,000, estimated costs are \$1.34 to retire the debt and an annual increase in the municipal tax cap of \$0.02 to pay for additional operation and maintenance costs (O&M) of \$6,000.

Property owners throughout the Municipality would be taxed for these bonds.

Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Anchorage Area-Wide Radio Network Infrastructure Upgrade	\$2,950,000	\$ 6,000
Fire Ambulance Replacement	700,000	-
Fire Lifepack 12 Cardiac Monitors Replacement	280,000	-
Bus Stop Improvements	76,000	-
C St and 7th Ave Bus Stop Improvement	200,000	-
Capital Vehicle Maintenance	40,000	-
ITS/Automated Operating Systems	400,000	-
Support Equipment	40,000	-
Transit Facility Rehab/Upgrades	390,000	-
Transit Fleet Vehicle Replacement	360,000	-
School Zone Safety	500,000	-
Total:	\$5,936,000	\$6,000

(AO 2019-1)



Prop. 3 - \$5,513,000 Areawide Facilities Capital Improvement Project Bonds

These bonds would pay for areawide facilities capital improvements, including roof replacements, HVAC, safety and code improvement projects, elevator modernization and bathroom renovations to public facilities in the Municipality. For property assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$1.25 to retire the debt. There are no new costs to operations and maintenance (O&M)

Property owners throughout the Municipality would be taxed for these bonds.



Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Anchorage Municipal Cemetery Renovations	\$ 350,000	-
Anchorage Senior Center Facility Renovations	2,222,000	-
Chugiak Senior Center Facility Renovations	791,000	-
Facility Safety/Code Upgrades at Fleet Maintenance Building and West High Pool	490,000	-
Girdwood Library Rehabilitation and Upgrades	135,000	-
Loussac Library Elevator Modernization	950,000	-
Mountain View Library Safety Rehabilitation and Upgrades	75,000	-
Porcupine Building Roof Replacement	500,000	-
Total:	\$5,513,000	

(AO 2019- 4)

Prop. 4 - \$33,240,000 Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area Road and Storm Drain Bonds

These bonds would pay for roads and storm drainage capital acquisition, construction, renovation, upgrades and related capital improvements in the Anchorage Road and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA).

For property in the ARDSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$9.53 to retire the debt and an annual increase in the municipal tax cap of \$0.77 to pay for annual operation and maintenance costs of \$207,000 (O&M).

Only property owners in the ARDSA would be taxed for these bonds. The ARDSA includes much of the Anchorage Bowl. It does not include Girdwood, Eagle River/Chugiak and most of the Hillside. However, because State law requires the full faith and credit of the whole Municipality to be pledged for these bonds, passage requires approval by voters residing in the entire Municipality as well as by voters in the ARDSA.

Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
120th Ave Upgrade – Johns Rd to Old Seward Highway	\$1,000,000	-
15th Ave Surface Rehab – Minnesota to Gambell	500,000	-
4th Ave Signals and Lighting Upgrade – A St to E St	3,000,000	-
Academy Dr/Vanguard Dr Area Traffic Circulation Improvements - Brayton Dr to Abbott Rd	3,000,000	-
ADA Improvements	500,000	2,000
Alaska Railroad Crossing Rehabs	500,000	20,000
Anchorage Signal System, Signage, and Safety Improvements	250,000	5,000
ARDSA Alley Paving	300,000	-
ARDSA Street Light Improvements	250,000	-
Campbell Woods Subd Area Road and Drainage Improvements	4,000,000	-
Chester Creek Flooding Culvert Acquisition	200,000	-
Commercial Dr Surface Rehab– 3rd Ave to Mountain View Dr	500,000	-
E. 68th Ave/Greenwood Dr Area Drainage Improvements	300,000	-

