



Municipality of Anchorage

***General Government
Operating Budget***

***2009 Proposed -
Updated***

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Dear Fellow Anchorage Resident,

I am pleased to present the Municipality of Anchorage's updated budget for the operation of general government services in 2009.

The biennial budget process calls for a mid-cycle "tune-up" of the 2009 budget that was submitted to the Assembly and approved in concept in November 2007. In keeping with the intent of biennial budgeting, this updated budget reflects expenditure and revenue adjustments, where applicable, to reflect major changes in financial and program conditions that have occurred since last November.

I encourage your attention to some key elements of this updated budget:

- First, the 2009 updated budget is \$4.8 million lower than the original proposed 2009 budget. This savings has been achieved by city departments aggressively working to absorb increasing costs with existing resources and the State of Alaska's changes in accounting of the Public Employees Retirement System.
- Second, the 2009 updated budget continues to provide additional resources to public safety. The 2009 budget adds 13 new police officers, continuing the Mayor's effort to increase the police force. Over the past five years, the city has added 73 new officers. The Anchorage Parks Department will be adding a new Park Ranger Safety program designed to address several animal and wildfire safety issues the city experienced this past year. The Anchorage Parks Department will run this program with minimal new funding by reallocating existing resources.
- Third, this 2009 update reflects our continuing efforts to provide substantial property tax relief to the citizens of Anchorage by using \$15.6 million in State revenues for property tax relief. The actual dollars and percentage of property taxes required to fund city services are dropping from 59 percent when I took office in 2003 to 55 percent next year.

Ours is a city on the move where citizens expect and deserve municipal services that are responsive, efficient and affordable. I thank all residents of Anchorage for your continuing support, ideas and help in meeting those expectations.

Sincerely,

Mark Begich
Mayor

Community, Security, Prosperity

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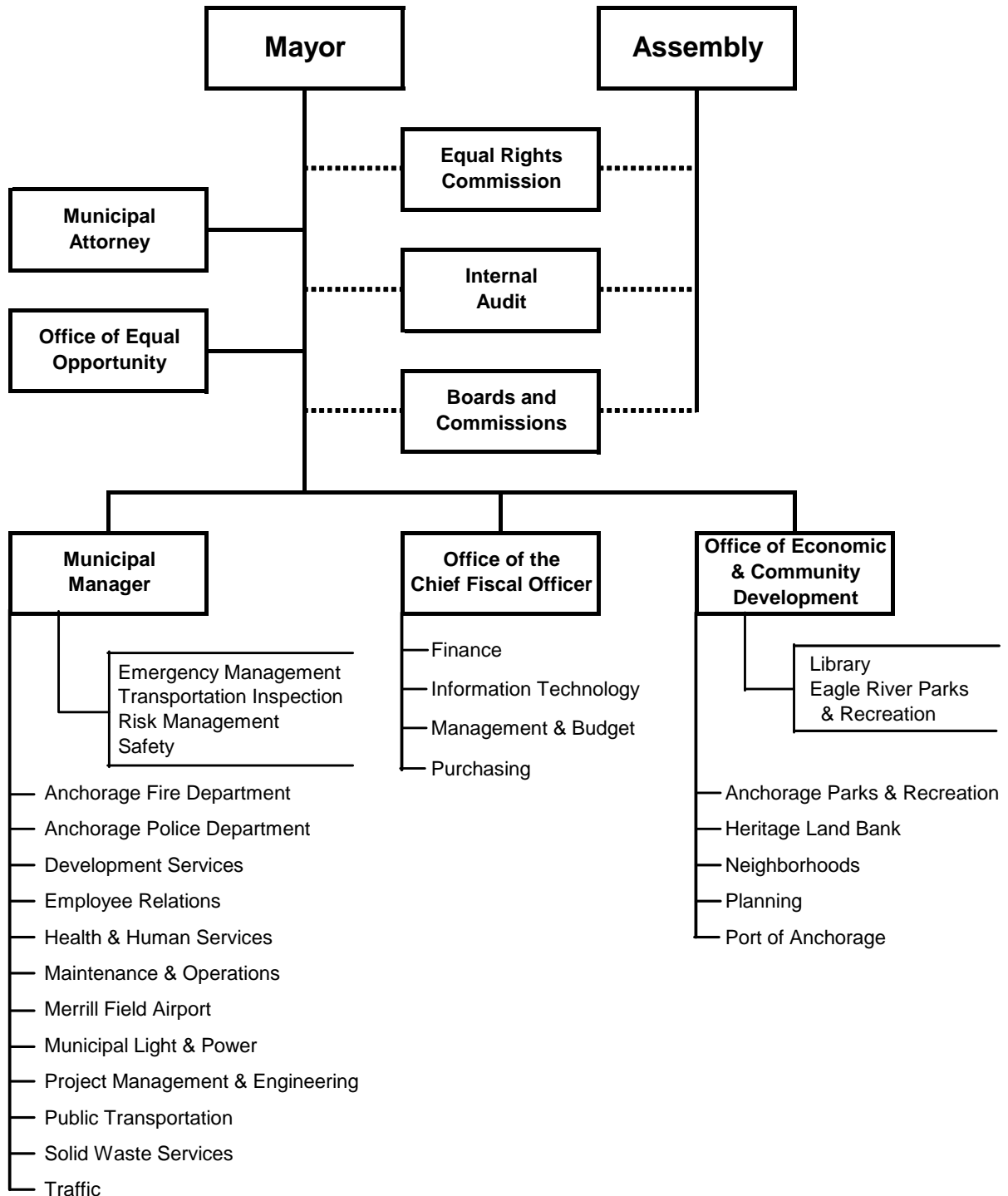
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The 2009 Updated General Government Operating Budget is divided into four sections. The contents of each section are described below.

Budget Overview

Summary charts and data tables for the 2009 updated general government operating budget are presented in this section.

Revenues

This section presents a summary of all major revenue sources for general government operations and detailed descriptions of revenue accounts and the method by which they are distributed.

Department Detail

This section presents the 2009 updated operating budgets for all general government departments. The budget presentation for each department includes an organization chart; a department resource plan; reconciliation summary of departmental budget changes from 2008 revised budget to the 2009 updated budgets; and, where applicable, a summary of grant resources.

Appendices

This section presents supplemental expenditure, revenue and tax information for the 2009 update.