# 2012 Proposed General Government Operating Budget



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Dear Citizens,

After much discussion, analysis and hard work on the part of municipal department leadership, the 2012 spending plan is presented here for the public to examine.

The 2012 budget reflects a commitment to finding efficiencies and examining every municipal department for savings. I am proud to report that this effort has been largely successful as evidenced by our ability to maintain high-value services to citizens while keeping property tax increases relatively flat.

Because of the continued sluggish national economy and recent revelations that unemployment and poverty levels are at record highs, I made the decision to keep property tax increases to a minimum. In my mind, every dollar that families can keep to spend on groceries, utility bills or healthcare costs is money well-invested in our community.

I want to thank the professionals at the Municipality of Anchorage for their hard work in crafting a budget that is fiscally responsible and meets the needs of our citizens. I also look forward to working with the Assembly and the public as we finalize a fair and responsible 2012 budget.

Respectfully,

Dan Sullivan

Mayor

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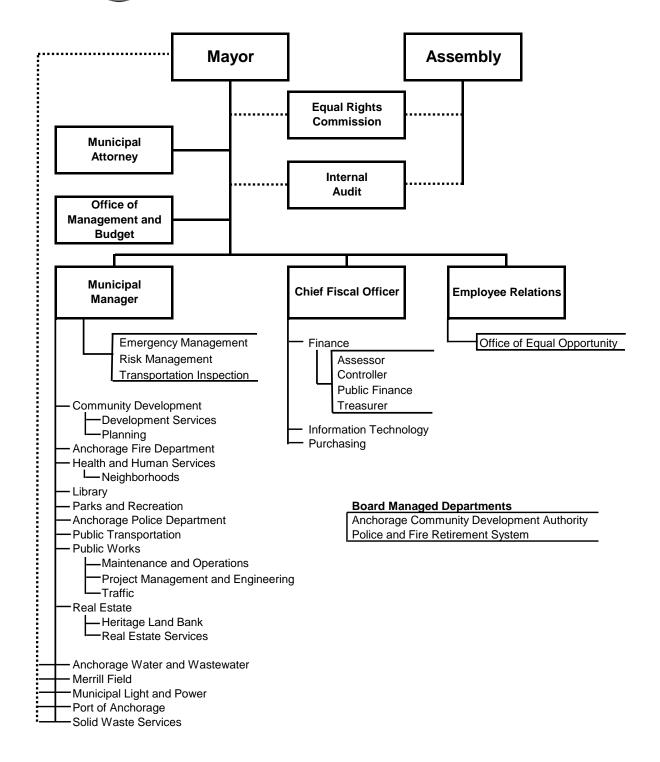
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