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Fairview Community Council Area – Signature Street Signal Installation	40,000	-
Flooding, Glaciation, and Drainage Annual Program	1,400,000	15,000
Four Seasons Mobile Home Park Area Storm Drain Improvements	400,000	-
Image Dr/Reflection Dr Area Road Reconstruction	2,000,000	-
Intersection Resurfacing	100,000	-
Intersection Safety and Congestion Relief Annual Program	250,000	-
Kwik Log Subdivision Area Surface Rehab	150,000	-
Lois Drive Survey and Design	500,000	-
Low Impact Development Annual Program	250,000	-
Mesquite Cir and E 80th Ave Area Lighting Improvements	500,000	-
Old Seward Hwy Surface Rehab – Tudor Rd to International Airport Rd	500,000	-
Pedestrian Safety and Rehab Annual Program	1,000,000	75,000
Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) and Subbase Rehabilitation	600,000	60,000
Reka Dr Southside Separated Pedestrian Facility and Storm Drain Replacement Bragraw St to Pine St	5,200,000	-
Road and Storm Drain Improvements Annual Program	1,000,000	15,000
Sound Barrier/Retaining Wall Replacement	250,000	-
Storm Drain Condition Assessment and Rehabilitation Program	1,000,000	-
Tall Spruce/Whitehall/Crawford/Terry Resurfacing	300,000	-
Ticia Circle and Ashley Circle – Road and Drainage Design	500,000	-
Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements	500,000	15,000
Tudor Centre Dr/Diplomacy Dr Area Resurfacing	2,500,000	-
Total	\$33,240,000	\$207,000

(AO 2019-5, As Amended)

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Prop. 5 - \$3,950,000 Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay to renovate and rehabilitate trails and parks, make playground, parking, safety, ADA and park improvements at various parks and recreational facilities, and make related capital improvements in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area (APRSA).

For property in the APRSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$1.03 to retire the debt and an annual increase in the municipal tax cap of \$0.62 to pay for additional operation and maintenance costs of \$182,000.

Only property owners in the APRSA would be taxed for these bonds. The APRSA includes most of the Anchorage Bowl and most of the Hillside. There would be no cost to property owners in Eagle River/Chugiak, Birchwood, Peters Creek, Eklutna, Girdwood, Indian, Bird Creek and portions of Glen Alps, Rabbit Creek and Bear Valley. However, because State law requires the full faith and credit of the whole Municipality to be pledged for these bonds, passage requires approval by voters residing in the entire Municipality as well as by voters in the APRSA.

Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Campbell Creek Trail Rehabilitation & Way Finding	\$ 750,000	\$ 38,000
Chester Creek Complex Facility Safety, Security, and ADA Upgrades	400,000	26,000

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Cuddy Family Midtown Park Warming Facility	250,000	10,000
Dave Rose Park Parking Lot Expansion	50,000	12,000
Elderberry Park Master Plan Implementation	500,000	30,000
Facility Safety Upgrades	200,000	6,000
Government Hill Community-wide Park Plan and Improvements	150,000	6,000
Hamilton Park Trail and Playground Renovation	200,000	8,000
Northeast Connector Trail	300,000	12,000
Russian Jack Springs Park Safety and ADA Improvements	350,000	14,000
Tikishla Park Improvements	400,000	16,000
Ure Park Improvement	100,000	4,000
William B. Lyons Park Playground Installation	300,000	-
Total:	\$3,950,000	\$182,000

(AO 2019-2)

Prop. 6 - \$3,400,000 Anchorage Fire Service Area Fire Protection Bonds

These bonds would pay for capital improvements related to fire protection within the Anchorage Fire Service Area (AFSA).

For property in the AFSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.82 to retire the debt. There are no new costs for operation and maintenance (O&M).

Only property owners in the AFSA would be taxed for these bonds. The AFSA includes the Anchorage Bowl, Eagle River and most of the Hillside. There would be no cost to property owners in Chugiak, Birchwood, Peters Creek, Girdwood and portions of Glen Alps and Rabbit Creek. However, because State law requires the full faith and credit of the whole Municipality to be pledged for these bonds, passage requires approval by voters residing in the entire Municipality as well as by voters in the AFSA.

Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Decontamination and Rehabilitation Vehicle	\$ 350,000	-
Fire Air Resources Equipment Replacement	2,250,000	-
Fire Engine Replacement	800,000	-
Total:	\$3,400,000	-

(AO 2019-3)

Prop. 7 - \$3,500,000 Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area Facilities Bonds

These bonds would pay for capital improvements related to the remodel of the APD Elmore Facility to expand the crime lab and evidence area and other certain capital improvements in the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area (AMPSA).

For property in the AMPSA assessed at \$100,000, estimated annual costs are \$0.81 to retire the debt. There are no new costs for operation and maintenance (O&M).

Only property owners in the AMPSA would be taxed for these bonds. The AMPSA includes areas north of McHugh Creek (other than Fire Island). There would be no cost to property owners in Girdwood, Bird, Indian, Rainbow, Portage and other areas outside the service area. However, because State law requires the full faith and credit of the whole Municipality to be pledged for these bonds, passage requires approval by voters residing in the entire Municipality as well as by voters in the AMPSA.

