



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

No. AIM 173-2020

Meeting Date: November 17, 2020

1 **From: MAYOR**

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3 **Subject: BUDGET ADVISORY COMMISSION RESOLUTION: 2021 BUDGETED**
4 **ALCOHOL TAX USE**
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7 Attached is a resolution from the Municipal Budget Advisory Commission supporting and
8 recommending approval of a revised allocation of the Alcohol Tax as prepared and represented
9 as an "s" version to the Assembly on November 5th.
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12 Prepared by: Lance Wilber, Director, Office of Management & Budget

13 Concur: William D. Falsey, Municipal Manager

14 Respectfully submitted: Austin Quinn-Davidson, Acting Mayor

Municipal Budget Advisory Commission 2021 Budgeted Alcohol Tax Use, November 2020

The Municipal Budget Advisory Commission (BAC) is responsible to provide the assembly, the mayor, the school board, and the superintendent of schools well-informed advice as to budgets and budgeting process, 4.50.030.

Whereas; The BAC held a worksession on June 18th to consider the uses and process for determining the highest and best uses of the Alcohol Tax revenues as part of the 2021 budget and a presentation at the July 9th BAC meeting that included representatives from non-profits (Recover Alaska, Alaska Children's Trust and others) describing the concept of the "Theory of Positive Change" in allocating alcohol tax revenues focused on various means of early program intervention & prevention activities and their benefits in the short, medium and long term resulting towards improved safety and overall community well-being-, and

Whereas; The BAC reviewed the Administration's initial proposed uses and allocation of the alcohol tax as part of the Proposed 2021 budget (appendix R) that illustrated significant support to programs related to the alcohol tax to be managed and supported within the Anchorage Health Department, and

Whereas; The BAC has reviewed the Administration's revised proposal on use and allocation of the Alcohol Tax, that was presented as a substitute (s) version during an Assembly worksession held on November 5th and that adjustments are recommended based on comments and further discussion between the Administration and the Assembly and other interested parties since the budget was released on October 2nd. The s version also addressed the Assembly's desire to try and balance the allocation of the Alcohol Tax somewhat proportional to the three areas the alcohol tax was targeted for, to include: 1) First Responders; 2) Child Abuse, Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence Prevention and 3) Mental Health, Substance Misuse and Homelessness Prevention.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

- 1) That the BAC supports and recommends approval of a revised allocation of the Alcohol Tax as prepared and represented as an "s" version to the Assembly on November 5th.

Passed and approved on this date: November 12, 2020

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Budget Advisory Commission, Chair