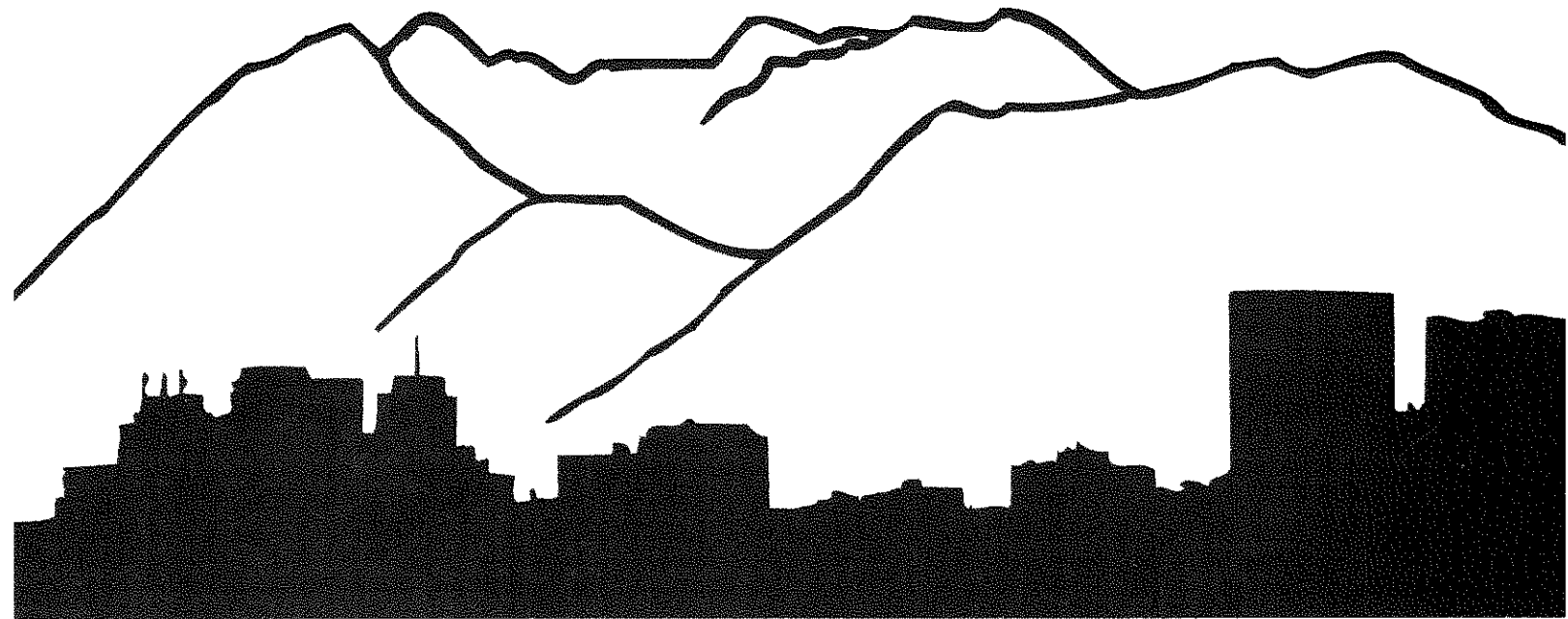


Municipality of Anchorage



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Proposed General Government Operating Budget



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Rick Mystrom, Mayor

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September 30, 1997

Dear Residents of Anchorage:

Enclosed herein is my proposed 1998 General Government Operating Budget. I am pleased to report that the budget has increased less than 1% (0.9%) from 1997 and is \$5.0 million under the tax cap.

The 1998 budget will allow us to continue our efforts to make Anchorage a safer and more livable city. Crime in Anchorage for the first half of 1997 is down from one year ago in all categories. Comparisons of the 1997 crime rate per 100,000 population to the same time period in 1995 show how much crime conditions have improved in the last two years. Based on the population statistic the crime rate is down 31% with dramatic drops in homicides (67%), rape (34%), and robbery (53%). Although I am pleased by this information, I am not yet satisfied. The crime statistics are a good sign that Anchorage is moving toward being the city we all want, but there is still work to be done. The 1998 budget will continue our efforts in that direction.

While making our City safe will continue to be our primary focus, we will also continue to work to make Anchorage a cleaner, more livable city. We will make our streets throughout the city safer and cleaner. Zoning and code enforcement will be enhanced. The maintenance and watering of our sports and parks facilities and road right-of-ways/medians will enjoy a high priority. In addition to being safe and attractive, we will continue to recognize the importance of quality recreational and cultural opportunities for our citizens.

