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Submitted by: Assemblymembers
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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO NO. 2004- 58, AS AMENDED**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AT ITS NEXT REGULAR ELECTION ON APRIL 6, 2004 AN ADVISORY PROPOSITION ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CITIZENS OF ANCHORAGE SHALL URGE THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE LONG-RANGE FISCAL PLAN FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

WHEREAS, reductions in the State budget in recent years and the State's inability to adopt a long-term budget plan have increased local taxes and reduced services, resulting in a 31 percent increase in Anchorage property taxes in the past six years and a 38 percent increase in local taxes to support Anchorage schools since the 1998-99 school year; and

WHEREAS, legislative efforts to balance the State budget will succeed only if the Alaska Legislature considers and adopts a long-range financial fiscal plan for the State of Alaska which balances income available through sustainable resources with the long-term needs of Alaskans for public services and programs funded by state and local sources; and

WHEREAS, a long-range State financial fiscal plan that ensures fiscal stability, sustainability, and fairness to all Alaskans will directly benefit residents and taxpayers of the Municipality of Anchorage by providing adequate funding for public schools in Anchorage as well as local programs such as Safe Cities historically funded by state and local sources;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly ordains:

Section 1: That a proposition in substantially the same form as appears in Section 2. below, shall be placed on the ballot at the next regular election. The vote on the proposition shall be limited to the qualified voters residing in the Municipality of Anchorage. The proposition must receive a majority vote of those in the Municipality voting on the question to be approved.

Section 2: That the proposition shall be presented in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. ____

**AN ADVISORY VOTE URGING THE ALASKA
LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE LONG
RANGE FINANCIAL FISCAL PLAN FOR THE STATE OF
ALASKA IN OPEN SESSION**

Shall the citizens of Anchorage urge the Alaska Legislature to
adopt a comprehensive long range fiscal plan for the State of
Alaska in open session?

Yes []


No []

Section 3: That this ordinance is effective immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 17th day of February, 2004.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk
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