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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2020-37**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY OUTLINING**
2 **THE INTENDED USE OF FUNDS COLLECTED THROUGH A 5% RETAIL**
3 **SALES TAX ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, IF APPROVED BY**
4 **THE VOTERS, WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE.**
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7 **WHEREAS**, residents of Anchorage continue to identify public safety, violent
8 crime, and homelessness as their top priorities; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage continues to struggle to address and respond to high rates
11 of child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence, which threaten the fabric of
12 our community; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, homelessness causes adverse impacts to vulnerable Alaskans,
15 including mental and behavioral health issues that currently lack sufficient or
16 effective treatment solutions; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, alcohol consumption and misuse exacerbates problems associated
19 with public safety, violent crime, and homelessness; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage's current fiscal situation dictates the need to consider new
22 revenue options and develop responsible, transparent spending plans to tackle
23 these challenges in an appropriate, evidence-based approach; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, a proposed 5% retail sales tax on alcohol is expected to bring in \$11-
26 \$15 million dollars in new revenue to the Municipality above the tax cap to be used
27 on services to alleviate Anchorage's most pressing issues; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, the alcohol sales tax ballot measure, sent to the voters by the
30 Assembly's adoption of AO 2019-148(____), permanently dedicates this new
31 revenue and restricts its use by amendment to the Home Rule Charter, and the
32 ordinance requires separate fund accounts to be established to track the revenue
33 and expenditures; now, therefore
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35 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**
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37 **Section 1.** If approved by the voters at the April 7, 2020 regular election, the
38 intent of the Assembly is the revenue collected from a 5% retail sales tax on
39 alcoholic beverages will be spent for new positions and services as detailed in the
40 attached Exhibit A. The Mayor is requested to include in the initially proposed
41 2021 operating budget funding for service levels reflecting new programs and
42 services described in Exhibit A, sourced from the retail alcohol sales tax.

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Section 2. If approved by a vote of the people during the April 7, 2020 election, the Assembly will continue to work closely with stakeholders and will hold dialogues with members of the community regarding the use of the funds from the alcohol tax.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk