



BALLOT REVIEW

Election Day
Tuesday
April 7, 2020

Prepared by the League of Women Voters of Anchorage for the

Anchorage Regular Municipal Election, Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Assembly • School Board • Propositions • Charter Amendments • Ordinance

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

Ballot packages will be mailed March 17, 2020 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 7, 2020, Regular Municipal Election, qualified voters within the Municipality of Anchorage will:

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



⇒ Voting by Mail or Voting at Home is as easy as 1-2-3!

Voters should follow the instructions included in the ballot package and follow these three steps:

1. Vote your ballot, filling in the ovals completely. Be sure to vote both sides of both "cards" for each ballot – a total of four pages. 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) send the ballot through the mail with the U.S. Postal Service using first class postage - approximately \$0.70, or 3) bring it in to an Anchorage 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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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* Sunday, February 9, 2020, and Sunday, February 23, 2020, and will be published again on Sunday, April 5, 2020. It is online at muni.org/elections. The notice will list Assembly, School Board and Service Area Candidates, Anchorage Accessible Vote Centers and Secure Drop Box hours and locations, and the text of the ballot propositions. The **Notice of Bonded Indebtedness** was included in the **Notice of Election**.

Who may vote?

Anyone registered to vote in Alaska by March 8, 2020, 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 Anchorage 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 31, 2020. Applications to Vote by Fax or by Email received after 5:00 pm on March 31, 2020 will be processed subject to availability of staff and resources until 5:00 pm on Monday April 6, 2020. **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.

Another way of stating this would be to say: All bonds are paid for areawide by property taxpayers, except those in Service Areas. For example, all qualified voters vote on the Anchorage Road and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA) but only taxpayers in the ARDSA pay for them. In this election, this applies to Propositions 3 (ARDSA - Roads & Drainage), 4 (AFSA - Fire Service Area), 5 (APRSA - Parks & Rec), 6 (AMPASA - Police), and 10 (GVSA- Girdwood Valley). Other bond related projects like Propositions 1 (Life/Safety Access Roads), 2 (Schools), 7 (Facilities), and 8 (Public Safety and Transit) are paid for by property owners throughout the Municipality.

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. Service Area Candidates must file a declaration of candidacy, even as a write-in, at least seven days before the election. 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.



Traditional polling places will not be available.

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

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

Call 907-243-VOTE (8683) for more information.

View a map of Anchorage Accessible Vote Center locations at muni.org/elections/AVC

Anchorage Accessible Vote Center Locations

<p>Z. J. Loussac Library 3600 Denali Street, First Floor, Assembly Chambers <i>All Municipal ballots will be available at this location.</i> Weekdays, March 30 – April 3, 10am – 6pm Saturday, April 4, 10am – 6pm Sunday, April 5, Noon – 5pm Election Day, April 7, 7am – 8pm</p>	<p>O'Malley's on the Green 3651 O'Malley Road <i>All Municipal ballots will be available at this location.</i> Weekdays, March 30 – April 3, 10am – 6pm Election Day, Tuesday, April 7, 7am – 8pm (Closed on weekends.)</p>	<p>MOA Election Center 619 East 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 30 – April 3, 9am – 4pm Election Day, April 7, 7am – 8pm (Closed on weekends.)</p>
<p>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 30 – April 3, 8am – 5pm Election Day, April 7, 7am – 8pm (Closed on weekends.) Use Bus Route 92</p>	<p>Anchorage City Hall 632 West 6th Avenue, Room #155 <i>All Municipal ballots will be available at this location.</i> Weekdays, March 30 – April 3, 8am – 5pm Election Day, April 7, 7am – 8pm (Closed on weekends.) Use Bus Routes 10, 11, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 41, 92</p>	<p>Muldoon Mall 1251 Muldoon Road <i>All Municipal ballots will be available at this location.</i> Weekdays, March 30 – April 3, 10am – 6pm Election Day, Tuesday, April 7, 8am – 8pm (Closed on weekends.) Use Bus Routes 10, 25, 30, 31,</p>

Secure Drop Box Locations

Secure Ballot Drop Boxes are open 24/7 beginning March 17, 2020 - April 7, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

View a map of Secure Drop Box locations at muni.org/elections/dropbox. Call 907-243-VOTE (8683) for more information.

