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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO NO. 2010-15**

1 **AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE**
2 **MUNICIPALITY AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON APRIL 6, 2010,**
3 **AN ADVISORY PROPOSITION ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE STATE**
4 **OF ALASKA SHOULD AMEND ALASKA STATUTE 29.45.050 TO INCREASE**
5 **THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY MUNICIPAL**
6 **TAX EXEMPTION FROM TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) TO FIFTY**
7 **THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000), TO INCLUDE NOTICE THAT**
8 **IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INCREASED MUNICIPAL RESIDENTIAL REAL**
9 **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PROVIDING PROPERTY TAX RELIEF IS**
10 **SUBJECT TO A FUTURE ORDINANCE RATIFIED BY THE VOTERS OF THE**
11 **MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE.**

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14 **WHEREAS**, under Alaska State law, the maximum allowable residential real
15 property tax exemption that a municipality may implement for any one residence is
16 \$20,000 as provided by AS 29.45.050(a); and

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18 **WHEREAS**, implementation of any residential real property tax exemption by a
19 municipality within the limitation in AS 29.45.050(a) must be by ordinance ratified
20 by the voters at a municipal election; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, an increase in the maximum allowable residential real property tax
23 exemption from \$20,000 to \$50,000 by the State of Alaska allows the Municipality
24 of Anchorage to increase the residential real property tax exemption, if Anchorage
25 voters ratified an ordinance to implement an increase within the scope of the
26 \$50,000 exemption authorized in state law; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Assembly believes an advisory proposition helps the
29 Alaska Legislature determine the level of voter support for the State of Alaska to
30 increase in the maximum allowable residential real property tax exemption under
31 Alaska State law; now, therefore,

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33 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

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35 **Section 1.** An advisory ballot proposition to determine the level of support for
36 the State of Alaska to amend Alaska state law to increase the maximum allowable
37 residential real property tax exemption from \$20,000 to \$50,000 is hereby

1 authorized.

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3 **Section 2.** An advisory proposition shall be placed on the ballot and submitted
4 to qualified voters of the Municipality of Anchorage at the regular municipal
5 election of April 6, 2010 in substantially the following form:

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7 **PROPOSITION NO. ___**

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9 **AN ADVISORY VOTE ON WHETHER THE STATE OF ALASKA**
10 **SHOULD AMEND STATE LAW TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM**
11 **ALLOWABLE MUNICIPAL RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY TAX**
12 **EXEMPTION FROM \$20,000 TO \$50,000. IMPLEMENTATION OF**
13 **AN INCREASED MUNICIPAL RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY**
14 **TAX EXEMPTION PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX**
15 **RELIEF IS SUBJECT TO A FUTURE ORDINANCE RATIFIED BY**
16 **THE VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE.**

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18 Should State law be amended to increase the maximum allowable
19 municipal residential real property tax exemption from \$20,000 to
20 \$50,000? Any increased tax exemption in the Municipality of
21 Anchorage is subject to a future ordinance ratified by the voters.

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23 Yes [] No []

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25 **Section 3.** The proposition contained in Section 2 of this ordinance is an
26 advisory vote only. The proposition will indicate whether Anchorage voters
27 support amendment of Alaska State law governing the maximum allowable
28 municipal residential real property tax exemption, but no enabling legislation is
29 enacted.

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31 **Section 4.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage
32 and approval by the Assembly.

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34 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of
35 _____, 2010.

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37 Chair

38 ATTEST:

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41 Municipal Clerk