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10 **ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
11 **AR 98-365**

13 **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES & CRITERIA TO BE USED IN**  
14 **DEVELOPING THE 1999 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

16 WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly and the Mayor wish to continue to develop  
17 a strong working relationship with both the Legislature and the Governor to  
18 emphasize issues of concern to Anchorage which carry local, regional, or  
19 statewide significance.

21 WHEREAS, the State must deal with revenues declining over time, while  
22 meeting the challenge of reducing the cost of State government through rational  
23 and equitable means; and

25 WHEREAS, there continues to be a backlog of deferred maintenance of public  
26 facilities throughout the State; and

28 WHEREAS, in these times of depressed State revenues, government should  
29 focus on the least costly, most efficient means of providing public services; and

31 WHEREAS, Anchorage represents 41.6% of the State's population and serves  
32 as a regional and statewide center for health care, social services, and cultural  
33 and recreational services; and

35 WHEREAS, Safe Communities (Municipal Assistance) and State Revenue  
36 Sharing to Anchorage have been cut by 69% overall since 1986; and

38 WHEREAS, restructuring of regulated, basic service industries, such as electric  
39 and refuse collection, is a highly complex issue that deserves detailed, careful  
40 and informed decision making; and

42 WHEREAS, Alaska's fishing industry is facing problems which jeopardize its  
43 economic value and the thousands of jobs it supports, and

45 WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Anchorage Municipal Assembly are beginning  
46 the process of developing a 1999 Legislative Program.

48 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves that the  
49 following guidelines and criteria be used in developing the 1999 Legislative  
50 Program:

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6       **Section 1. Legislative Issues—**  
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8       (a) The Municipality supports continued efforts to address the deferred  
9 maintenance and unmet capital needs of public facilities and infrastructure in the  
10 State.

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12       (b) The Municipality intends to continue its emphasis on legislation that will allow  
13 the Municipality and State to more effectively deal with crime in Anchorage.

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15       (c) The Municipality intends to propose a variety of changes to clarify and refine  
16 existing Alaska Statutes in order to enhance the ability of local government to  
17 operate more effectively.

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19       (d) The Municipality supports legislation to provide local government with  
20 adequate State funding of mandated programs/services or to provide a local  
21 option for participation in the program/services.

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23       (e) The Municipality is opposed to any new State taxes that unfairly impact  
24 Anchorage.

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26       (f) The Municipality does not oppose refuse collection restructuring provided it is  
27 structured so that ratepayers and taxpayers are protected from monopolistic  
28 price fixing, cross-subsidization, and loss of value of the taxpayers' investment.

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30       (g) The Municipality intends to continue working with the Alaska Public Utilities  
31 Commission and the Legislature in the multitude of issues involved with the  
32 restructuring of the electric industry.

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34       (h) The Municipality urges the legislature to address the problems facing the  
35 fishing industry, such as the recent disastrous salmon runs, and work toward  
36 protecting the economic viability and the thousands of jobs it supports.

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38       (i) The Municipality intends to oppose any new legislation that impairs the ability  
39 of local government to operate effectively and efficiently.

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42       **Section 2. Operating Budget --**  
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44       (a) The Municipality encourages fair and equitable treatment with regard to any  
45 State FY 2000 funding decisions.

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47       (b) The Municipality opposes transfers of responsibilities or mandates without  
48 adequate funding.

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50       (c) The Municipality strongly urges the Legislature to maintain funding for the  
51 Human Services Matching Grant Program at the FY 1999 level.  
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**Section 3. Capital Budget --**

(a) The Municipality intends to request State capital grants that reflect one or more of the following criteria:

- Projects which are part of a program providing benefits to substantially all of Anchorage.
- Projects which emphasize public safety and health.
- Projects that will provide our city's youth with positive recreational opportunities/alternatives, and which in turn may help to reduce juvenile crime.
- Projects expected to produce new long-term positive economic results and strengthen Anchorage's economic base.
- Projects which either reduce or do not increase operations and maintenance costs.
- Projects which address State/Federal mandates, such as ADA.

(b) The Municipality supports an equitable distribution of Capital Budget funds.

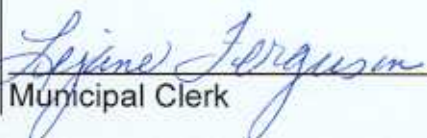
(c) The Municipality strongly supports continuation of the 70/30 statutory Capital Project Matching Grant Program. The Municipality believes the 70/30 Capital Matching Grant Program constitutes a rational approach to allocating limited State capital dollars to priority projects identified and supported by the local community.

(d) The Municipality strongly supports an equitable share of FY2000 funding to Anchorage for water and wastewater improvement projects, through the 50/50 Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) grant program.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1998.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk