PRESS RELEASE
TIMELINE FOR ALCOHOL TAX PUBLIC PROCESS

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Felix Rivera, Chair

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Assembly Chair Felix Rivera announces that according to AR 2020-41, which was passed on Tuesday, January 28, the Assembly will be engaging in a robust public process to determine the best uses of the voter-approved alcohol tax.

The public process includes a variety of worksessions, committee meetings, and town halls, as described below. Additional information regarding these meetings will be updated on the Assembly’s webpages at www.muni.org/assembly and on the Assembly Calendar, for which you can find a link for “Upcoming Assembly Events Calendar” from the Assembly webpage.

Rivera announced the following meetings on the alcohol tax, beginning this week-September:

**May 15, 1:10 – 2:40 pm**: First Worksession on Allocation on Alcohol Tax via TEAMS, please check the Assembly website or the Assembly Calendar for information on how to listen in to the meeting. Assembly members will be reviewing a proposed plan developed by the administration and discussing committee processes.

**May 20, 11am – 12:30 pm**: Assembly Committee on Homelessness via TEAMS, please check the Assembly website or the Assembly Calendar for information on how to listen in to the meeting. The committee will discuss their process for discussing the uses of the alcohol tax.

**June 3, 10 – 11 am**: Health Policy Committee Meeting, location TBD. The committee will discuss evidence-based grants to address DV/SA and child abuse, review early childhood education programs, and discuss treatment center ideas and operations.

**June 3, 11am – 12:30 pm**: Public Safety Committee Meeting, location TBD. The committee will discuss the needs within AFD, APD, and the Prosecutor’s Office to better address their responses to homelessness, domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

**June 17, 11am – 12:30 pm**: Assembly Committee on Homelessness, location TBD. The committee will discuss 1) supporting the Municipality’s work in the “Health and
Safety” pillar of the Anchored Home plan, and 2) supporting partnership work in the other pillars of Anchored Home.

**July 1, 10 – 11 am:** Health Policy Committee Meeting, location TBD. The committee will discuss evidence-based grants to address DV/SA and child abuse, review early childhood education programs, and discuss treatment center ideas and operations.

**July 1, 11am – 12:30 pm:** Public Safety Committee Meeting, location TBD. The committee will discuss the needs within AFD, APD, and the Prosecutor’s Office to better address their responses to homelessness, domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

**July 15, 11am – 12:30 pm:** Assembly Committee on Homelessness, location TBD. The committee will discuss 1) supporting the Municipality’s work in the “Health and Safety” pillar of the Anchored Home plan, and 2) supporting partnership work in the others pillars of Anchored Home.

**July 24, 12noon – 1:30 pm:** Second Worksession on Allocation of Alcohol Tax, location TBD. Assembly members will be reviewing work done in committees and develop a draft plan to present at the August town hall meetings.

**August, date TBD, 6 – 8:30 pm:** Chugiak-Eagle River Town Hall, location TBD. The Assembly will present the draft plan of uses of the alcohol tax and receive public feedback.

**August, date TBD, 5:30 – 8 pm:** Anchorage Town Hall, location TBD. The Assembly will present the draft plan of uses of the alcohol tax and receive public feedback.

**August, date TBD, 6:30 – 9 pm:** Girdwood Town Hall, location TBD. The Assembly will present the draft plan of uses of the alcohol tax and receive public feedback.

**August 28, 1pm – 2 pm:** Final Worksession on Allocation of Alcohol Tax, location TBD. Assembly members will be reviewing feedback from town halls and making any final suggestion regarding the draft plan of uses of the alcohol tax.

**September 15 and 29, 5 pm:** Regular Assembly Meetings where the Assembly will hold two public hearings and consider a formal resolution adopting the plan for uses of the alcohol tax.

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