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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO NO. 2005-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE A BALLOT PROPOSITION AMENDING THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CHARTER TO PROHIBIT USE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION OF A CONVENTION CENTER AND TO ADOPT A FOUR PERCENT (4%) TAX TO SUPPORT ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS TO FINANCE A CONVENTION CENTER AND RENOVATION OF THE EGAN CIVIC AND CONVENTION CENTER

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That a ballot proposition in substantially the following form and substance shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the Municipality at the next regular Municipal election to be held April 5, 2005:

PROPOSITION NO. _____

THIS PROPOSITION APPROVES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CHARTER:

1. PROHIBITS THE USE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A CONVENTION CENTER (CHARTER §14.04); and
2. ADOPTS A FOUR PER CENT (4%) HOTEL, MOTEL AND BED & BREAKFAST (B&B) ROOM TAX TO FUND A NEW CIVIC AND CONVENTION CENTER (CHARTER §14.05); and
3. AUTHORIZES USE OF THE 4% ROOM TAX PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONVENTION CENTER, AND RENOVATION OF THE EGAN CIVIC & CONVENTION CENTER (CHARTER §14.05); and
4. PROVIDES FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ROOM TAX IF APPROVED BY THREE-FIFTHS OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS VOTING ON THE QUESTION (CHARTER ARTICLE II (4) and CHARTER §14.01(b)).

1 Shall the Anchorage Municipal Charter be amended by adding the following two
2 new sections to Article XIV:
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4 **Section 14.04 Prohibition on Use of Property Taxes for**
5 **Convention Center.**
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7 Property taxes shall not be used to finance the acquisition,
8 construction, operation or maintenance of a new civic and convention
9 center.
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11 **Section 14.05 Hotel Motel and Bed & Breakfast Room Tax.**
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13 A. There is hereby levied a tax on all hotel, motel and bed &
14 breakfast room rents in an amount equal to four percent (4%)
15 of the room rent paid to an operator.
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17 1. Revenues received from this tax are dedicated to
18 financing the design, site acquisition, construction,
19 landscaping, bonded debt service or lease payments,
20 carrying costs, and operation of a new civic and
21 convention center, including parking facilities and
22 renovation and operation of the existing Egan Civic and
23 Convention Center.
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25 2. If bonds are issued to finance the acquisition and
26 construction of a new civic and convention center, the
27 revenue derived from this tax shall first be used to pay
28 annual principal, interest and other carrying costs of
29 said bonds, until such bonds are paid in full.
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31 B. The Assembly shall enact such additional provisions, not
32 inconsistent with this section, as necessary or desirable to
33 implement this section. Such enactments may include
34 provisions to terminate or reduce the tax upon payment of all
35 bond principal, interest and carrying costs, and appropriation of
36 tax revenues, if any, excess to payment of the principal and
37 interest on the bonds and support for operation of the
38 convention center.
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40 If approved by the voters at the April 5, 2005 Regular Election, this proposition shall
41 be effective for the April 5, 2005 Regular Election, and may affect the results of that
42 election.
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44 YES

45 NO

1 **Section 2.** That the proposition contained in Section 1 of this ordinance, and the
2 amendments to the Anchorage Municipal Charter, shall become effective if, and only if, approved
3 by a three-fifths of the voters voting on the question.
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5 **Section 3.** That the amendments to the Charter shall be effective immediately, subject to
6 approval of the proposition contained in Section 1 of this ordinance.
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8 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of
9 _____, 2005.

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Chair

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