Location	Location
Anchorage Police Department Elmore Facility, 4501 Elmore - New location!	Girdwood Community Center, 250 Egloff Drive
Anchorage School District Education Center, 5530 East Northern Lights Boulevard Use Bus Route 10	Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street
Bartlett High School, 1101 Golden Bear Drive Use Bus Route 25	MOA Election Center, 619 E. Ship Creek Avenue
Begich Middle School, 7440 Creekside Center Drive Use Bus Route 30	O'Malley's on the Green, 3651 O'Malley Road - New location!
City Hall, 632 West 6th Avenue Use Bus Routes 10, 11, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 41, 92	Service High School, 5577 Abbott Road
Clark Middle School, 150 Bragaw Street Use Bus Routes 20, 21	Spenard Community Recreation Center, 2020 West 48th Avenue
Dimond High School, 2909 West 88th Avenue Use Bus Route 65	South Anchorage High School, 13400 Elmore Road
Eagle River Town Center, 12001 Business Boulevard Use Bus Route 92	UAA Alaska Airlines Center, 3550 Providence Drive Use Bus Routes 10, 20, 55
Fairview Community Recreation Center, 1121 East 10th Avenue Use Bus Route 11	West High School, 1700 Hillcrest Drive Use Bus Route 40

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Proposition 1 - \$1,110,000 Life/Safety Access Roads Improvement Bonds

These bonds would provide funds to construct and maintain life/safety access roads, including pre-construction design work to construct a new segment of Boundary Avenue, a new segment of Mountain Air Drive and a new segment of Kullberg Drive and related capital improvements.

For property in the Municipality of Anchorage assessed at \$100,000 (based on 2020 assessed valuation), annual costs are \$0.25 to retire the debt. There are no additional operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

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
Pre-construction design work to construct a new segment of:		
Boundary Ave. (to connect it to Centennial Circle)	\$ 500,000	-
Mountain Air Drive (over Little Rabbit Creek)	110,000	-
Kullberg Drive (connecting it to Seika Drive)	<u>500,000</u>	-
(AO 2020-2, As Amended)	Total: \$1,110,000	

Proposition 2 - \$82,833,000 Anchorage School District Capital Improvements Bonds

These bonds would pay for capital improvements for Anchorage School District ("ASD") schools as outlined below.

For property in the Municipality of Anchorage assessed at \$100,000 (based on 2020 assessed valuation), the annual costs are \$18.45 to retire the debt. There are no additional operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

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

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

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Capital Improvement Projects		
Inlet View Elementary School Replacement Design	\$ 3,346,000	-
Aquarian Charter School Capital Improvements	<u>6,800,000</u>	-
Subtotal – Capital Improvement Projects	\$10,146,000	

Earthquake Recovery Projects (Planning, Design & Construction)

Bartlett High School Earthquake Recovery	\$ 2,813,000	-
East High School Earthquake Recovery	11,266,000	-
King Tech High School Earthquake Recovery	380,000	-
Fire Lake Elementary School Earthquake Recovery	435,000	-
Chugiak Elementary School Earthquake Recovery	832,000	-
Bear Valley Elementary School Earthquake Recovery	685,000	-
Chugiak High School Earthquake Recovery	1,097,000	-
Eagle River High School Earthquake Recovery	4,501,000	-
Mirror Lake Middle School Earthquake Recovery	725,000	-

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Dimond High School Earthquake Recovery	\$ 3,352,000	-
Central Middle School Earthquake Recovery	632,000	-
Whaley School Earthquake Recovery	<u>208,000</u>	-
Subtotal – Earthquake Recovery Projects	\$26,926,000	

Earthquake Recovery & Educational Improvement Projects (Planning, Design & Construction)

Gruening Middle School Earthquake Recovery & Educational Improvements	\$39,300,000	-
Eagle River Elementary School Earthquake Recovery and Program	<u>3,210,000</u>	-
Subtotal – Earthquake Recovery & Educational Improvement Projects	\$42,510,000	

Planning & Design for 2022 Deferred Requirement Projects

Planning & Design for 2022 Deferred Requirement Projects	<u>\$ 3,251,000</u>	-
Subtotal – Safety & Code Upgrades	\$ 3,251,000	

Total \$82,833,000

(AO 2019-145)





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Proposition 3 - \$43,000,000 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 (based on 2020 assessed valuation), annual costs are \$12.19 to retire the debt and an annual increase in the municipal tax cap of \$1.15 to pay for annual operation and maintenance costs (O&M) not to exceed \$313,000. 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.

