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Submitted by: Assemblymember KENDALL Prepared by: Assembly Office For reading: April 6, 1999

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 99- 83

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTING THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE AMEND STATE LAW TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES TO ESTABLISH A LIMIT ON ANNUAL INCREASES IN ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY UNLESS IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE WHICH INCREASE THE PROPERTY'S VALUE BY AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN THE LIMIT

WHEREAS, AO 99-57, which was introduced for Assembly action, proposes

a 10% limit to annual increases in assessed valuations of real property unless additional improvements are made to the property which increase its value by a greater amount; and

documentation by the Municipal assessor of the nature and extent of improvements, if the assessment increase is greater than 10%.

WHEREAS, a Municipal Attorney's opinion, dated March 23, 1999, found that the Municipality may not impose an assessment cap on any increase of assessed valuation; and

WHEREAS, a State legal opinion from the Legislative Affairs Agency also found that State law requires assessments be made on the full and true value of real property, and it would be necessary to amend State law to permit a limit on annual assessment increases; and

WHEREAS, for some time now, property owners within the Municipality have requested tax relief, especially when some property owners are receiving 30% to 50% increases in assessed valuations from one year to the next with little or no documentation provided by the Municipal assessor to support such increases.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

That the Assembly requests that the State Legislature draft legislation amending State law to allow municipalities to establish a limit on annual increases in assessed valuation of real property unless improvements are made which increase the property's value by an amount greater than the limit.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this _____day of _____, 1999.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

Municipality of Anchorage MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE AGENDA DOCUMENT CONTROL SHEET AR 99-83					
1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT		DATE PREPARED 4-6-99		
	AR - Limit on Annual		INDICATE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED		
	Assessed Valuation Increases		AR		
2	DEPARTMENT NAME Assembly	DIRE	CTOR'S NAME		
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY	ON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY		HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER	
4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INIT	IALS	DATE	
	Mayor				
	Municipal Clerk				
	Municipal Attorney				
	Employee Relations Director				
	Municipal Manager				
	Finance				
	Community Development and Planning				
	Property and Facility Management				
	Management Information Systems				
	Office of Management and Budget				
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	Municipal Light and Power				
	Anchorage Water and Wastewater				
	Port				
	Solid Waste Services				
5	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS				
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	7.C. For Action - Addendum				
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6	ASSEMBLY MEETING DATE 4-6-99	7	PUBLIC HEARING	DATE REQUESTED	