April 7, 2020 Ballot Proposition
FACT SHEET

Proposition #9
Areawide Emergency Medical Supplies and Systems
Special Levy and Reduction of Voter-Approved Indebtedness
$830,000 Annually

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The Municipality’s prior practice of purchasing emergency medical equipment with proceeds of voter-approved general obligation bonds has resulted in the three fire departments operating within the municipality – the Anchorage Fire Department, the Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department, and the Girdwood Volunteer Fire Department. Using and maintaining several differing versions of similar cardiac monitors, chest compression systems, and emergency-medical equipment, has precluded the departments from implementing a predictable dependable capital-replacement schedule.

The vendor that has most recently sold LifePak Cardiac Monitors, Lucas CPR Chest Compression Systems, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to the municipality has adopted a new business model and is now willing to lease that equipment and other EMS equipment and systems to the municipality. By leasing, rather than purchasing emergency medical equipment, fire departments can deploy a standard, uniform set of equipment across the municipality, acquire necessary gurneys and data systems, and “refresh” equipment in a standard and dependable manner. By leasing, rather than purchasing emergency medical equipment, maintenance obligations will be shifted to the vendor.

Leasing equipment, rather than purchasing it in the typical paid-for-by-bonded-indebtedness model, is anticipated to yield the following advantages:

- the total cost to taxpayers, as compared to borrowing and purchasing the leased equipment and supplies, will be less;
- the municipality’s three fire departments, and the police department, will be able to deploy and train on uniform equipment; and
- the municipality will have reduced maintenance responsibilities (because the vendor would shoulder additional maintenance obligations), and decreased risk (because the vendor will replace damaged or defective equipment over a longer period).

Costs Associated with Approval

| Annual Special Tax Levy | $830,000 |

Estimated Annual Property Tax Increase for $100,000 of Assessed Property Value:

| annually on $100,000 of assessed valuation | $2.40 |

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Municipality of Anchorage