Submitted by: Assemblymembers TESCHE,

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Prepared by: Assembly Counsel **For reading:** November 14, 2006

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AO NO. 2006–154

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON APRIL 3, 2007, A BALLOT PROPOSITION AMENDING THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CHARTER, SECTION 4.01 – POWER, COMPOSITION AND APPORTIONMENT – TO SYNCHRONIZE MUNICIPAL APPORTIONMENT WITH ADOPTION OF THE FINAL STATE REDISTRICTING PLAN UNDER THE STATE CONSTITUTION, AND CONFORM THE CHARTER TO CURRENT STATE LAW.

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WHEREAS, in keeping with prior state law in effect at Charter adoption in 1975, Charter Section 4.01 provides that *upon receipt of the final report of each federal decennial census*, within thirty (30) days the Anchorage Municipal Assembly shall declare by resolution whether or not the Assembly Districts are malapportioned, and reapportion itself within five (5) months if it is so determined; and

WHEREAS, state law governing municipal apportionment and assembly composition under AS 29.20.080 (Assembly recomposition and reapportionment) was amended in 2000 to delete the previous language of the law — "after the official report of a federal decennial census the assembly shall determine and declare by resolution whether the existing apportionment of the assembly meets the standards of AS 29.20.060" — and added new the language to reflect the timing of state redistricting after a federal decennial census; and

WHEREAS, under current law in AS 29.20.080, the Anchorage Assembly must make a determination and take action by resolution "not later than two months after adoption of a final state redistricting plan under art. VI, sec. 10, Constitution of the State of Alaska"; and

WHEREAS, due to the complexity of reapportionment and establishing election districts, a Charter amendment to conform the Charter to current state law on Assembly apportionment and composition is important to the integrity of the Charter and our form of representation;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

<u>Section 1</u>. A ballot proposition in substantially the same form as appears in Section 2 shall be placed on the ballot and submitted to the qualified voters of the Municipality at the regular municipal election of April 3, 2007.

<u>Section 2.</u> The proposition shall be presented in substantially the following form: to the qualified voters of the Municipality:

PROPOSITION NO.

CHARTER AMENDMENT TO SYNCHRONIZE APPORTIONMENT UNDER THE CHARTER WITH CURRENT STATE LAW AND ADOPTION OF FINAL STATE REDISTRICTING PLAN

Shall Anchorage Municipal Charter Section 4.01 be amended to synchronize apportionment under the Charter with current state law as follows: (<u>Underlined words are added</u>. [BRACKETED WORDS ARE DELETED]. Plain text is unchanged.)

Section 4.01. Power, composition and apportionment.

The legislative power of Anchorage is vested in an assembly of 11 members. Election districts, if established, shall be formed of compact and contiguous territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socioeconomic area. The assembly shall be reapportioned whenever it becomes malapportioned. The assembly shall determine and declare by resolution whether or not it is malapportioned within two months [30 DAYS] from:

- (1) Adoption of a final state redistricting plan under art. VI, sec. 10, Constitution of the State of Alaska [RECEIPT OF THE FINAL REPORT OF EACH FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS, INCLUDING ANY SUPPLEMENTARY DATA NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY];
- (2) Receipt of a petition of 50 or more qualified voters alleging and containing reliable evidence that the assembly is malapportioned.

If the assembly determines it is malapportioned, it shall, within <u>six</u> [FIVE] months of the determination, reapportion itself in the manner provided by law.

Yes [] No []

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 Pursuant to Anchorage Ordinance No. 2006-154, amendment of Charter Section 4.01, to synchronize apportionment under the Charter with current state law and adoption of a final state redistricting plan, shall be incorporated into the Home Rule Charter only if approved by a majority of the qualified voters in the Municipality of Anchorage voting on the question in this election.

<u>Section 3</u>. The proposition set out in Section 2 above shall be incorporated into the Home Rule Charter only if approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question at the regular municipal election of April 3, 2007.

<u>Section 4.</u> Section 1 of this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly. Section 2 shall become effective upon certification of the April 3, 2007, election, but only if the proposition is passed by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question contained therein.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12th day of December, 2006.

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Jando S. Llem Municipal Clerk Deputy

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

NO. AIM 117-2006

Meeting Date: December 12, 2006

Assemblymembers Tesche and Stout From:

Summary of Economic Effects for AO 2006-154 Subject:

Attached to this memo is the Summary of Economic Effects for AO 2006-154, regarding an ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the Municipality at the regular Municipal Election on April 3, 2007, a ballot proposition amending the Anchorage Municipal Charter, Section 4.01 -Power, Composition and Apportionment - to synchronize municipal apportionment with adoption of the final State Redistricting Plan under the State Constitution, and conform the Charter to current state law.

Prepared By: Steven B. King, Utility Budget Analyst

Reviewed By: Guadalupe Marroquin

Submitted By: Assemblymembers Tesche and Stout

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government

An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the Municipality at the regular Municipal Election on April 3, 2007, a ballot proposition amending the Anchorage Municipal Charter, Section 4.01 - Power, Composition and Apportionment - to synchronize municipal apportionment with adoption of the final State Redistricting Plan under the State Constitution, and conform the Charter to current state law.

Title: AO Number: 2006-154

Assemblymembers Tesche and Stout Sponsor:

Assembly Preparing Agency:

Others Impacted:

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PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

There are no substantial public sector economic effects associated with this ordinance.

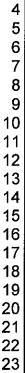
PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

There are no substantial private sector economic effects associated with this ordinance.

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

NO. AM 828-2006

Meeting Date: December 12, 2006

From: Allan Tesche, Co-Chair & Ken Stout, Co-Chair

Subject: AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF

THE MUNICIPALITY AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON

APRIL 3, 2007, A BALLOT PROPOSITION AMENDING THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CHARTER, SECTION 4.01 – POWER, COMPOSITION AND APPORTIONMENT – TO SYNCHRONIZE MUNICIPAL APPORTIONMENT WITH ADOPTION OF THE FINAL STATE REDISTRICTING PLAN UNDER THE STATE CONSTITUTION,

AND CONFORM THE CHARTER TO CURRENT STATE LAW.

The attached ordinance, AO No. 2006-154, would offer the voters of Anchorage an opportunity to amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter, Section 4.01, by requiring that after a federal decennial census, municipal apportionment decisions would follow the adoption of the final state redistricting plan.

Current Charter language, conforming to state law at the time of Charter adoption in 1975, requires the Assembly to determine if it is malapportioned within 30 days of the receipt of the final report of the federal decennial census and to complete the process of reapportionment within five months. This deadline forces the municipality to create its new districts before the state has concluded its reapportionment and redistricting. Since the state draws precinct boundaries, this disconnect in sequencing leads to "split precincts" for municipal elections, situations where one precinct may cross Assembly districts. One voting precinct can have ballots for 2 different Assembly races. Split precincts cause confusion to voters and complicate the programming of the election ballot and tabulation.

The proposed language would have the Assembly determine if it is malapportioned within 2 months from adoption of a final state redistricting plan under Article VI, Section 10, Constitution of the State of Alaska. Reapportionment would be required to be completed within six months of that determination.

Your approval of this ordinance is requested.

Prepared by: Municipal Clerk's Office

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