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2026

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM



PRESENTED BY MAYOR LAFRANCE & THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY

OUR TOP PRIORITY FOR THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION IS FUNDING FOR THE **DON YOUNG PORT OF ALASKA MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (PAMP)**.

TOP REQUEST PORT MODERNIZATION

The Municipality has updated its comprehensive Don Young Port of Alaska Modernization Project (PAMP) Plan of Finance and issued \$180 million in revenue bonds. These bonds require surcharges on cargo, cement, and petroleum which raise the cost of goods throughout the state.

The Port needs your continued financial support for the PAMP to reduce the negative impact of surcharges statewide as we proceed with the \$1.9 billion project to replace the two cargo terminals.

Should the Legislature consider a **general obligation bond package**, we request **\$200 million of state investment** to ensure continued, cost-effective access to food, fuel, and freight for Alaska residents.

Visit modernization.portofalaska.com to learn more.

PRIORITIES

THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
AIMS TO ENSURE ANCHORAGE REMAINS **SAFE, SECURE, AND AFFORDABLE.**

SAFE

The Municipality is committed to ensuring that Anchorage is a safe place to live, work, and visit by strengthening public safety services, supporting first responders, and investing in community-based approaches that prevent crime and promote wellbeing.

BUDGET REQUESTS

APD Real-Time Crime Center Capital \$1.5M

The Real-Time Crime Center is a hub connecting up to 750 camera feeds to a centralized network. It allows for faster responses and better public safety coverage across the Municipality. A capital request of \$1.5 million would allow for the purchase of equipment to continue developing the center.

Blight Reduction Funding \$500,000

The Municipality has targeted over two hundred derelict structures for remediation or demolition. These buildings, abandoned and left in a state of decay, represent a blight on our community and become hot spots for vagrancy, drug use, and other nefarious activity. They require constant attention from APD, AFD and Code Enforcement, resulting in an enormous drain of municipal resources and decreased neighborhood viability.

Fund the Community Assistance Program

Make a full contribution for 2026 and fully recapitalize the Community Assistance Fund. These funds will be used to support public safety via the Police and Fire Departments, which together account for nearly half of the Municipal operating budget.

STATUTORY CHANGE

Inflation Adjust E911 Surcharge

The E911 surcharge supports emergency dispatch services for first responders. The surcharge on wired and wireless lines has not been adjusted for inflation for several years as operating costs have increased. In addition to adjusting for inflation, the Municipality requests the statute be revised to expand the allowable uses, and ensure the charge applies to voice over IP (VOIP) systems.

SECURE

Anchorage's future depends on resilience and secure infrastructure. The Municipality will continue to prioritize modernization of essential systems — such as public health, utilities, transportation, and the Port — to withstand disruptions and support long-term community stability.

BUDGET REQUESTS

Chugach State Park Access Study \$250,000

A Chugach State Park Access Study will identify and guide capital projects that improve access to Chugach State Park with a focus on the Chugach State Park Access Service Area (CASA). The study will consider broad stakeholder feedback and recommendations may include roadway, parking, trailhead, and trail projects.

STATUTORY CHANGES

Increase Rates for General Relief for Assisted Living

Many unhoused individuals with disabilities end up in homeless shelters that are unable to provide the support they need. An increase in the rates paid by General Relief Assistance for assisted living could help them secure a more suitable arrangement.

Amend Statutes Concerning Utility Rate Setting

Allow utilities to include more kinds of infrastructure upgrades (“vertical plant,” like water treatment facilities, not just pipes and lines) in the Plant Replacement and Improvement Surcharge Mechanism (PRISM). This change would allow utilities to recoup the costs of small capital projects through rate-setting — enabling more housing development.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Prioritized Winter Road Maintenance Coordination

As Alaska’s hub and economic center this movement of people and goods not only effects the residents of Anchorage, but also the residents of all Alaska. This is exemplified by the state-owned roads leading to and from the Port of Alaska through midtown and connecting to the State Highway system and the roads leading to Anchorage International Airport. These and other key state-owned routes are among the most traveled roads in Anchorage and should be equal in priority to the Seward and Glenn Highway system for winter maintenance efforts.

Fully Staff Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Central Region

Removing the hiring freeze for positions that design and manage projects will help AKDOT&PF and MOA collectively serve Anchorage and implement projects more effectively.

AFFORDABLE

Anchorage must remain a place where residents and families can afford to live and thrive. The Municipality will pursue policies that reduce the cost of living, expand housing options, and promote economic opportunity across all neighborhoods.

BUDGET REQUESTS

Waste To Energy (Renewable Energy Fund) \$2M

The Municipality’s proposed Waste to Energy (WTE) facility would augment current electrical supply by generating 20-30 MW of stable, reliable power, while extending the life of the Anchorage Regional Landfill by up to 100 years and providing significant financial and non-financial benefits for Anchorage, the state of Alaska, and JBER. The Municipality’s request for \$2 million through the Renewable Energy Fund for predevelopment work will inform technical specifications, site location, compliance standards, and stakeholder engagement.

Weatherization Funding

With Anchorage facing potential natural gas shortages and an aging housing stock, many homes require significant energy-efficiency upgrades. Supporting a residential weatherization program targeted at mobile homes — through Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) or a similar partner — would provide meaningful relief for residents.

STATUTORY CHANGES

Attainable Housing

Develop new mechanisms through Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) and AHFC to provide gap financing and patient capital for housing development. Allow the AIDEA Loan Participation Program to be used for financing multifamily housing development. Increase funding available through grant programs to fund supportive and affordable housing.

DISTRICT PRIORITIES

DISTRICT 1: NORTH ANCHORAGE

- Priority #1 **HD-SD**
- Priority #2 **HD-SD**

DISTRICT 2: JBER, CHUGIAK AND EAGLE RIVER

- Priority #1 **HD-SD**
- Priority #2 **HD-SD**

DISTRICT 3: WEST ANCHORAGE

- Priority #1 **HD-SD**
- Priority #2 **HD-SD**

DISTRICT 4: MIDTOWN

- Priority #1 **HD-SD**
- Priority #2 **HD-SD**

DISTRICT 5: EAST ANCHORAGE

- Priority #1 **HD-SD**
- Priority #2 **HD-SD**

DISTRICT 6: SOUTH ANCHORAGE, TURNAGAIN ARM AND GIRDWOOD

- Priority #1 **HD-SD**
- Priority #2 **HD-SD**

Mayor LaFrance and the Anchorage Assembly appreciate your support. More information about the Municipality's legislative priorities is available at www.muni.org/akleg.

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