

Requested by: Chair of the Assembly at
the request of the Mayor
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For Reading: January 7, 2025

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
AO No. 2025-11**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,400,000) OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE TO PAY THE COSTS OF FIRE PROTECTION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ANCHORAGE FIRE SERVICE AREA AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE MUNICIPALITY ON APRIL 1, 2025.

WHEREAS, the best interests of the citizens and property owners in the Anchorage Fire Service Area serving the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska (the "Municipality") require the Municipality to acquire replacement fire engine trucks and replacement fire water tenders (the "Projects"); and,

WHEREAS, in order to provide financing for the Projects, it is deemed necessary and advisable that the Municipality issue and sell its general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$2,400,000 (the "Bonds"); now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Purpose. The Assembly of the Municipality hereby determines that the best interests of the residents and property owners within the Anchorage Fire Service Area require the Municipality to undertake the Projects at the time and in the order and in the manner deemed most necessary and advisable by the Municipality. The estimated cost of the Projects, including incidental costs and costs related to issuing and selling the Bonds as provided in this ordinance, is estimated to be \$2,400,000.

The Projects are described in more detail in the attachment to the Assembly Memorandum accompanying this ordinance. The cost of all necessary planning, acquisition of property, site preparation, construction, installing and equipping of the Projects, architectural, engineering, design, and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative expenses, costs of issuance of the Bonds and other costs incurred in connection with the Projects shall be deemed to be costs of the approved Projects. The approved Projects may be completed with all necessary equipment and appurtenances.

1 The Municipality shall determine the application of available moneys between
2 the various Projects so as to accomplish, as nearly as may be, all of the Projects
3 described or provided for in this section.
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5 If the Municipality shall determine that it has become impractical to
6 accomplish any portion of the approved Projects by reason of changed conditions
7 or needs, incompatible development or costs substantially in excess of those
8 estimated, the Municipality shall not be required to accomplish such portions and
9 shall apply Bond proceeds as set forth in this section.
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11 If the approved Projects have been completed in whole or in part, or their
12 completion duly provided for, or their completion found to be impractical, the
13 Municipality may apply Bond proceeds or any portion thereof to other Municipality
14 capital improvements within the Anchorage Fire Service Area at its sole discretion.
15 Otherwise, the Municipality shall apply such remaining proceeds solely to payment
16 of principal or interest on the Bonds, as provided in the Home Rule Charter. In the
17 event that the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, plus any other monies of the
18 Municipality legally available, are insufficient to accomplish the approved Projects,
19 the Municipality shall use the available funds for paying the cost of those portions of
20 the approved Projects deemed by the Municipality most necessary and in the best
21 interest of the Municipality. No Bond proceeds shall be used by the Municipality for
22 any purpose other than a capital improvement of the Municipality
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24 For the purpose of providing funds for the undertaking of the Projects, which
25 is hereby found to be a public purpose and in the public interest, the Municipality
26 hereby proposes to issue general obligation bonded indebtedness in an amount not
27 to exceed Two Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,400,000).
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29 **Section 2. Details of Bonds.** The Bonds shall be sold in such amounts and at
30 such time or times as deemed necessary and advisable by the Assembly and as
31 permitted by law and shall mature over a period of up to 20 years from date of issue.
32 The Bonds shall be issued in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed
33 \$2,400,000. The Bonds shall bear interest to be fixed at the time of sale or sales
34 thereof. The exact form, terms, conditions, contents, security, options of
35 redemption, and such other matters relating to the issuance and sale of said Bonds
36 as are deemed necessary and advisable by the Assembly shall be as hereinafter
37 determined and/or delegated by ordinance and/or resolution of the Assembly.
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39 The full faith and credit of the Municipality is pledged for the payment of the
40 principal of and interest on the Bonds, and ad valorem taxes upon all taxable
41 property in the Municipality shall be levied without limitation as to rate or amount to
42 pay the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The principal of and interest
43 on the Bonds are to be paid first from ad valorem taxes levied and collected within
44 the Anchorage Fire Service Area.
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1 **Section 3. Ballot Proposition.** The Assembly hereby submits to the qualified
 2 voters of the Municipality the proposition of whether or not the Municipality should
 3 issue the Bonds for the purpose of financing the costs of the approved Projects at
 4 the regular municipal election to be held on April 1, 2025.

