

Municipal Clerk's Office

Approved

Date: **December 16, 2025**

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the

Request of the Mayor

Prepared by: Maintenance & Operations Dept

For reading: December 2, 2025

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO 2025 - 138

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

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

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

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

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

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26 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

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

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32 **Proposition** _____

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

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38 This proposition would authorize a 0.75 mill increase to the existing
39 maximum mill rate in the Bear Valley LRSA of 1.50 mills, exclusively for
40 maintenance of roads and snow plowing. Subject to this maximum mill
41 rate, the Bear Valley LRSA Board of Supervisors will determine the
42 actual mill rate each year. If approved, Bear Valley LRSA property
43 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.

1 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 16th day of December,
2 2025.

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7 ATTEST:

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Ann Conner

Chair

Jasmine Acres

Municipal Clerk



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

AM No. 860 - 2025

Meeting Date: December 2, 2025

1 **FROM: MAYOR**

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3 **SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS**
4 **RESIDING IN THE BEAR VALLEY LIMITED ROAD SERVICE AREA**
5 **(LRSA) AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON APRIL 7,**
6 **2026, A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO PROVIDE A MAXIMUM MILL**
7 **LEVY OF 2.25 MILLS FOR THE BEAR VALLEY LRSA FOR ROAD**
8 **MAINTENANCE AND SNOW PLOWING, AND AMEND**
9 **ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 27.30.370,**
10 **RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2026.**

12 The Bear Valley Limited Road Service Area (LRSA) Board of Supervisors approved
13 a ballot proposition to consider increasing the maximum mill rate for road
14 maintenance and snow plowing from 1.50 mills up to 2.25 mills, subject to approval
15 of qualified voters at the April 7, 2026, Municipal general election. This ordinance
16 creates the ballot proposition for qualified voters residing in the road service area to
17 vote on the code amendment to increase the maximum mill rate to 2.25 mills, an
18 increase of 0.75 mill, and amends Anchorage Municipal Code section 27.30.370,
19 retroactive to January 1, 2026, if the ballot proposition is approved by the voters.
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21 In order to continue to provide the same level of road and drainage maintenance,
22 the service area needs additional funds. The financial resources of limited road
23 service areas are primarily dependent on local property tax revenues generated by
24 the mill rate for the local road service area.
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26 The maximum mill rate of 1.50 was set in 1991. With historical inflation and rising
27 cost of goods and services, the service area Board of Supervisors is requesting the
28 approval of a mill increase. Subject to this maximum mill rate, the Bear Valley LRSA
29 Board of Supervisors will determine the actual mill rate each year.
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31 The proposed 0.75 mill rate increase for the Bear Valley LRSA is feasible, practical,
32 and reasonable to fund needed road and drainage maintenance, maintain year-
33 round drivable roads, and alleviate any unsafe road environment.
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35 **THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**

37 Prepared by: Courtney Petersen, Manager, PW Administration

38 Recommended by: Shay Throop, Director, Maintenance & Operations

39 Concur: Lance Wilber, Director, PD&PW

40 Concur: Philippe D. Brice, CFO

41 Concur: Eva Gardner, Municipal Attorney

42 Concur: William D. Falsey, Chief Administrative Officer

43 Concur: Rebecca A. Windt Pearson, Municipal Manager

44 Respectfully submitted: Suzanne LaFrance, Mayor

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government

AO Number: 2025-138

Title: **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.**

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

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