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.

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

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
2 nd Avenue/Nelchina St Area Storm Drain Improvements Phase 11	\$ 400,000	-
36 th Ave Resurfacing – Old Seward Highway to Lake Otis Pkwy	3,000,000	-
88 th Ave Surface Rehab – Abbott Road to Lake Otis Pkwy	500,000	-
Academy Dr/Vanguard Dr Area Traffic Circulation Improvements – Brayton Dr to Abbott Rd	1,500,000	-
ADA Improvements	500,000	\$2,000
Alaska Railroad Crossing Rehabs	250,000	-
ARDSA Alley Paving	300,000	-
ARDSA Street Light Improvements	500,000	-
Boundary Ave Surface Rehab – Oklahoma St to Muldoon Rd	500,000	-
Chester Creek Flooding – Lagoon to A St	1,700,000	-
Commercial Dr Surface Rehab – Post Rd to Mountain View Dr	4,000,000	-
Downtown Lighting and Signals Upgrades	1,500,000	-

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Flooding, Glaciation, and Drainage Annual Program	\$1,000,000	\$15,000
Greenbelt Dr Reconstruction	500,000	-
Image Dr/Reflection Dr Area Road Reconstruction	3,500,000	20,000
Intersection Resurfacing	150,000	-
Lake Otis Pkwy Surface Rehab – Abbott Rd to Huffman Rd	500,000	-
Lakehurst Dr Area Drainage Improvements Phase IV	200,000	-
Low Impact Development Annual Program	250,000	-
Old Seward Hwy Surface Rehab – Tudor Rd to International Airport Rd	2,000,000	-
Pavement and Subbase Rehabilitation	1,000,000	60,000
Pedestrian Safety and Rehab Annual Program	1,000,000	75,000
Pleasant Valley Subdivision Area Road and Drainage Rehab	3,500,000	34,000
Road and Storm Drain Improvements Annual Program	1,000,000	15,000
Sound Barrier/Retaining Wall Replacement	250,000	-
Sperstad Subdivision Area Road Reconstruction	500,000	-
Storm Drain Condition Assessment and Rehabilitation Program	1,000,000	-
Tasha Dr Reconstruction	500,000	-
W 32 nd and E 33 rd Ave Upgrades – Spenard Rd to Old Seward Highway	2,500,000	57,000
West Anchorage Snow Disposal Site	700,000	-
Zodiak Manor Subd Area Surface Rehab Phase 1	300,000	-
Anchorage Signal System, Signage, and Safety Improvements	500,000	5,000
Lore Rd Traffic Calming – Sandlewood Pl to Lake Otis Pkwy	300,000	-
Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements	500,000	30,000
Northern Lights Blvd Chester Creek Culvert Replacement	<u>6,700,000</u>	-
Total:	\$43,000,000	\$313,000

(AO 2020-6)

Proposition 4 - \$2,050,000 Anchorage Fire Service Area Fire Protection Bonds

These bonds would pay for acquiring a replacement fire ladder truck, making Anchorage Fire Department facility improvements, and expanding the shop in the Anchorage Fire Service Area (AFSA).

For property in the AFSA assessed at \$100,000 (based on the 2020 assessed valuation), annual costs are \$0.49 to retire the debt. There are no additional operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

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
AFD Facility Improvements	\$ 200,000	-
Fire Ladder Truck Replacement	1,400,000	-
Shop Expansion	<u>450,000</u>	-
Total:	\$2,050,000	

(AO 2019-152)



Proposition 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 (based on the 2020 assessed valuation), annual costs are \$1.02 to retire the debt and an annual increase in the municipal tax cap of \$0.66 to pay for additional operation and maintenance costs not to exceed \$197,000.