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 6 The Clerk shall prepare the ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters
 7 as provided by this ordinance and the Municipal Code and shall perform all
 8 necessary steps in accordance with law to place this proposition before the voters
 9 at the regular election. The proposition must receive a majority vote of those in the
 10 Municipality voting, both in the Anchorage Fire Service Area and areawide, on the
 11 question to be approved. The proposition shall be substantially in the following form:

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 13 PROPOSITION NO. _____

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 15 **ANCHORAGE FIRE SERVICE AREA FIRE PROTECTION BONDS**

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 17 For the purpose of acquiring replacement fire engine
 18 trucks and replacement fire water tenders in the
 19 Anchorage Fire Service Area, as provided in
 20 AO 2025-____, shall Anchorage borrow money and issue
 21 up to \$2,400,000 in principal amount of general
 22 obligation bonds?

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 24 Voter approval of this bond proposition authorizes for
 25 each \$100,000 of assessed taxable property value
 26 (based on the estimated 2025 assessed valuation in the
 27 Anchorage Fire Service Area) an annual increase in
 28 taxes of approximately \$0.46 to retire the proposed
 29 bonds.

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 31 The debt shall be paid from real and personal property
 32 taxes levied and collected within the Anchorage Fire
 33 Service Area without cost to properties in Chugiak,
 34 Girdwood, and other areas outside the Service Area.
 35 The Municipality will also pledge its full faith and credit
 36 for payment of the bonds.

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 38 YES NO

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 40 **Section 4. Effective Dates.** Section 2 of this ordinance shall become effective
 41 only if the proposition described in Section 3 is approved by a majority of the
 42 qualified voters voting on the proposition at the regular election held on April 1, 2025.
 43 The remaining sections of this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and
 44 approval by the Assembly.

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PASSED AND APPROVED by the Assembly of the Municipality of Anchorage, this
___ day of _____, 2025.

By _____
Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 56 - 2025

Meeting Date: January 7, 2025

1 **From:** Mayor

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3 **Subject:** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE
4 QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE,
5 ALASKA, THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO
6 EXCEED TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS
7 (\$2,400,000) OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE
8 MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE TO PAY THE COSTS OF FIRE
9 PROTECTION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ANCHORAGE
10 FIRE SERVICE AREA AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE
11 MUNICIPALITY ON APRIL 1, 2025.

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13 The attached ordinance will place a general obligation bond proposition for the
14 Anchorage Fire Service Area on the ballot for the Municipal election to be held on
15 April 1, 2025.

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17 The Administration recommends scheduling a public hearing for this bond ordinance
18 on January 21, 2025.

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20 The Anchorage Fire Service Area bond proposal will implement the priorities
21 established in the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program. Please see the
22 attached Project List, attached as Exhibit A.

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24 THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE.

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26 Prepared by: Ross Risvold, Public Finance & Investments Manager
27 Approved: Philippe D. Brice, CFO
28 Approved: William D. Falsey, Chief Administrative Officer
29 Concur: Eva R. Gardner, Municipal Attorney
30 Concur: Ona R. Brause, OMB Director
31 Concur: Rebecca A. Windt Pearson, Municipal Manager
32 Respectfully submitted: Suzanne LaFrance, Mayor
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EXHIBIT A

**Anchorage Fire Service Area
2025 Bond Project List
(000)'s**

	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>O&M</u>
Fire Engine Replacement		\$1,200	-
Fire Water Tender Replacement		1,200	-
Total		\$2,400	-

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Summary of Economic Effects - General Government

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Sponsor: Mayor
 Preparing Agency: Public Finance Division
 Others Impacted: Fire Department

CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:					
(Thousands of Dollars)					
	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
Operating Expenditures					
1000 Personal Services					
2000 Supplies					
3000 Other Services					
4000 Debt Service	--	174.7	174.7	174.7	174.7
5000 Capital Outlay					
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:	--	174.7	174.7	174.7	174.7
ADD: 6000 Charge from Others					
FUNCTION COST:	--	174.7	174.7	174.7	174.7
REVENUES:					
CAPITAL:					
POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp.					

PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

Estimated annual debt service of \$174,674 assumes bonds are sold as a single bond issue with an interest rate of 3.877% with bond repayments corresponding to the expected life of the assets financed up to 20 years.

PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

Estimated annual debt service payments of approximately \$174,674 equate to an estimated property tax increase of 0.0046 mills or \$0.46 per year on \$100,000 of assessed valuation in the Anchorage Fire Service Area.