

Submitted by Chairman of the Assembly at
the Request of the Mayor
and Assembly Members
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For reading January 28, 2003

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY AT THE APRIL, 2003 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO AMEND THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CHARTER BY ADDING TO THE CHARTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS A NEW SECTION ESTABLISHING PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO ASSURE ANCHORAGE AS A SAFE CITY.

Section 1. A proposition in substantially the following form and substance shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the Municipality at the regular Municipal election April 1, 2003:

RIGHT TO OBJECTIVE MEASURES OF PERFORMANCE AND A SAFE CITY

This Charter guarantees rights to the people of Anchorage that are in addition to rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Alaska. Among rights guaranteed by this Charter are:

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Section 2. The following statement is hereby adopted as Charter Commentary to aid in the legislative history and intended purpose of the Charter amendment set out in Section 1. of this ordinance. Said Statement shall be widely disseminated in all voter publications and otherwise to inform the citizens of Anchorage of the intent and purpose of said Charter amendment:

Article II(14):

Anchorage will be a safe city only if its citizens, elected officials and municipal employees apply our collective resources and efforts to this right. Without limiting the actions necessary to secure the right to a safe city under Article II, Section 14, the municipality shall use objective performance measures such as crime statistics and trends, and consider staffing levels and other information from similarly situated communities. The municipality shall also provide for and maintain standard performance measures for specialized law enforcement units within the Anchorage Police Department to promote enforcement of robbery, homicide, sexual assaults, domestic violence, child abuse, and substance abuse and to provide for dispatchers and school liaison.

Section 3. Sections 1. and 3. of this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Assembly. Section 2. and the proposition contained in Section 1. of this ordinance shall become effective upon certification of the April 1, 2003 general election, if and only if, the proposition contained in Section 1. is approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the Municipality voting on the question.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this day of , 2003

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk