

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2025-17**

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY SUBMITTING TO THE**
2 **QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE A BALLOT**
3 **PROPOSITION AMENDING THE HOME RULE CHARTER TO REQUIRE A**
4 **SINGLE APPLICATION FOR ALL MUNICIPAL BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE**
5 **PROGRAMS.**

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7 **Section 1.** Pursuant to state law and the Anchorage Municipal Charter, a ballot
8 proposition in substantially the following form shall be placed on the ballot and
9 submitted to the qualified voters of the Municipality at the next regular municipal
10 election on April 1, 2025:

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12 **PROPOSITION NO. _____**

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14 **CHARTER AMENDMENT**
15 **TO REQUIRE THE MUNICIPALITY**
16 **IMPLEMENT A SINGLE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR**
17 **ALL BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IT ADMINISTERS.**

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19 This proposition would amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter, Article II
20 and Charter §17.06 as follows (**underlined and bolded words** are proposed
21 new words; **strikeouts in bold** are proposed deletions):

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23 **ARTICLE II BILL OF RIGHTS**

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25 This Charter guarantees rights to the people of Anchorage
26 that are in addition to rights guaranteed by the Constitution of
27 the United States of America and the Constitution of the State
28 of Alaska. Among rights guaranteed by this Charter are:

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32 **(14) The right to a simplified process to access**
33 **municipal benefits and assistance programs**
34 **through a single application.**

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38 **ARTICLE XVII GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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Section 17.06. Access to municipal benefits and assistance programs~~[Notice of claims. (Repealed)]~~.

The municipality shall, to the greatest extent possible, ease the access by residents to its benefits and assistance programs, and shall simplify its processes to require the submission of only one application to apply for all benefits.

If approved by more than 50% of the qualified voters voting on the question at the April 1, 2025 Regular Election, the Charter amendments will become effective January 1, 2026.

Shall the Charter be amended as shown above and become law?

YES [] NO []

Section 2. The Charter amendments set forth in the proposition in Section 1 shall become effective on January 1, 2026, if and only if, said proposition is approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the Municipality voting on the proposition during the regular Anchorage Municipal election held on April 1, 2025. The remainder of this ordinance shall be effective upon passage and approval.

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

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 70-2025

Meeting Date: January 7, 2025

1 **From: Assembly Vice Chair Zaletel and Assembly Member Volland**

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3 **Subject: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY SUBMITTING**
4 **TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF**
5 **ANCHORAGE A BALLOT PROPOSITION AMENDING THE HOME**
6 **RULE CHARTER TO REQUIRE A SINGLE APPLICATION FOR ALL**
7 **MUNICIPAL BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**
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9 This ordinance is borne out of the sponsors' recognition that, despite our
10 government's obligation to be accessible and responsive to the public, often its
11 myriad of assistance programs and systems can present a barrier to those most in
12 need of assistance.
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14 The proposed ordinance would submit to the qualified voters of Anchorage a ballot
15 proposition that would amend to the Municipal Charter to require the municipal
16 government to create a system whereby an applicant would fill out only a single form
17 to apply for all benefits and services, including but not limited to:
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- 19 1. All state and federal pass-through programs administered by the MOA for the
20 benefit of MOA residents, such as child care assistance, public health
21 services;
- 22 2. All discounts or rebates available for MOA residents based on certain criteria
23 such as age, income or disability; and
- 24 3. All exemptions from fees available for MOA residents based on certain
25 criteria as adopted by ordinance or charter.
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27 Any time a resident of the municipality applied for any one program, their application
28 would be used to determine their eligibility for any and all benefits offered by or
29 through the municipality.
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31 **We request your support for the ordinance.**

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33 Prepared by: Assembly Counsel's Office
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35 Respectfully submitted: Meg Zaletel, Assembly Vice Chair
36 District 4 – Midtown Anchorage
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38 Daniel Volland, Assembly Member
39 District 1 – North Anchorage
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