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For reading: February 15, 2005

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2005-27

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY
SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF HB 27, A BILL TO ALLOW MUNICIPAL
GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE TO POLICE
OFFICERS**

WHEREAS, a police officer who lives in the neighborhood where he or she works develops an important sense of ownership in the community they serve; and

WHEREAS, an officer living in a neighborhood brings not only a sense of stability and credibility to an area stereotyped as "high-crime", but also makes officers more accessible to citizens; and

WHEREAS, Police officers are more likely to see signs of trouble developing in their neighborhoods before a problem occurs, allowing preventative solutions to be found; and

WHEREAS, police officers who live in high crime neighborhoods can serve as a bridge between the community and law enforcement, curbing fear and building trust and understanding; and

WHEREAS, many communities across the United States use various forms of incentives to encourage officers to live in the communities in which they work; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 27, a measure which would allow municipal governments to grant a modest tax exemption to officers who purchase and reside in a home in a high crime area, is being considered by the Alaska Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves;

Section 1: That the Assembly supports passage of HB 27 to allow a Municipality to offer a tax incentive to police officers who reside in high crime areas.

Section 2: That copies of this resolution shall be provided to the members of the Alaska State Legislature and to the Governor upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2005.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

HOUSE BILL NO. 27

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHENAULT AND GRUENBERG, Lynn

Introduced: 1/10/05

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to an optional exemption from municipal property taxes on certain**
2 **residences of law enforcement officers."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 29.45.050 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (s) A municipality may by ordinance designate an area within its boundaries
6 as an eligible area for purposes of this subsection and exempt from taxation an amount
7 not to exceed \$10,000 of the assessed value of real property within the area that is
8 owned and occupied as a permanent place of abode by a law enforcement officer. The
9 ordinance must include a definition of "law enforcement officer." A municipality that
10 adopts an ordinance under this subsection may not request state funds to cover any
11 municipal budget shortfall caused by the ordinance. In this subsection, "eligible area"
12 means an area

13 (1) that meets the eligibility requirements under a federal program of
14 special assistance for urban development, neighborhood revitalization, or law

1 enforcement, without regard to whether an application for the federal assistance on
2 behalf of the area has been made or whether the area has actually received or is
3 receiving the federal assistance; or

4 (2) with a statistically higher occurrence of crime than the municipality
5 as a whole.

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