

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. 2025-14**

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 FIVE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,400,000) OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE TO PAY THE COSTS OF AREAWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, AND THE QUESTION OF AN INCREASE IN THE MUNICIPAL TAX CAP LIMITATION TO PAY ASSOCIATED OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS AREAWIDE, AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE MUNICIPALITY ON APRIL 1, 2025.

WHEREAS, the best interest of the citizens and property owners in the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska (the "Municipality") require the Municipality to acquire new replacement ambulances, undertake signal system, signage, traffic calming and safety improvements, and undertake school zone safety improvements (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 \$5,400,000 (the "Bonds"); now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Purpose. The Assembly hereby determines that the Projects are needed throughout the Municipality. The Assembly hereby determines that the best interest of the residents and property owners within the Municipality 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 \$5,400,000.

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 for, 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

1 the approved Projects. The approved Projects may be completed with all necessary
2 equipment and appurtenances.

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4 The Municipality shall determine the application of available moneys between
5 the various Projects so as to accomplish, as nearly as may be, the Projects
6 described or provided for in this section.

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8 If the Municipality shall determine that it has become impractical to
9 accomplish any portion of the approved Projects by reason of changed conditions
10 or needs, incompatible development or costs substantially in excess of those
11 estimated, the Municipality shall not be required to accomplish such portions and
12 shall apply Bond proceeds as set forth in this section.

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14 If the approved Projects have been completed in whole or in part, or their
15 completion duly provided for, or their completion found to be impractical, the
16 Municipality may apply Bond proceeds or any portion thereof to other Municipality
17 Areawide Public Safety capital improvements at its sole discretion. Otherwise, the
18 Municipality shall apply such remaining proceeds solely to payment of principal or
19 interest on the Bonds, as provided in the Home Rule Charter. In the event that the
20 proceeds of sale of the Bonds, plus any other monies of the Municipality legally
21 available, are insufficient to accomplish the approved Projects, the Municipality shall
22 use the available funds for paying the cost of those portions of the approved Projects
23 deemed by the Municipality most necessary and in the best interest of the
24 Municipality. No Bond proceeds shall be used by the Municipality for any purpose
25 other than a capital improvement of the Municipality.

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27 For the purpose of providing funds for the undertaking of the Projects, which
28 are hereby found to be a public purpose and in the public interest, the Municipality
29 hereby proposes to issue general obligation bonded indebtedness in an amount not
30 to exceed Five Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,400,000).

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32 **Section 2. Details of Bonds.** The Bonds shall be sold in such amounts and at
33 such time or times as deemed necessary and advisable by the Assembly and as
34 permitted by law and shall mature over a period of up to 20 years from date of issue.
35 The Bonds shall be issued in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed
36 \$5,400,000. The Bonds shall bear interest to be fixed at the time of sale or sales
37 thereof. The exact form, terms, conditions, contents, security, options of
38 redemption, and such other matters relating to the issuance and sale of said Bonds
39 as are deemed necessary and advisable by the Assembly shall be as hereinafter
40 determined and/or delegated by ordinance and/or resolution of the Assembly.

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42 The full faith and credit of the Municipality is pledged for the payment of the
43 principal of and interest on the Bonds, and ad valorem taxes upon all taxable
44 property in the Municipality shall be levied without limitation as to rate or amount to
45 pay the principal and interest on the Bonds when due.
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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 an areawide majority vote of
10 those in the Municipality voting on the question to be approved. The proposition
11 shall be substantially in the following form:

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13 PROPOSITION NO. _____

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15 **AREAWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS**

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17 For the purpose of acquiring new replacement
18 ambulances, undertaking signal system, signage, traffic
19 calming and safety improvements, and undertaking
20 school zone safety improvements in Anchorage as
21 provided in AO 2025-____, shall Anchorage borrow
22 money and issue up to \$5,400,000 in principal amount
23 of general obligation bonds and increase the municipal
24 tax cap by an annual amount not to exceed \$152,000 to
25 pay for associated annual operations and maintenance
26 costs?

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28 Voter approval of this bond proposition authorizes for
29 each \$100,000 of assessed taxable property value
30 (based on the estimated 2025 areawide assessed
31 valuation in Anchorage): (i) an annual increase in taxes
32 of approximately \$0.96 to retire the proposed bonds, and
33 (ii) an annual increase in the municipal tax cap (Charter
34 14.03(b)(2)) of approximately \$0.37 to pay for annual
35 operation and maintenance costs related to the
36 proposed capital improvements.

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38 The debt shall be paid from real and personal property
39 taxes levied and collected areawide within Anchorage.
40 The Municipality will also pledge its full faith and credit
41 for payment of the bonds.

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43 YES NO

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45 **Section 4. Effective Dates.** Section 2 of this ordinance shall become effective
46 only if the proposition described in Section 3 is approved by a majority of the

1 qualified voters voting on the proposition at the regular election held on April 1, 2025.
2 The remaining sections of this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and
3 approval.

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

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9 By _____
10 Chair of the Assembly

11 ATTEST:

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16 Municipal Clerk



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

AM No. 59 - 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 FIVE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS**
7 **(\$5,400,000) OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE**
8 **MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE TO PAY THE COSTS OF**
9 **AREAWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, AND THE**
10 **QUESTION OF AN INCREASE IN THE MUNICIPAL TAX CAP**
11 **LIMITATION TO PAY ASSOCIATED OPERATIONS AND**
12 **MAINTENANCE COSTS AREAWIDE, AT THE ELECTION TO BE**
13 **HELD IN THE MUNICIPALITY ON APRIL 1, 2025.**

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15 The attached ordinance will place a general obligation bond proposition for
16 Areawide Public Safety Improvements on the ballot for the regular Municipal election
17 to be held on April 1, 2025.

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

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22 The Areawide Public Safety Improvements bond proposal will implement the
23 priorities established in the recently approved 2025-2030 Capital Improvement
24 Program. Please see the attached Project List, attached as Exhibit A.

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26 **THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE.**

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

EXHIBIT A

Areawide Public Safety Capital Improvements 2025 Bond Project List (000)'s

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>O&M</u>
AMATS: Mountain Air Dr – Rabbit Creek Rd to E 164 th Ave	\$ 150	-
Anchorage Signal System, Signage & Safety Improvements Annual Program	1,500	\$ 80
Fire Ambulance Replacement Annual Program	750	-
School Zone Safety Annual Program	1,000	2
Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements Annual Program	2,000	70
Total	\$5,400	\$152