During 1998, we will automate major manual processes and provide better access to information to enhance decision making and increase worker productivity.

My administration has always put a high priority on working with the business community to foster economic development. We will continue to place emphasis on working with existing businesses and new prospects in 1998. Our building, zoning, and permitting process will continue to be improved.

I am looking forward to working with the Assembly during the budget deliberations of the next two months. I believe we can continue the steps that we have taken to reach our goal of making Anchorage an even better place to live and raise our families

Sincerely

Rick Mystrom

"City of Lights and Flowers"

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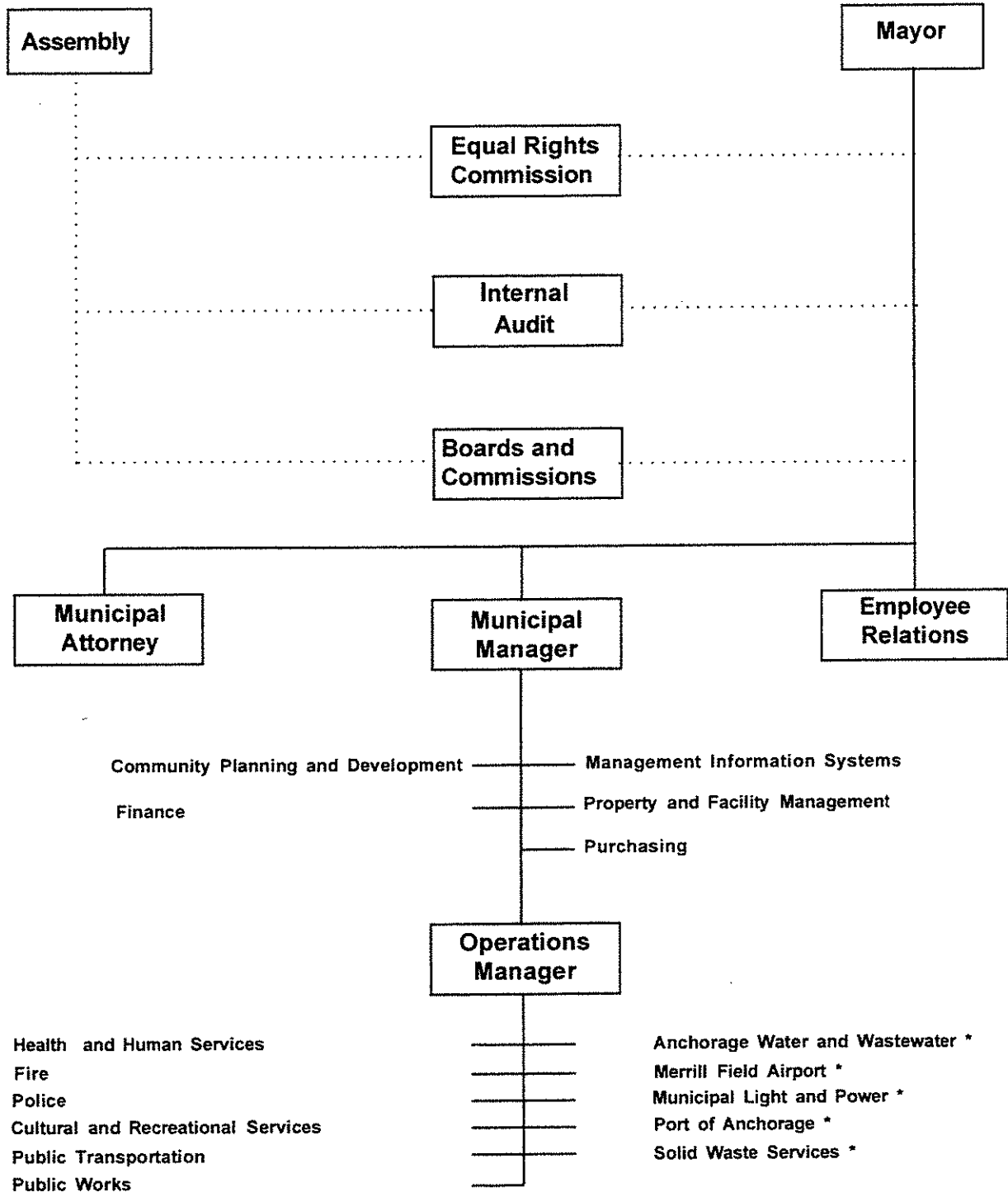
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