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Requested by: ASSEMBLY MEMBER CLAMAN

Prepared by: Assembly Counsel For Reading: January 19, 2010

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE ORDINANCE No. 2010–14

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,400,000) OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE TO PAY THE COSTS OF FIRE PROTECTION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE QUESTION OF AN INCREASE IN THE MUNICIPAL TAX CAP LIMITATION TO PAY ASSOCIATED OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS IN THE ANCHORAGE FIRE SERVICE AREA AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE MUNICIPALITY ON APRIL 6, 2010.

WHEREAS, the best interest of the citizens and property owners in the Anchorage Fire Service Area serving the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska (the "Municipality") require the Municipality to acquire replacement fire engines (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in order to provide financing for the acquisition of such Project, it is deemed necessary and advisable that the Municipality issue and sell its general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$1,400,000 (the "Bonds"); now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>Purpose</u>. The Assembly of the Municipality hereby determines that the best interest of the residents and property owners within the Anchorage Fire Service Area require the Municipality to acquire replacement fire engines at the time and in the order and in the manner deemed most necessary and advisable by the Municipality. The estimated cost of the Project, including incidental costs and costs related to issuing and selling the Bonds as provided in this ordinance, is estimated to be \$1,400,000.

The Project is described in more detail in the attachment to the Assembly Memorandum accompanying this ordinance. The cost of all necessary consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative expenses, and costs of issuance of the Bonds (hereinafter defined) and other costs incurred in connection with the acquisition of the Project shall be deemed to be costs of the approved Project.

The Assembly shall determine the application of available moneys for the Project so as to acquire, as nearly as may be, all of the Project described or provided for in this section.

If the Assembly shall determine that it has become impractical to acquire any portion of the approved Project by reason of changed conditions or needs, or costs substantially in excess of those estimated, the Assembly shall not be required to accomplish such portions and shall apply Bond proceeds as set forth in this section.

If all of the approved Project has been acquired and duly provided for, or found to be impractical, the Assembly may apply Bond proceeds or any portion thereof to other Municipality fire service capital improvements at its sole discretion. Otherwise, the Municipality shall apply such remaining proceeds solely to payment of principal or interest on the Bonds, as provided in the Home Rule Charter. In the event that the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, plus any other monies of the Municipality legally available, are insufficient to acquire the approved Project, the Assembly shall use the available funds for paying the cost of those portions of the approved Project deemed by the Municipality most necessary and in the best interest of the Municipality. No Bond proceeds shall be used for any purpose other than a capital improvement.

For the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition of the Project, which is hereby found to be a public purpose and in the public interest, the Municipality hereby proposes to issue general obligation bonded indebtedness in an amount not to exceed One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000) (the "Bonds").

Section 2. Details of Bonds. The Bonds shall be sold in such amounts and at such time or times as deemed necessary and advisable by the Assembly and as permitted by law and shall mature over a period of up to 20 years from date of issue. The Bonds shall be issued in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,400,000. The Bonds shall bear interest to be fixed at the time of sale or sales thereof. The exact form, terms, conditions, contents, security, options of redemption, and such other matters relating to the issuance and sale of said Bonds as are deemed necessary and advisable by the Assembly shall be as hereinafter determined and/or delegated by ordinance and/or resolution of the Assembly.

The full faith and credit of the Municipality is pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property in the Municipality shall be levied without limitation as to rate or amount to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The principal of and interest on the Bonds are to be paid first from ad valorem taxes levied and collected within the Anchorage Fire Service Area.

<u>Section 3</u>. <u>Ballot Proposition</u>. The Assembly hereby submits to the qualified electors of the Municipality the proposition of whether or not the Municipality should issue the Bonds for the purpose of financing the costs of the approved Project at the regular municipal election to be held on April 6, 2010.

The Clerk shall prepare the ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters as provided by this ordinance and the Municipal Code and shall perform all necessary steps in accordance with law to place this proposition before the voters at the regular election. The proposition must receive a majority vote of those in the Municipality voting, both in the Anchorage Fire Service Area and areawide, on the question to be approved. The proposition shall be substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. _____

ANCHORAGE FIRE SERVICE AREA FIRE PROTECTION BONDS

For the purpose of providing fire protection capital improvements and undertaking other related capital improvements as provided in Ordinance No. AO 2010-___ in the Anchorage Fire Service Area, shall Anchorage borrow money and issue up to \$1,400,000 in principal amount of general obligation bonds and increase the municipal tax cap by an annual amount not to exceed \$ ____ to pay the associated annual operations and maintenance costs?

Voter approval of this bond proposition authorizes for each \$100,000 of assessed taxable property value (based on the estimated 2010 assessed valuation in the Anchorage Fire Service Area): (i) an annual increase in taxes of approximately \$0.31 to retire the proposed bonds, and (ii) an annual increase necessary to fund the proposed increase in the municipal tax cap (Charter 14.039b)(2)) of approximately \$0.___ to pay for annual operations and maintenance costs related to the proposed capital improvements.

The debt shall be paid from real and personal property taxes levied and collected within the Anchorage Fire Service Area. Anchorage will also pledge its full faith and credit for payment of the bonds.

(No. AO 2010-__)

1	Section 4. Submission of Question to Voters. The proposition, both for paper
2	ballots and machine ballots, shall be printed on a ballot which may set forth other
3	general obligation bond propositions, and the following words shall be added as
4	appropriate and next to a square provided for marking the ballot or voting by a
5	machine:
6	PROPOSITION NO BONDS, YES
7	BONDS, NO
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	Section 5. Effective Dates. Section 2 of this ordinance shall become effective
10 11	only if the proposition described in Section 3 is approved by a majority of the
12	qualified voters voting on the proposition at the regular election held on April 6,
13	2010. The remaining sections of this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and approval.
13	passage and approval.
15	PASSED AND APPROVED by the Assembly of the Municipality of Anchorage, this
16	PASSED AND APPROVED by the Assembly of the Municipality of Anchorage, this day of, 2010.
17	day of, 2010.
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20	By Chair of the Assembly
21	Chair of the Assembly
22	ATTEST:
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26	Municipal Clerk
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