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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR No. 2025-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY STATING ITS INTENTION TO CALL FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING A BALLOT PROPOSITION REGARDING A SALES TAX TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

WHEREAS, AO 2024-105, an ordinance proposing a dedicated sales tax measure to be submitted to the qualified voters of the municipality was introduced at the regular meeting of the Assembly on October 22, 2024; and

WHEREAS, at the December 17, 2024 regular meeting of the Assembly, five substitute versions of AO 2024-105 were introduced and set for a public hearing on January 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a significant amount of interest has been demonstrated, both by the body and by the public, in a potential sales tax, with a broad and diverse range of ideas being generated; and

WHEREAS, for a regular election, Anchorage Municipal Code section 28.20.015 requires a ballot proposition "be introduced at least 84 days prior to the election" which is January 7 for the upcoming April 1, 2025 regular municipal election; and

WHEREAS, AMC section 28.20.010 provides that the Assembly may "call a special election only by adoption of a resolution establishing the special election date" and that "If the election is for the purpose of voting on ballot propositions, the resolution shall establish dates for the introduction and passage of ordinances regarding those ballot propositions"; and

WHEREAS, AMC section 28.20.040 requires the Municipal Clerk give two notices of each election, with the first occurring "at least 30 days before a special election";

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

<u>Section 1.</u> That after passage and approval of AO 2024-105 or any substitute version thereof, the Assembly shall call for and authorize a special election in accordance with AMC section 28.20.010B. to submit to the qualified voters of the municipality a ballot proposition, to be held no earlier than August 1, 2025 and no later than November 30, 2025.

ATTEST:	Chair of the Assembly
Municipal Clerk	
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