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Budget & Finance Committee Chair,  
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Reviewed by: Assembly Counsel  
For reading: September 11, 2007

CLERK'S OFFICE  
**AMENDED AND APPROVED**  
Date: 9-11-07

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR NO. 2007-204**

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RELATING TO REVIEW AND ANALYSIS  
2 OF OPERATING BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR FY 2008 AND FY 2009; RECOGNIZING THE  
3 ABILITY OF ANCHORAGE RESIDENTS IS AT OR NEAR MAXIMUM CAPACITY TO  
4 FINANCIALLY SUPPORT GOVERNMENT SERVICES; AND IDENTIFYING A BENCHMARK  
5 FOR PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2008 AND FY 2009.  
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8 WHEREAS, by Charter, the responsibility to approve the Operating Budget for the  
9 Municipality of Anchorage rests with the Anchorage Assembly; and

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11 WHEREAS, timely adoption of the Operating Budget for fiscal years 2008 and 2009  
12 requires Assembly action by December 10, 2007; and

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14 WHEREAS, by Charter and ordinance, the responsibility to submit preliminary revenue  
15 forecasts and proposed budgetary information rests with the Mayor; and

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17 WHEREAS, the preliminary general government revenue plan and other preliminary  
18 general government operating budget summary information have been submitted by the Mayor  
19 to the Assembly's Budget and Finance Committee for review; and

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21 WHEREAS, based on its review, the Budget and Finance Committee recommends  
22 adoption of the following findings and process to assist in timely Assembly approval of the  
23 Operating Budget for fiscal years 2008 and 2009;

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25 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly determines and resolves:

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27 1. Given the current tax structure, which is heavily dependent on real property taxes,  
28 and uncertain levels of State support, the ability of this municipality's residents to  
29 financially support government services is at or near its maximum capacity.  
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31 2. Current FY 2007 government expenditure is generally adequate to meet the  
32 current needs of residents of the Municipality of Anchorage.  
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34 3. The revised Operating Budget for fiscal year 2007, as approved by the Assembly in  
35 AR 2007-97(S), serves as an appropriate base year benchmark for Assembly review  
36 and analysis of municipal budgetary constraints, obligations and priorities for fiscal  
37 years 2008 and 2009.  
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39 4. The municipality's legal, contractual, or fiduciary obligations for the upcoming fiscal  
40 years require priority funding, within the maximum budget amount that municipal  
41 residents should be required to support by action of the Assembly.  
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- 1 5. The revised municipal FY 2007 Operating Budget, as approved by the Assembly,  
2 included approved expenditures of \$399,396,750 for FY 2007. The Mayor's  
3 Preliminary Summary of General Government Operating Budget Revenues dated  
4 August 31, 2007, lists proposed revenue of \$424,724,280 for FY 2008 and  
5 \$435,102,800 for FY 2009. Based on these proposed revenue numbers for FY 2008  
6 and FY 2009, there is adequate revenue to meet the needs of residents of the  
7 Municipality of Anchorage.  
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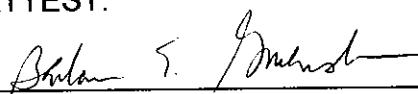
9 SUBJECT to the foregoing findings, the Assembly adopts the following:

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11 1. For fiscal years 2008 and 2009, the Assembly shall make every effort to ensure the  
12 level of annual municipal spending that municipal residents are required to support  
13 through Assembly action will not exceed the annual spending reflected and  
14 approved by the Assembly in the revised Operating Budget for fiscal year 2007.  
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16 2. Assembly review of the Operating Budget for FY 2008 and FY 2009 shall begin with  
17 the revised Operating Budget for 2007 as the base year benchmark.  
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19 3. Before engaging in review of alternative options to increase municipal expenditures  
20 beyond the FY 2007 approved Operating Budget, the Assembly shall consider an  
21 initial proposed Operating Budget for FY 2008 and FY 2009 reflecting no increase  
22 from the revised Operating Budget for fiscal year 2007 approved by the Assembly in  
23 AR 2007-97(S).  
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25 4. To enable the Assembly to fully review and analyze the Operating Budget for FY  
26 2008 and FY 2009 and to fulfill the Assembly's obligation to the residents of  
27 Anchorage, the Assembly requests that the Administration prepare a proposed  
28 Operating Budget for FY 2008 and FY 2009 reflecting no increase from the revised  
29 Operating Budget for fiscal year 2007, **but that articulates any additional**  
30 **community needs beyond the 2007 Operating Budget.**  
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32 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.

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35 Chair

36 ATTEST:

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39 Municipal Clerk

Municipality of Anchorage  
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE  
**Agenda Document Control Sheet**

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<b>1</b>	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT <b>A Resolution relating to review and analysis of operating budget proposals for FY 2007 and FY 2008</b>	DATE PREPARED <p style="text-align: center;">9-7-07</p>
		Indicate Documents Attached <input type="checkbox"/> AO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AR <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM
<b>2</b>	DEPARTMENT NAME <b>Assembly</b>	DIRECTOR'S NAME <p style="text-align: center;">Dan Coffey, Chair</p>
<b>3</b>	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY <b>Julia Tucker</b>	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER <p style="text-align: center;">343-4419</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY</b>	<b>INITIALS</b>
X	<b>Mayor</b>	
	<b>Municipal Clerk</b>	
	<b>Municipal Attorney</b>	
	<b>Employee Relations</b>	
X	<b>Municipal Manager</b>	
	Cultural & Recreational Services	
	Fire	
	Health & Human Services	
	Merrill Field Airport	
	Municipal Light & Power	
	Office of Management and Budget	
	Police	
	Port of Anchorage	
	Public Works	
	Solid Waste Services	
	Transit	
	Water & Wastewater Utility	
	<b>Executive Manager</b>	
	Community Planning & Development	
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer	
	Heritage Land Bank	
	Management Information Services	
	Property & Facility Management	
	Purchasing	
	<b>Other</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Special Instructions/Comments</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">ADDENDUM    CONSENT AGENDA NEW BUSINESS</div>	
<b>6</b>	ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED <p style="text-align: center;">9-11-07</p>	<div style="width: 20px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;"><b>7</b></div> PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED