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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2006-46**

**1 A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY CREATING A
2 PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TASK FORCE.**

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5 WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage relies on property owners to make the majority of
6 the local contribution to pay for municipal government; and

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8 WHEREAS, a positive community discussion is underway on the subject of alternate revenue
9 measures to provide real property tax relief; and

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11 WHEREAS, several work sessions and Budget Committee meetings on various alternatives to
12 provide real property tax relief have been held by the Assembly with the active participation and
13 cooperation of the Administration; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Assembly has brought forward various sales tax proposals, all of which are
16 designed to reduce real property taxes; and

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18 WHEREAS, three (3) public hearings have been held on the various sales tax proposals with
19 only four people testifying at these public hearings;

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21 WHEREAS, the Anchorage Charter requires any sales tax ordinance be approved by 60% of
22 Anchorage voters; and

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24 WHEREAS, voters are not likely to seriously entertain a proposal like a sales tax ordinance more
25 than once every four to five years; and

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27 WHEREAS, despite active Assembly investigation of the various alternatives to achieve real
28 property tax relief, many important policy, administrative and implementation issues remain
29 unresolved; and

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31 WHEREAS, despite three public hearings and an outreach effort by members of the Assembly to
32 inform the public as to what is being proposed, the public has only recently become engaged in
33 the deliberations, and only recently focused on the various sales tax proposals in a meaningful
34 manner;

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36 NOW THEREFORE THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:
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1 **Section 1.** The Anchorage Assembly creates a Property Tax Relief Task Force of
2 eleven (11) members to take public comment, to study various measures and alternatives, all of
3 which shall be designed to provide property tax relief.
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5 **Section 2.** The Property Tax Relief Task Force of 11 members, all of whom will be
6 approved by the Assembly, will report to the Assembly with recommendations for further action.
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8 **Section 3.** The Task Force will be charged with the responsibility of delivering a
9 report and recommendations to the Assembly by August 31, 2006.
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11 **Section 4.** The Task Force will hold all of its meetings in public and will hold public
12 hearings on its report prior to presentation to the Anchorage Assembly.
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14 **Section 5.** The Assembly expects the Task Force process to bring forward
15 recommendations on options to reduce property taxes and to provide property tax relief that
16 could be presented to Anchorage voters in April 2007.
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18 **Section 6.** The Administration and the Assembly are expected to provide staff
19 support necessary to assist the Task Force with its research and public meetings.
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21 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of
22 _____, 2006.
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28 Chair

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