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	\$ 600,000	\$ 30,000
Chanshtnu Muldoon Park, Phase II	450,000	23,000
Chester Creek Complex Facility Safety, Security, and ADA Upgrades	200,000	10,000
Dave Rose Park Parking Lot Expansion	300,000	15,000
Elderberry Park Master Plan Implementation	250,000	12,000
Facility Safety Upgrades	100,000	5,000
Far North Bicentennial Park Trail Safety Upgrades	50,000	2,000
Government Hill Park and Trail Improvements	100,000	6,000
Playground Development	600,000	30,000
Russian Jack Springs Park Safety and ADA Improvements	300,000	15,000
Taku Lake Park	500,000	25,000
Tikishla Park Improvements	250,000	12,000
University Lake Park	<u>250,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>
(AO 2019-150)	Total: \$3,950,000	\$197,000

Proposition 6 - \$2,400,000 Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area Facility Bonds

These bonds would pay for new Anchorage Police Department replacement fleet vehicles and undertaking other certain capital improvements in the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area (AMPSPA).

For property in the AMPSPA assessed at \$100,000 (based on the 2020 assessed valuation), annual costs are \$0.55 to retire the bonds and an increase in the municipal tax cap of approximately \$0.09 to pay for annual operation and maintenance costs (O&M) not to exceed \$30,000.

Only property owners in the AMPSPA would be taxed for these bonds. The AMPSPA 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 AMPSPA.

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

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
APD New/Replacement Fleet Vehicle	<u>\$2,400,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>
(AO 2019-151)	Total: \$2,400,000	\$30,000

Proposition 7 - \$5,375,000 Areawide Facilities Capital Improvement Project Bonds

These bonds will pay for capital improvements to areawide public facilities, including the Anchorage Senior Activity Center and Chugiak-Eagle River Senior Center Improvements Phase II; and the Loussac and Mt. View libraries. The proposed improvements include building safety rehabilitation and upgrades, facility renovations, code improvement projects, elevator modernization, ADA compliance, seismic modifications and other capital improvements.

For property assessed at \$100,000 (based on the 2020 assessed valuation), annual costs are \$1.20 to retire debt and an increase in the municipal tax cap of approximately \$0.15 to pay for an annual amount not to exceed \$52,000 to pay for associated annual operations and maintenance costs (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 Senior Activity Center Improvements	\$2,750,000	\$30,000
Chugiak-Eagle River Senior Center Phase II and III	960,000	22,000
Facility Safety/Code Upgrades	490,000	-
Loussac Library Building Safety Rehabilitation and Upgrades	1,100,000	-
Mountain View Library Safety Rehabilitation and Upgrades	<u>75,000</u>	<u>-</u>
(AO 2019-154, As Amended)	Total: \$5,375,000	\$52,000

Proposition 8 - \$5,095,000 Areawide Public Safety and Transit Capital Improvement Bonds

These bonds would pay to upgrade the Anchorage Area-Wide Radio Network infrastructure, acquire new replacement ambulances, replace cardiac monitors, make improvements to transit vehicles and support equipment, upgrade automated operating system/management information systems and undertake bus stop improvements and related capital improvements.

For property assessed at \$100,000 (based on the 2020 assessed valuation), costs are \$1.13 to retire the bonds. There are no additional operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

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
Public Safety and Emergency Medical Service		
Anchorage Area-Wide Radio Network Infrastructure Upgrade	\$1,300,000	-
Fire Ambulance Replacement	1,400,000	-
Fire Lifepack 12 Cardiac Monitors and Lucas CPR Chest Compression Systems Replacement	400,000	-
Public Transportation		
ITS/Automated Operating System/Management Information Systems	676,000	-
Transit Facilities, Centers, and Bus Stop Improvements	730,000	-
Transit Fleet/Support Equipment/Support Vehicle Replacement & Expansion	<u>589,000</u>	<u>-</u>
(AO-2019-153)	Total: \$5,095,000	



Proposition 9 - Areawide Emergency Medical Supplies and Systems Special Levy and Reduction of Voter Approved Indebtedness

This proposition, if passed, would allow the Municipality to levy \$830,000 annually as a special tax, as described in Anchorage Municipal Charter section 14.03(b)(3), dedicated to pay the costs of renting or leasing emergency medical equipment and systems such as cardiac monitors, chest compression systems, automated external defibrillators (AEDs), power gurney systems, and other emergency medical equipment.

To purchase the equipment using the proceeds of general obligation bonds, rather than lease it, bonds in the principal amount of not less than \$11,260,533.94 would have to be issued over the next ten years. This proposition will eliminate that need. If passed, this proposition would eliminate \$400,000 from the principal amount of indebtedness that could be authorized by the separate "Areawide Public Safety and Transit Capital Improvement Bonds" proposition, included as Proposition 8 on this ballot. It would also reduce the principal amount of indebtedness authorized by voters in 2019 by \$280,000.

