

Municipality of Anchorage

2015 Proposed General Government Operating Budget

Dan Sullivan, Mayor Anchorage, Alaska

October 2, 2014

Dear Residents of Anchorage:

After much discussion, analysis and hard work on the part of municipal department leadership, the 2015 spending plan is presented here for the public to examine.

The 2015 budget reflects a commitment to finding efficiencies and examining every municipal department for savings. I am proud to report that this effort has been largely successful as evidenced by our ability to maintain high-value services to citizens while keeping property tax increases relatively flat.

Due to the continued sluggish national economy and recent revelations that unemployment and poverty levels are at record highs, our goal was to keep property tax increases to a minimum. In my mind, every dollar that families can keep to spend on groceries, utility bills or healthcare costs is money well-invested in our community.

I want to thank the professionals at the Municipality of Anchorage for their hard work in crafting a budget that is fiscally responsible and meets the needs of our citizens. I also look forward to working with the Assembly and the public as we finalize a fair and responsible 2015 budget.

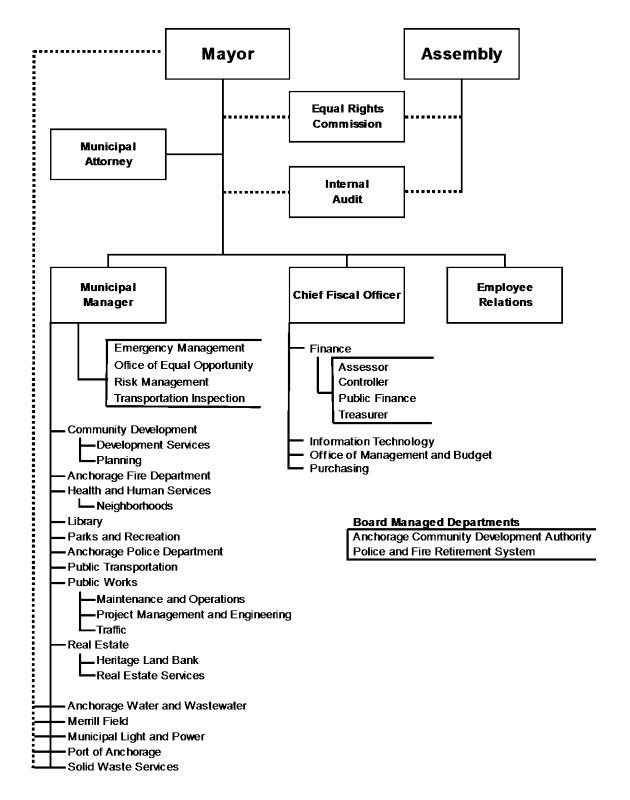
Sincerely,

Dan Sullivan

Mayor



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The award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to deternine its eligibility for another award.

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