



Municipality of Anchorage

**2017 Approved
General
Government
Operating Budget**

**Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor
Anchorage, Alaska**



Municipality of Anchorage

Office of the Mayor

Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor

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Dear Neighbors:

The Municipality of Anchorage faces challenges and opportunities as we construct the 2017 Municipal budget. We have to contend with steep decreases in State municipal revenue sharing, the deprivation of the Municipal Light and Power and Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility dividends, and cost shifting from the State to the Municipality. At the same time, we have a responsibility to improve public safety and foster development that creates jobs and prosperity.

Our 2017 budget reflects savings and efficiencies achieved in the 2016 department budgets, makes reductions to the proposed 2017 department budgets, and finds new funding sources.

When my administration took office, we faced a deficit on our police force of 100 officers. Thanks to your support, we made a \$5.4 million investment to build the force back up to **410** officers. We are getting closer to our goal of **450** officers, and have begun foot patrols and increased community policing throughout our community.

Please review the 2017 budget. Your ideas and involvement make the budget process better in this and future years.

Regards,

Ethan Berkowitz

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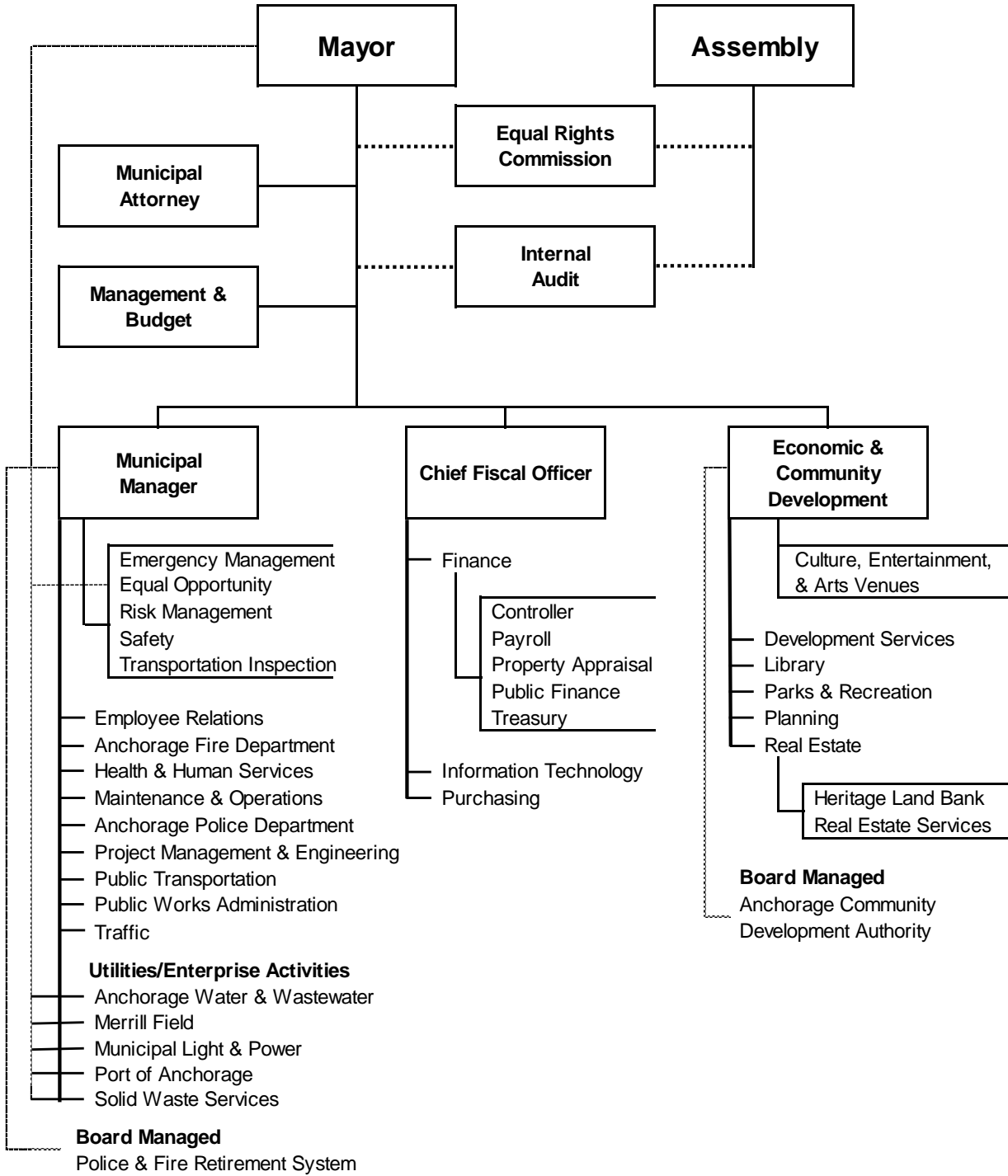
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The award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.

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