AO 2024-5
AREAWIDE
Cemetery Capital Improvements
Anchorage Cemetery is running desperately low on space

- Approximately 12 burial sites remain
- Providing for burial space is an essential service
BACKGROUND

• Both Girdwood and Eagle River have been planning and working towards this for more than a decade
• Projects are well along, with extensive scope and design work completed
• New cemeteries would be on land owned by the MOA and designated as public-use lands
• The most recent Chugiak Eagle River Comp Plan identifies development of a Community Cemetery as a public facility priority
• The Girdwood Cemetery Committee held a series of meetings and an open house in 2018/2019

• A schematic report, a geotechnical investigation, and an environmental investigation have all been performed for the Girdwood site
Other funding mechanisms have been attempted

➢ The Legislature appropriated $1.5 million for the Eagle River cemetery last year, but it was vetoed by the Governor.

The Assembly has, through **AO 2023-58(S)**, already established its policy position regarding these projects.
WHEREAS, this ordinance would permit the municipality to submit to voters the question of whether to bond for the expense of constructing any new municipal cemetery; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance would permit the municipality to levy an areawide tax to fund the operations and maintenance of existing and future cemeteries at the same level on an areawide basis; and ...
• WHEREAS, the Assembly desires to support the construction and maintenance of municipal cemeteries in the Girdwood and Eagle River areas in the near future, and provide for future cemetery needs in the Anchorage Bowl...
DETAILS OF AO 2024-5

**Ballot Proposition** would ask voters whether or not the MOA should issue bonds for the purpose of financing Areawide Cemetery Capital Improvements
AO 2024-5 PROVISIONS

Estimated cost of projects is **$8.1 million**. The Areawide 2023 General Government CIB would be altered to include these projects:

- Anchorage Memorial Cemetery Equipment - $100,000
- Anchorage Memorial Park - $1 million
- Girdwood Cemetery - $3.5 million
- Eagle River Cemetery - $3.5 million
THANK YOU.

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