By leasing rather than purchasing emergency medical equipment, the three fire departments, Anchorage Fire Department, the Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department, and the Girdwood Volunteer Fire Department, can deploy a standard uniform set of equipment across the municipality, acquire necessary gurneys and data systems, and "refresh" equipment in a standard and dependable manner.

For property within the Municipality of Anchorage assessed at \$100,000 (based on 2020 assessed valuation), annual costs are approximately \$2.40. There are no additional operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

Property owners throughout the Municipality of Anchorage would be taxed for this proposition.

(AO 2020-3)

Proposition 10 - \$2,200,000 Girdwood Valley Service Area Facilities Bonds

These bonds would provide funds to construct a new community building to replace Glacier City Hall and Little Bears facility and related capital improvements in the Girdwood Valley Service Area (GVSA). For property in the GVSA assessed at \$100,000 (based on 2020 assessed valuation), annual costs are \$28.70 to retire the debt. The proposed bonds will not increase the maximum attainable GVSA mill rate. There are no additional operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

Only property owners in the GVSA would be taxed for these bonds without cost to properties in Anchorage, Chugiak, Eagle River and other areas outside the GVSA. 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 GVSA.

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

Project	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Replace Glacier City Hall and Little Bears Facilities	\$2,200,000	-
Total:	\$2,200,000	

(AO 2020-1)

Proposition 11 - Allowing On-Site Consumption Of Marijuana By Smoking Or Inhalation Per Applicable Law In Licensed Retail Marijuana Stores With An Endorsement For An On-Site Consumption Area

This proposition would make it legal for licensed retail marijuana stores with a license and special land use permit endorsement approved by the Municipality and the State of Alaska to allow their customers to consume marijuana bud or flower by inhalation or smoking in their marijuana consumption areas. Currently it is legal for only edible marijuana products to be consumed in marijuana consumption areas.

As of October 2019 applicable law includes the following requirements for marijuana consumption areas where smoking or inhalation is allowed:

- Shall be separated by a secure door from the retail store or in sight-obscured outdoor areas.
- Shall only be accessible from the retail marijuana store premises.
- The odor of marijuana is not allowed to be detected by a person with a normal sense of smell at any lot line.
- A smoke-free area for employees shall be provided, to monitor the marijuana consumption area at all times to ensure consumption is in compliance with applicable law.
- Signs in the consumption area warning that marijuana
 - o has intoxicating effects,
 - o impairs concentration, coordination and judgment, and not to operate a vehicle or machinery under its influence,
 - o has health risks,
 - o use is restricted to adults twenty-one years and older,
 - o should not be used by women who are pregnant or breastfeeding,
 - o is unlawful to consume in public,
 - o is prohibited by federal law to transport or carry on the Alaska waterways, including by cruise ships, or by air carrier,

- o is prohibited by federal law to transport or ship outside of the State of Alaska, and
- o is unlawful to provide to persons under the age of 21.

In addition, if this proposition is approved the Anchorage Municipal Code will be amended as provided in AO 2019-103(S), As Amended, to add these additional legal requirements or restrictions:

- Up to one gram of marijuana bud or flower may be sold by a licensed retail store to any one person per day for on-site consumption.
- The operating plan submitted with an application for an on-site consumption endorsement shall include plans for immediate cessation of smoking and inhalation use by persons in the consumption area, extinguishment of lighted marijuana, and rapid clearing of visible smoke in case of emergency circumstances.
- Additional signs required in the consumption area or at its entrance access:
 - o "Drive under the influence – lose your car" and describing applicable penalties.
 - o "Exposure to secondhand marijuana smoke may be harmful to your health, have intoxicating effects, and cause a positive drug test result."
- Amendments to the Secondhand Smoke Control Ordinance, AMC Chapter 16.65, that
 - o Excepts approved on-site consumption areas from the prohibitions on smoking in enclosed public places and enclosed areas that are places of employment,
 - o Implements the smoke-free area requirements for employees to monitor the consumption area consistent with the requirements of AMC chapter 10.80,
 - o Prohibits employees from entering the marijuana consumption area when in use for smoking, except in emergency circumstances, and
 - o Incorporates by reference the ventilation requirements of AMC sections 10.80.306 and 21.05.055 for the consumption area.

