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Chair Constant  
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For reading: December 17, 2024

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AO No. 2024-131**

1 **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED**  
2 **VOTERS OF THE ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE AREA**  
3 **(AMPSA) IN MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AT THE ELECTION TO**  
4 **BE HELD IN THE MUNICIPALITY ON APRIL 1, 2025, THE QUESTION OF**  
5 **WHETHER TO APPROVE A SPECIAL TAX LEVY DEDICATED TO PAYMENT**  
6 **OF THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING POLICE VEHICLES.**  
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Police Department ("APD") has a need to acquire new  
10 police vehicles to support the department's mission within the Anchorage  
11 Metropolitan Police Service Area; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, investing in new vehicles and equipment will address the needs of the  
14 community by improving public safety and enhancing the municipality's operational  
15 efficiency; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, at present, the APD fleet includes approximately 500 police cars, each  
18 of which has a fully outfitted replacement cost of approximately \$75,000; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, by industry standard, police cars should be replaced after 10 years of  
21 services, which would result in the MOA buying 50 new cars a year; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, vehicles and equipment used beyond their useful life can experience  
24 frequent down time and high maintenance costs if not replaced in a timely manner;  
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27 **WHEREAS**, this request is for an annual levy calculated to collect up to \$3,000,000  
28 which could support an annual purchase of 40 vehicles, resulting in vehicles being  
29 retired at 12.5 years;

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31 **WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the annual levy, if approved by voters, will eliminate  
32 the need to bond for police vehicles for the foreseeable future; now, therefore,

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34 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

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36 **Section 1.** *Ballot Proposition.* The Assembly hereby submits to the qualified  
37 voters of the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area, at the regular municipal  
38 election to be held on April 1, 2025, the proposition of whether or not the  
39 Municipality should levy a special tax to collect not to exceed \$3,000,000 annually  
40 from the service area, as described in Anchorage Municipal Charter section

1 14.03(b)(3), dedicated to pay the costs of acquiring police vehicles to maintain the  
2 APD fleet.  
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4 The Clerk shall prepare the ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters  
5 as provided by this ordinance and the Anchorage Municipal Code and shall perform  
6 all necessary steps in accordance with law to place this proposition before the  
7 voters at the regular election. The proposition must receive a majority vote of those  
8 in the AMPSA voting on the question to be approved. The proposition shall be  
9 substantially in the following form:

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11 PROPOSITION NO. \_\_\_\_

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13 ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE  
14 AREA  
15 POLICE VEHICLE SPECIAL TAX LEVY  
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17 For the purpose of acquiring and replacing police  
18 vehicles to maintain a fleet, as provided in AO 2025-  
19 \_\_\_\_, shall Anchorage levy a special tax to collect an  
20 amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 annually, dedicated  
21 solely to those purposes?  
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23 Voter approval of this proposition authorizes for each  
24 \$100,000 of assessed property value in the Anchorage  
25 Metropolitan Police Service Area (based on the  
26 estimated total 2025 assessed valuation in the  
27 AMPSA) an annual increase in taxes not to exceed  
28 \$ \_\_\_\_.  
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30 The tax shall be levied and collected from real and  
31 personal property within the Anchorage Metropolitan  
32 Police Service Area only.  
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34  YES  NO  
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36 **Section 2.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and  
37 approval by the Assembly.  
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40 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
41 of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.  
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45 Chair of the Assembly

46 ATTEST:  
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50 Municipal Clerk



# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## Assembly Memorandum

No. AM 1031-2024

Meeting Date: December 17, 2024

1 **From:** MAYOR LAFRANCE AND CHAIR CONSTANT

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3 **Subject:** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE  
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5 POLICE SERVICE AREA (AMPSA) IN MUNICIPALITY OF  
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7 MUNICIPALITY ON APRIL 1, 2025, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER  
8 TO APPROVE A SPECIAL TAX LEVY DEDICATED TO PAYMENT  
9 OF THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING POLICE VEHICLES.

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11 The Anchorage Police Department's fleet of police vehicles is aging and in need of  
12 repair and replacement. The fleet currently includes approximately 500 police  
13 vehicles.

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15 Investing in new vehicles and equipment will address the needs of the community by  
16 improving public safety and enhancing the Municipality's operational efficiency.  
17 Vehicles and equipment used beyond their useful life can experience frequent down  
18 time and high maintenance costs if not replaced in a timely manner. By industry  
19 standard, police cars should be replaced after 10 years of services, which would  
20 result in the Municipality buying 50 new cars a year.

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22 Each police car has a fully outfitted replacement cost of approximately \$75,000.  
23 This request is for an annual levy of a special tax in the Anchorage Metropolitan  
24 Police Service Area only sufficient to collect up to \$3,000,000 which could support  
25 an annual purchase of 40 vehicles, resulting in vehicles being retired at 12.5 years.  
26 This model was successful in the past when the Anchorage Police Department  
27 required new information technology, including body-worn cameras, and when the  
28 Anchorage Fire Department needed new emergency medical equipment and  
29 systems.

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31 The special tax would not apply to properties in the Girdwood Valley Service  
32 Area and Turnagain Arm Police Service Area (Bird, Indian, Rainbow, Portage).

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34 **THE ADMINISTRATION AND ASSEMBLY CHAIR CONSTANT RECOMMEND**  
35 **APPROVAL.**

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37 Prepared by: William D. Falsey, Chief Administrative Officer  
38 Reviewed by: Dean T. Gates, Assembly Counsel  
39 Concur: Ona R. Brause, Director, Office of Management and

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Budget  
Eva Gardner, Municipal Attorney  
Philippe D. Brice, CFO  
Rebecca A. Windt Pearson Municipal Manager  
Suzanne LaFrance, Mayor  
Christopher Constant, Assembly Chair  
District 1 – North Anchorage

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government**

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Sponsor: **MAYOR**  
 Preparing Agency: Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
 Others Impacted: Anchorage Police Department

<b>CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:</b>	<b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>				
	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>FY28</b>	<b>FY29</b>
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>					
1000 Personal Services					
2000 Non-Labor					
3900 Contributions					
4000 Debt Service					
<b>TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Add: 6000 Charges from Others					
Less: 7000 Charges to Others					
<b>FUNCTION COST:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>

**CAPITAL:**

**POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp**

**PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:**

A tax levy for police vehicles for the Anchorage Police Department will result in an additional \$3,000,000 in revenue annually, to be used specifically for that purpose.

**PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:**

New police vehicles will have a positive impact on the community by improving the municipality's overall operational efficiency, at a very small cost per individual.

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