

# 1997 General Government Operating Budget

## APPENDIX F

### EXPLANATION OF TAXING DISTRICT MILL LEVIES

The Municipality of Anchorage operates under a "service area concept" whereby taxpayers in different areas or taxing districts of the Municipality pay property taxes only for those services which they vote to receive within the district. Some services provided by the Municipality must be offered on an "areawide" basis under state law. These include education, planning and zoning, property assessment, and tax collection. Other services require voter approval -- these include road maintenance, police and fire protection and parks and recreation. This "service area concept" gives the taxpayers more control over the types and levels of service for which they are taxed.

The mill levy of a service area is computed in four steps:

1.	Total Direct Costs of Service Area	+	Net Intra- governmental Charges	=	Function Cost of Service Area
2.	Function Cost of Service Area	-	Program Revenues of Service Area	=	Net Program Cost of Service Area
3.	Net Program Cost of Service Area	-	Other Revenues Allocated to Service Area	=	Tax Requirement of Service Area
4.	Tax Requirement of Service Area	/	Assessed Value of Service Area x 1000	=	Mill Rate (Levy) for Service Area

Each service within the taxing district has its own mill rate. The sum of these service mill rates within a taxing district comprises the mill rate by which taxes are levied. The table below shows how one taxing district mill levy has been computed for 1997. For more detailed definitions of the terms used here, consult the Glossary of Terms in the Budget Overview Section.

#### CALCULATION OF MULDOON TAXING DISTRICT MILL LEVY

Service Area (Services Approved by Muldoon Taxing District Voters)	Function Cost of Service Area	Program Revenues of Service Area	Other Revenues Allocated to Service Area	Tax Requirement of Service Area	Estimated Assessed Valuation of Service Area (000's)	Approved Mill Levy of Service Area
Areawide	\$ 73,715,310	\$ 12,553,960	\$ 35,657,530	\$ 25,503,820	\$ 12,299,908	2.07
Fire	25,399,560	314,500	4,560,120	20,524,940	11,518,761	1.78
Roads	44,674,010	1,774,160	9,063,840	33,836,010	9,803,672	3.45
Police	51,765,110	2,259,700	13,194,860	36,310,550	12,065,153	3.01
Parks and Rec	12,079,160	2,123,720	1,892,630	8,062,810	10,654,178	0.76
Road Debt Service	240,180	58,790	71,470	109,920	4,944,455	0.02
Building Safety	3,123,700	3,017,550	1,960	104,190	10,654,178	0.01
			Total Mill Levy - General Government			11.10
			Total Mill Levy - School District *			7.28
			Total Levy for Muldoon Residents			18.38

\* School District mill levy is assumed to be the same as in 1996 (7.28 mills).

NOTE: the 1997 Assessed Valuations in this appendix are based on preliminary estimates which may change prior to April 1997 when the actual 1997 mill rates will be approved by the Assembly