Projects expected to be funded include, but are not limited to:

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
APD Elmore Facility Evidence/Crime Lab Remodel	\$3,500,000	-
Total:	\$3,500,000	-

(AO 2019-6)

Proposition No. 8

Approving Easements To Allow The Use Of A Portion Of Frontierland Park And A Portion Of Goose Lake Park For The Ongoing Operation By Chugach Electric Association, Inc. Of Existing Municipal Light And Power (ML&P) Substations And Power Lines After The Sale Of The Assets Of ML&P To Chugach.

On December 28, 2018, the Municipality and Chugach Electric Association, Inc. (Chugach) executed transaction documents governing the sale of the assets of ML&P to Chugach.

Among ML&P's assets are two substations located on dedicated municipal parkland: (1) a substation located on a portion of Frontierland Park (which has been in operation since prior to the park's dedication in 1971), and (2) a substation located on a portion of Goose Lake Park (which has been in operation since 1985).

The Municipality seeks to convey these two substations, along with related land-use rights, to Chugach as a part of the sale. Pursuant to Municipal Charter and Code, conveyance of any portion of dedicated municipal parkland — including a long-term utility easement — requires voter approval.

If this ballot proposition is approved:

- Chugach can obtain long-term utility easements for the two ML&P substations
- the portion of each park occupied by electrical infrastructure will not be increased
- existing recreational facilities at the parks will not be impacted, and
- if the substations are dismantled any point in the future, use of the land will revert to the Municipality.

Shall the Municipality of Anchorage issue long-term easements to Chugach Electric Association, Inc. (Chugach), as a part of the sale of the assets of Municipal Light and Power (ML&P) to Chugach, allowing Chugach to continue to operate existing substations and associated power lines on dedicated parkland within Frontierland Park and Goose Lake Park? Goose Lake Park and Frontierland Park recreational facilities will not be impacted by these easement agreements. The agreements would transfer to Chugach the exclusive right to use, operate, improve, and maintain presently existing substations and power lines within the parks. There is no cost to the taxpayers of these easements, and no expansion of the area currently occupied by electrical infrastructure is approved through this ballot proposition. (AO 2019-8)



Proposition No. 9

Charter Amendment Retail Sales Tax On Alcoholic Beverages Dedicating The Revenue To Health And Public Safety Uses

This proposition would amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter by adding a new section 14.07 to read as follows:

Section 14.07 Alcoholic beverages retail sales tax.

- The assembly is hereby authorized to levy a five percent (5%) tax on all retail sales of alcoholic beverages. The tax levy shall be effective January 1, 2020.
- The net receipts from the retail sales tax on alcoholic beverages, after payment of the costs of administration, collection and audit to the municipality, are dedicated to alcohol and substance misuse prevention and treatment, community behavioral health programs, public safety, and homelessness prevention and response, including abatement of prohibited campsites.
- The assembly may direct the use of net receipts from the tax to support securing or repaying obligations by or on behalf of the municipality in order to finance projects for purposes described in subsection (b).
- The assembly shall enact such additional provisions, not inconsistent with this section, as necessary or desirable to implement this section. The assembly may prescribe exemptions to the tax imposed by this section by ordinance.

And by amending Anchorage Municipal Charter, Article II (4), and Charter §14.01(b) as follows (underlined and bolded words are proposed new words; ~~strikeouts in bold~~ are proposed deletions):

ARTICLE II BILL OF RIGHTS

This Charter guarantees rights to the people of Anchorage that are in addition to rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Alaska. Among rights guaranteed by this Charter are: ...

- The right of immunity from sales taxes, except upon approval by three-fifths (3/5) of the qualified voters voting on the question, except the ~~taxes~~ imposed by Charter ~~§ Section~~ 14.05 and § 14.07 shall be effective if approved by a majority (50 percent + one) of the qualified voters voting on the question.

Section 14.01 Taxing Authority

...

- Unless otherwise provided in this Charter, no sales tax ordinance is valid until ratified by three-fifths (3/5) of those voting on the question at a regular or special election, except the ~~taxes~~ imposed by Charter § 14.05 and § 14.07 shall be effective if approved by a majority (50%+ one) of the qualified voters voting on the question.

If approved by a majority of the voters voting on the question at the April 2, 2019 Regular Election, the amendments to the Charter above shall be effective upon certification of the election.