Shall it be legal in the Municipality for licensed retail marijuana stores to allow marijuana consumption by smoking or inhalation in on-site consumption areas?

(AO 2019-103(S) As Amended)



Proposition 12 - Charter Amendment To Require 12 Assembly Members And 2 Members For Each Assembly District

This proposition would amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter sections 4.01 and 4.04, as follows (underlined and bolded words are proposed new words; ~~strikeouts in bold~~ are proposed deletions):

Section 4.01. - Power, composition and apportionment.

The legislative power of Anchorage is vested in an assembly of 12 ~~11~~ members. There shall be six e(E)lection districts; each [-if established-]; shall have two assembly members, and they shall be formed of compact and contiguous territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socioeconomic area. ...

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Section 4.04. - Presiding officer, meetings and procedures.

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(e) Seven ~~Six~~ members of the assembly shall constitute a quorum; however, a smaller number may recess from time to time and compel the attendance of absent members as prescribed by assembly rule.

If approved by a majority of the voters voting on the question at the April 7, 2020 Regular Election, the amendments to the Charter above shall be effective upon the adoption of a final state redistricting plan by the Redistricting Board of the State of Alaska following the official reporting of the 2020 Census of the United States, and applicable to the next reapportionment of the Assembly per Charter § 4.01.

Shall the Anchorage Municipal Charter be amended as set forth above?

(AO 2019-82)

Proposition 13 - Charter Amendment Retail Sales Tax On Alcoholic Beverages Of 5% Dedicating The Revenue To Public Safety And Health Purposes

Proposition 13 enacts a 5% retail tax on alcohol and dedicates the funding to the following purposes:

1. Funding for police, related criminal justice personnel, and first responders;
2. Funding to combat and address child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence; and
3. Funding for substance misuse treatment, prevention programs, detoxification or long-term addiction recovery facilities, mental and behavioral health programs, and resources to prevent and address Anchorage's homelessness crisis.

The Municipality would be prohibited from using the funding for other purposes or increasing the tax above 5%, absent a vote of the people. The funds would be accounted for in a separate account outside of the general fund, and subject to an annual reporting requirement that makes clear to the Assembly and the public how the funds were used.

The proposition must be enacted by a majority vote of the people.

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.

- (a) Tax levy and effective date:
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 February 1, 2021.
- (b) Dedication of proceeds:
The net receipts from the alcoholic beverages retail sales tax, after payment of the costs of administration, collection and audit to the municipality, are dedicated and shall be available to use only for:
 - (1) Funding for police, related criminal justice personnel, and first responders;
 - (2) Funding to combat and address child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence; and
 - (3) Funding for substance misuse treatment, prevention programs, detoxification or long-term addiction recovery facilities, mental and behavioral health programs, and resources to prevent and address Anchorage's homelessness crisis.
- (c) No increase of the alcoholic beverages retail sales tax above five percent (5%) or change of the use of its proceeds may be made without approval of the majority of qualified voters voting on the question.
- (d) At least 120 days before the end of the fiscal year of the municipality and at such other times as the assembly directs, the mayor shall submit to the assembly a report of the tax revenues collected and expended. The report of expenses shall be itemized by each authorized use or purpose and presented to the public.
- (e) The net receipts described in subsection (b) shall not be used to supplant funding for existing service levels contained in the actual operating budget for fiscal year 2020 and the funding to provide for and maintain that level of service in subsequent years. The dedicated net receipts shall only be used to provide additional service levels above the 2020 baseline.

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:

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- (4) 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

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- (b) 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 7, 2020 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 2019-148(S-1), As Amended)

Notice of Bonded Indebtedness

The current General Obligation (G.O.) bonded indebtedness of the Municipality of Anchorage, including authorized but unissued bonds, based on bonds outstanding as of **December 31, 2019**, is as follows:

General Obligation Bonds	General Purpose	School	Total
Issued and outstanding	\$403,620,000	\$442,620,000	\$846,240,000
Authorized but Unissued G.O. Bonds	\$106,117,000	\$113,371,500	\$219,488,500
Total General Obligation Bonded Indebtedness Including Authorized but Unissued Bonds	\$509,737,000	\$555,991,500	\$1,065,728,500
Debt Service Payments	Principal	Interest	
Principal and Interest payments for 2020:	\$93,735,000	\$39,271,488	\$133,006,488

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