

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS RESIDING IN THE BEAR VALLEY LIMITED ROAD SERVICE AREA (LRSA) AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON APRIL 7, 2026, A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO PROVIDE A MAXIMUM MILL LEVY OF 2.25 MILLS FOR THE BEAR VALLEY LRSA FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE AND SNOW PLOWING, AND AMEND ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 27.30.370, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Bear Valley LRSA Board of Supervisors requested a ballot proposition on April 7, 2026, Municipal general election for the service area to increase the maximum mill rate to 2.25 mills, an increase of 0.75 mill, for road maintenance and snow plowing; and,

WHEREAS, Bear Valley LRSA almost exclusively relies on LRSA tax dollars for road maintenance and snow plowing; and,

WHEREAS, it is feasible, practical, and reasonable to increase the maximum allowable mill rate to 2.25 mills to provide a predictable, reliable revenue increase to fund road maintenance and snow plowing services within the Bear Valley LRSA; and,

WHEREAS, AS 29.35.450(a) requires a ballot proposition be passed by a majority vote of the qualified voters residing in the Bear Valley LRSA for the 0.75 mill increase to the maximum mill levy to become effective, and only affects the residents of the Bear Valley LRSA; now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Charter 9.01(a), a ballot proposition in substantially the following form shall be submitted to the qualified voters residing in the Bear Valley LRSA at the regular Municipal election April 7, 2026:

Proposition _____

**BEAR VALLEY LIMITED ROAD SERVICE AREA (LRSA)
AUTHORIZATION FOR A MAXIMUM MILL LEVY OF 2.25 MILLS
FOR MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND SNOW PLOWING**

This proposition would authorize a 0.75 mill increase to the existing maximum mill rate in the Bear Valley LRSA of 1.50 mills, exclusively for maintenance of roads and snow plowing. Subject to this maximum mill rate, the Bear Valley LRSA Board of Supervisors will determine the actual mill rate each year. If approved, Bear Valley LRSA property owners may pay up to a maximum 2.25 mills for maintenance of roads

and snow plowing, beginning with tax year 2026. If the full 0.75 mill increase is levied, property owners within the Bear Valley LRSA would incur an increase in property taxes of approximately \$75 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value beginning in tax year 2026.

The roads affected are all within the Bear Valley LRSA. The intent of this proposition is to provide additional local funding for road and drainage maintenance. Local tax funding is almost exclusively the funding source for road and drainage maintenance. The additional tax funds will provide a more predictable and reliable revenue stream to reduce long-term road maintenance costs, maintain year-round drivable roads, and alleviate any unsafe road environment.

Shall a maximum mill levy of 2.25 mills be set for the Bear Valley Limited Road Service Area (LRSA), expressly for maintenance of roads and snow plowing, effective retroactive to January 1, 2026?

Yes []

No []

Section 2. Anchorage Municipal Code section 27.30.370. is amended to read as follows (underlined portions are added and portions in brackets are deleted):

27.30.370 **Bear Valley Limited Road Service Area.**

A. There is established, pursuant to Section 9.01 of the Charter, a limited road service area within the municipality to be known a Bear Valley Limited Road Service Area of the municipality, as outlined on the map located in section 27.30.700.

B. The Bear Valley Limited Road Service Area shall contribute funds expressly for maintenance of roads and snow plowing, and shall continue in existence until altered or abolished by an affirmative vote of the area affected at an election held prior to alteration or abolishment of the service area. The mill rate shall not exceed 2.25 [1.50] mills in any calendar year.

(AO No. 88-99; AO No. 91-67; AO No. 94-16, § 4, 5-3-94; AO No. 97-7, § 4, 4-29-97; AO No. 2000-2, § 3, 1-25-00; AO No. 2003-19, § 2, 4-15-03; AO No. 2006-23, § 2, 4-18-06; AO No. 2007-162, § 2, 4-15-08)

Section 3. Section 2 of this ordinance shall become effective retroactive to January 1, 2026, if, and only if, the ballot proposition in Section 1 is passed by a majority vote of the qualified voters residing in the Bear Valley LRSA. All other sections of this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and approval by the Anchorage Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 16th day of December, 2025.