Shall the Anchorage Municipal Charter be amended as set forth above, and the 5% retail sales tax on alcoholic beverages be approved? (AO 2018-104)

Proposition No. 10

Charter Amendment

Peace Officer Enforcement Of Laws Related To Abandoned And Junk Vehicles

This proposition would amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter to permit municipal peace officers to enforce municipal laws relating to abandoned and junk vehicles. The Charter currently requires that enforcement of "vehicle violations" in Anchorage be performed only by officers of the Anchorage Police Department, with some specific exceptions. This proposition would allow municipal peace officers to also enforce laws relating to abandoned and junk vehicles only. Such laws include those that authorize the flagging and removal of vehicles, the imposition of fines, and recovery of storage and towing costs. The proposition would not permit peace officers to enforce other laws related to vehicle violations.

Specifically, this proposition would amend sections 21.01 and 21.02 of the Charter to read as follows (**Underlined and bolded words** are proposed new words; ~~strikeouts~~ are proposed deletions):

Section 21.01. Vehicle violation enforcement.

...

(d) The Municipality may, by ordinance only, delegate enforcement of ordinances relating to abandoned and junk vehicles to municipal employees designated as peace officers by the mayor in accordance with law.

Section 21.02. Prohibited vehicle impound, towing and transportation from public streets and emergency exception.

No vehicle may be impounded, towed, or transported from upon the public streets in the Municipality of Anchorage without the written permission of either the owner or the operator of the vehicle, a valid court order, or unless an impound notice is placed on the vehicle by: a police officer qualified as set forth in Section 21.01 above, **a designated peace officer as authorized in Section 21.01 above,** or **[by]** other employees of a Police Department as may be delegated by ordinance. This shall not prohibit necessary emergency action in the event that a vehicle presents an immediate threat to life or public safety.

Shall the Charter be amended as set forth above? (AO 2019-7, as amended)

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Monday, April 1, 2019.



Proposition No. 11

Charter Amendment

All Lease-Purchase Agreements To Voters, If Not Subject To Future Assembly Appropriation

This ballot proposition will, if passed, amend Municipal Charter to:

- (1) bring the Charter in line with state law; and
- (2) permit the Municipality to acquire property through lease-purchase agreement only if:
 - (a) voters approve the lease-purchase agreement, or
 - (b) the future Assemblies retain control, through the annual appropriation process, over whether to make payments.

Currently, Section 13.08(b) of the Anchorage Municipal Charter provides for the acquisition of capital improvements through long-term lease purchase agreements, with the limitation that lease purchase agreements for capital improvements valued in excess of \$1,000,000 are subject to voter approval. The existing \$1,000,000 threshold is arbitrary and not tied to any legal standard.

The amendment will bring the Charter into alignment with governing state law, specifically the Alaska Supreme Court's decision in Carr- Gottstein Properties v. State, 899 P.2d 136 (Alaska 1995), which provides that local governments may enter lease-purchase agreements without voter approval for assets at any dollar amount, so long as the choice of whether or not to make any future lease payment remains subject to the discretion of the then current Assembly, i.e., subject to annual appropriation by the Assembly. The change also assures that lease-purchase agreements for any dollar amount which are not subject to annual appropriations by the Assembly must be approved by the voters—affirming that only voters can create real, general-obligation "debts."

This proposition would amend an existing provision of the Anchorage Municipal Charter that relates to "lease-purchase agreements." A typical lease-purchase agreement allows a tenant, at the end of the lease term, to buy a property the tenant was leasing, with some or all of the tenant's lease payments credited toward the purchase price. The Charter currently provides that lease-purchase agreements for the Municipality to acquire a capital improvement valued at more than \$1 million must receive voter approval.

This amendment would clearly establish the rule that the Assembly may not, without voter approval, obligate future Assemblies, in a manner similar to a general obligation bond, to make payments under a lease-purchase agreement to acquire a capital improvement valued at any amount. But it would permit the Municipality to enter into lease-purchase agreements, so long as the choice of whether or not to make any particular lease payment remains subject to the discretion of the then-current Assembly.

Specifically, this proposition would amend section 13.08 of the Charter to read as follows (**underlined and bolded words** are proposed additions; bracketed ~~strikeouts~~ are proposed deletions; unaffected sections are omitted, as indicated by asterisks):

Section 13.08. Administration of the budget.

...

(b) The assembly by ordinance may authorize a contract, lease or obligation requiring funds from future appropriations. **Unless payments are subject to annual appropriation by the Assembly, a[A]** lease purchase agreement with respect to acquisition of a capital improvement [~~valued in excess of \$1,000,000.00~~] is not valid until approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question.

Shall the Anchorage Municipal Charter be amended as proposed above? (AO 2019-10)





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