

Municipal Clerk's Office

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Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the Request of the Mayor

Prepared by: Office of the Mayor

For reading: March 30, 2022

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
EO No. 2022-1

1 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE PROVIDING  
2 FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR LABOR, SUPPLIES, AND OTHER EXPENDITURES  
3 REQUIRED TO ADDRESS MUNICIPAL RESPONSE TO THE AVALANCHE BY:  
4 APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED  
5 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) FROM AN INTERFUND LOAN FROM THE  
6 AREAWIDE GENERAL FUND (101000) TO THE DISASTER RECOVERY FUND  
7 (231804); APPROVING A TEMPORARY EXCEPTION TO THE UNRESERVED FUND  
8 BALANCE DESIGNATION POLICY FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE; AND  
9 PROVIDING A PLAN FOR FUTURE REIMBURSEMENT OF SAID APPROPRIATION.

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11 WHEREAS, on March 24, 2022, at approximately 11:30 p.m., an avalanche occurred  
12 around the 2400 block of Hiland Road in Eagle River, covering Hiland Road with snow  
13 and debris, interrupting utility service to residents and making travel impossible (this  
14 event is hereinafter referred as the "Avalanche"). The Avalanche is roughly 300 to 450  
15 feet wide and 60 to 80 feet deep; and

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17 WHEREAS, on March 26, 2022, pursuant to authority granted in Article V, Section 5.02  
18 of the Home Rule Charter for the Municipality of Anchorage and AMC 3.80.040, the  
19 Mayor declared that a civil emergency existed within and adjacent to the Municipality of  
20 Anchorage based upon the events and circumstances specified above; and

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22 WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Section 10.03, in the event of such an emergency, an  
23 ordinance may be introduced and adopted by the Assembly at the same meeting,  
24 provided the Assembly makes a finding in the ordinance that an emergency exists and  
25 provides a statement of the facts constituting the emergency; and

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27 WHEREAS, pursuant to AR 2015-084, it is the policy of the Municipality of Anchorage  
28 to maintain an unrestricted general fund balance in an amount equal to 10% of current  
29 year expenditures in its General Government fund budgets, and to maintain an  
30 unrestricted fund balance of 8.25% of current year expenditures in its non-major  
31 Governmental Operating Funds, as a Bond Rating Designation that will become  
32 committed fund balance, and to maintain unrestricted fund balances in its five major  
33 funds in an amount between 2.0% and 3.0% of current year expenditures as a Working  
34 Capital Reserve that will become part of an unassigned fund balance; and

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36 WHEREAS, the Municipality is pursuing State and Federal assistance that, if and to the  
37 extent received, will be used to fully reimburse the costs of protecting the public safety,  
38 health, and welfare of the Municipality of Anchorage from the Avalanche; now,  
39 therefore,

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41 THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

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43 Section 1. Pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Charter Section 10.03, the Assembly

1 hereby specifically finds that the Avalanche resulted in a documented civil emergency  
2 within the Municipality of Anchorage. The Assembly further finds that the said  
3 emergency now requires immediate appropriation of funds for labor, supplies, and other  
4 expenditures. Failure to immediately address these issues will result in an insufficiency  
5 of services or facilities substantial enough to endanger the public health, safety, or  
6 welfare.

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8 **Section 2.** The sum of not to exceed ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
9 DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) in Interfund Loan Proceeds from the Areawide General Fund  
10 (101000) General Cash Pool Equity, are hereby appropriated to the Avalanche Disaster  
11 Recovery Fund (231804).

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13 **Section 3.** The proceeds of the Interfund Loan aggregating not to exceed ONE  
14 MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) are available to be  
15 used for labor, supplies, and other expenditures required to preserve and protect the  
16 public safety, health, and welfare from the Avalanche.

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18 **Section 4.** The Assembly hereby approves a temporary exception to the unreserved  
19 fund balance policy of the Municipality of Anchorage, permitting the Municipality to  
20 conclude the 2022 fiscal year with less than the unrestricted fund balances dictated by  
21 AR 2015-084 in light of the emergency circumstances outlined in this ordinance and the  
22 anticipated reimbursement, through State and Federal assistance or tax revenue.

