

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2020-41, As Amended

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY**
2 **ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC DELIBERATIVE PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING A**
3 **PLAN FOR USE AND BUDGETING OF NEW TAX REVENUE SOURCES**
4 **DEDICATED TO SPECIFIC PURPOSES.**
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Assembly has before it for consideration at its January
8 28, 2020 regular meeting three proposals for new tax revenues, each that dedicates
9 the net receipts from the tax to specific public purposes: (1) AO 2019-148(S-1)
10 proposing a retail sales tax on alcoholic beverages, (2) AO 2019-148(S-2) also
11 proposing a retail sales tax on alcoholic beverages with different dedication
12 purposes, and (3) AO 2019-156(S-1) proposing a general retail sales tax; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the dedication clauses of each proposal are worded to describe subject
15 areas for expenditure of the new revenue, appropriate high-level policy directives
16 for amendment to the Home Rule Charter of Anchorage; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, some comments and reactions from stakeholders and the public to the
19 tax revenue proposals demonstrate a [~~common~~] desire to have more detailed plans
20 for specific programs, services, grants, or capital improvements on which the
21 dedicated revenues will be spent; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly in its legislative capacity has the taxation power and can
24 establish public policy, but will benefit from engagement with the public, subject
25 matter experts, and stakeholders in a deliberative process to develop a budget plan
26 for the proposed new tax revenue prior to the FY2021 Budget process; now,
27 therefore,
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29 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**
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31 **Section 1. If the people of Anchorage vote to approve a new revenue source**
32 **on the April 2020 election ballot, t[he]** Assembly commits to hold no less than a
33 work session or a relevant committee meeting every other month with the purposes
34 of:

- 35 • identifying needs within the dedicated fund sources, including specific
36 evaluation of the needs in Chugiak, Eagle River, and Girdwood areas;
- 37 • prioritizing the needs within the dedicated fund sources;
- 38 • gathering specific information on identified needs as well as
39 recommended actions and/or interventions from stakeholders and subject
40 matter experts and the expected outcomes and length of proposed action
41 or intervention;
- 42 • evaluation of other funding sources already being utilized to address the
43 identified needs and whether Municipal funds are duplicative or can be

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leveraged with those funding sources to achieve the expected outcomes;
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- utilizing information from stakeholders and subject matter experts to determine the costs of proposed actions, associated with the identified actions and/or interventions.

Section 2. The Assembly commits to hold no less than 3 town hall meetings in Anchorage, Chugiak/Eagle River, and Girdwood in advance of public hearings on the FY2021 budget.

Section 3. Once programs, services, or capital projects are identified for funding the Assembly shall:

- for non-Municipal services or projects, require competitive solicitations pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Code Title 7. The solicitations will be developed in collaboration with subject matter experts and contain appropriate performance measures and oversight by the Municipality.
- for Municipal services, biennial reporting at the appropriate committee, including evaluative metrics.

Section 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 28th day of January, 2020.



Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk

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