ATTEST:

Chair

Municipal Clerk



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

AM No. 860 - 2025

Meeting Date: December 2, 2025

FROM: MAYOR

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS RESIDING IN THE BEAR VALLEY LIMITED ROAD SERVICE AREA (LRSA) AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON APRIL 7, 2026, A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO PROVIDE A MAXIMUM MILL LEVY OF 2.25 MILLS FOR THE BEAR VALLEY LRSA FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE AND SNOW PLOWING, AND AMEND ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 27.30.370, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2026.

The Bear Valley Limited Road Service Area (LRSA) Board of Supervisors approved a ballot proposition to consider increasing the maximum mill rate for road maintenance and snow plowing from 1.50 mills up to 2.25 mills, subject to approval of qualified voters at the April 7, 2026, Municipal general election. This ordinance creates the ballot proposition for qualified voters residing in the road service area to vote on the code amendment to increase the maximum mill rate to 2.25 mills, an increase of 0.75 mill, and amends Anchorage Municipal Code section 27.30.370, retroactive to January 1, 2026, if the ballot proposition is approved by the voters.

In order to continue to provide the same level of road and drainage maintenance, the service area needs additional funds. The financial resources of limited road service areas are primarily dependent on local property tax revenues generated by the mill rate for the local road service area.

The maximum mill rate of 1.50 was set in 1991. With historical inflation and rising cost of goods and services, the service area Board of Supervisors is requesting the approval of a mill increase. Subject to this maximum mill rate, the Bear Valley LRSA Board of Supervisors will determine the actual mill rate each year.

The proposed 0.75 mill rate increase for the Bear Valley LRSA is feasible, practical, and reasonable to fund needed road and drainage maintenance, maintain year-round drivable roads, and alleviate any unsafe road environment.

THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

Prepared by:	Courtney Petersen, Manager, PW Administration
Recommended by:	Shay Throop, Director, Maintenance & Operations
Concur:	Lance Wilber, Director, PD&PW
Concur:	Philippe D. Brice, CFO
Concur:	Eva Gardner, Municipal Attorney
Concur:	William D. Falsey, Chief Administrative Officer
Concur:	Rebecca A. Windt Pearson, Municipal Manager
Respectfully submitted:	Suzanne LaFrance, Mayor

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government

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Sponsor: **MAYOR**
 Preparing Agency: Public Works, Administration
 Others Impacted: Maintenance & Operations

CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:			(In Thousands of Dollars)		
	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
Operating Expenditures					
1000 Personal Services					
2000 Non-Labor					
3900 Contributions					
4000 Debt Service					
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Add: 6000 Charges from Others					
Less: 7000 Charges to Others					
FUNCTION COST:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUES:	\$ 33	\$ 33	\$ 33	\$ 33	\$ 33
CAPITAL:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

Increasing the maximum allowable mill rate from 1.5 to 2.25 will provide the availability of an additional estimated \$33,000. Bear Valley LRSA maximum mill levy of 2.25 mills and the 2025 assessed valuation for the service area of \$44,455,084 would produce a potential estimated increase of \$33,000 tax revenue. However, subject to the maximum mill rate, the Bear Valley LRSA Board of Supervisors will determine the actual mill rate each year.

PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

Increasing the maximum allowable mill rate from 1.5 to 2.25 will provide the availability of an additional estimated \$33,000. Bear Valley LRSA maximum mill levy of 2.25 mills and the 2025 assessed values of \$44,455,084 would produce a potential estimated increase of \$33,000 tax revenue.

If approved, the affected private property owner within the affected service area could pay up to \$75 of property taxes per \$100,000 assessed value annually. However, subject to the maximum mill rate, the Bear Valley Board of Supervisors will determine the actual mill rate each year.

Prepared by: Courtney Petersen, Public Works Administration Telephone: 343-8191

	2020
parcel #	tax value
1716118000	\$ 557,800
1716119000	\$ 159,900
1716120000	\$ 733,400
1716121000	\$ 543,300
1716122000	\$ 638,700
1716123000	\$ 198,800
	<u>\$ 2,831,900</u>