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24 **Section 5.** The Municipality’s Chief Fiscal Officer is delegated the responsibility to  
25 pursue reimbursement of costs from all available State of Alaska and Federal  
26 assistance programs.

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28 **Section 6.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval  
29 by the Anchorage Assembly.

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32 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 30th day of March, 2022.

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Chair

38 ATTEST:

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43 Municipal Clerk



# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## Assembly Memorandum

No. AM 191-2022

Meeting Date: March 30, 2022

1 **From: Mayor**

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3 **Subject: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF**  
4 **ANCHORAGE PROVIDING FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR LABOR,**  
5 **SUPPLIES, AND OTHER EXPENDITURES REQUIRED TO ADDRESS**  
6 **MUNICIPAL RESPONSE TO THE AVALANCHE BY: APPROPRIATING**  
7 **AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED**  
8 **THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) FROM AN INTERFUND LOAN**  
9 **FROM THE AREAWIDE GENERAL FUND (101000) TO THE DISASTER**  
10 **RECOVERY FUND (231804); APPROVING A TEMPORARY**  
11 **EXCEPTION TO THE UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE DESIGNATION**  
12 **POLICY FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE; AND PROVIDING**  
13 **A PLAN FOR FUTURE REIMBURSEMENT OF SAID APPROPRIATION.**  
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15 On March 26, 2022, the Mayor declared a civil emergency existed related to an  
16 avalanche measuring between 300 to 400 feet wide and 60 and 80 feet deep that  
17 occurred on March 24, 2022 and cut off nearly 100 houses on Upper Hiland Road  
18 and interrupted utilities to the isolated area (this event is hereinafter referred as the  
19 "Avalanche").  
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21 The attached ordinance appropriates an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to provide  
22 financial resources for labor, supplies, and other expenditures required to address  
23 the municipal response to the Avalanche. These expenditures are necessary to  
24 prevent a situation in which an insufficiency of services or facilities will become  
25 substantial enough to endanger public health, safety, or welfare.  
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27 The Office of Management & Budget has established the Avalanche Disaster  
28 Recovery Fund (231804) as a subset of the Municipality's State and Federal  
29 Contribution Fund, as a single fund for use across the Municipality in funding and  
30 tracking disaster recovery expenditures for which the Municipality will seek  
31 reimbursement. The attached ordinance provides the authority to fund the Avalanche  
32 Disaster Recovery Fund (231804) at the level estimated to be required to address  
33 known activities at this time. Based on the status of the Avalanche response and  
34 need for additional services, requests for additional funding may be submitted in the  
35 future.  
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37 The Municipality's Chief Fiscal Officer is delegated the responsibility to pursue  
38 reimbursement of costs from all available State and Federal assistance programs.  
39 The Municipality is pursuing State and Federal assistance that, if and to the extent  
40 received, will be used to fully reimburse the costs funded by this appropriation.  
41 Therefore, no summary of economic effects is included.  
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1 The recommended budget details are as follows:

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3 **Revenues:**

4 Fund	FC	IO	Acct	Acct Name	Amount
5 231804-124300-9000000060-101240				Areawide Interfund Loan Proceeds	\$1,500,000

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7 **Expenditures:**

8 Fund	FC	IO/FP	Acct	Acct Name	Amount
9 231804-124300-9000000060-501040				Overtime	\$1,000,000
10 231804-124300-9000000060-530380				Other Prof Service	\$ 500,000

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12 **THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**

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14 Approved by: Patrick Bergt, Municipal Attorney  
 15 Fund certification: Travis C. Frisk, Chief Fiscal Officer

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17 101000-101240 \$1,500,000  
 18 (Areawide General Fund Cash Balance)

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20 Concur: Cheryl Frasca, Director, Office of Management & Budget  
 21 Concur: Amy Demboski, Municipal Manager  
 22 Respectfully submitted: Dave Bronson, Mayor