

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2010-88**

1 AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE
2 MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON
3 APRIL 5, 2011, A BALLOT PROPOSITION AMENDING THE ANCHORAGE
4 MUNICIPAL CHARTER ARTICLES II AND XIV TO AUTHORIZE A MAJORITY
5 VOTE FOR A SALES TAX RESULTING IN A DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR REDUCTION
6 IN ALLOWABLE PROPERTY TAX TO BE COLLECTED.
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9 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

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11 **Section 1.** Pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Charter Article XVIII, a ballot
12 proposition amending Anchorage Municipal Charter Article II, Bill of Rights, and
13 Article XIV, Taxation, in substantially the following form and substance, shall be
14 submitted to the qualified voters of the Municipality of Anchorage at the next regular
15 Municipal election to be held on April 5, 2011:
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17 **PROPOSITION NO. _____**

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19 **SHALL THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CHARTER BE AMENDED**
20 **TO AUTHORIZE A MAJORITY VOTE FOR A SALES TAX**
21 **RESULTING IN A DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR REDUCTION IN**
22 **ALLOWABLE PROPERTY TAX TO BE COLLECTED, AS**
23 **FOLLOWS (underlined language is new, and bracketed language**
24 **is deleted):**
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26 **ARTICLE II BILL OF RIGHTS**

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28 This Charter guarantees rights to the people of Anchorage that are in
29 addition to rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States
30 of America and the Constitution of the State of Alaska. Among rights
31 guaranteed by this Charter are:
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34 (4) The right of immunity from sales taxes, except upon approval
35 by three-fifths (3/5) of the qualified voters voting on the
36 question, [, EXCEPT T] The tax imposed by Charter
37 Section 14.05, or a sales tax resulting in a dollar for dollar
38 reduction in allowable property tax to be collected, shall be
39 effective if approved by a majority (50 percent + one) of the
40 qualified voters voting on the question.
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43 (AO No. 93-51, prop. 2, 4-20-93; Prop. 1 of 4-15-97; AO No. 2005-17,
44 § 1, 2-15-05)

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ARTICLE XIV TAXATION

Section 14.01. Taxing authority.

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(b) No sales tax ordinance is valid until ratified by three-fifths (3/5) of those voting on the question at a regular or special election, [, EXCEPT T] The tax imposed by Charter Section 14.05, or a sales tax resulting in a dollar-for-dollar reduction in allowable property tax to be collected, shall be effective if approved by a majority (50 percent + one) of the qualified voters voting on the question.

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(Prop. 1 of 4-15-97 election, effective 5-30-97; AO No. 2005-17, § 1, 2-15-05)

Section 2. Section 1 of this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage if, and only if, said Proposition is passed by a majority of the qualified voters in the Municipality of Anchorage voting on this Proposition on April 5, 2011.

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

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government

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Sponsor: Assembly Member Chris Birch
 Preparing Agency: OMB
 Others Impacted:

CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:		(In Thousands of Dollars)				
	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	
Operating Expenditures						
1000 Personal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
2000 Non-Labor	-	-	-	-	-	-
3900 Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
4000 Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Add: 6000 Charges from Others	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Less: 7000 Charges to Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
FUNCTION COST:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
REVENUES:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
CAPITAL:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp	0	0	0	0	0	0

PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

There are no direct public sector economic effects related to the passage of this ordinance.

PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

There are no direct private sector economic effects related to the passage of this ordinance.

Prepared by: Dept. of Law

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 628-2010

Meeting Date: November 23, 2010

1 **From: ASSEMBLY MEMBER BIRCH**

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3 **Subject: AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF**
4 **THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AT THE REGULAR**
5 **MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON APRIL 5, 2011, A BALLOT**
6 **PROPOSITION AMENDING THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL**
7 **CHARTER ARTICLES II AND XIV TO AUTHORIZE A MAJORITY**
8 **VOTE FOR A SALES TAX RESULTING IN A DOLLAR-FOR-**
9 **DOLLAR REDUCTION IN ALLOWABLE PROPERTY TAX TO BE**
10 **COLLECTED.**

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12 This ordinance proposes an amendment to the Anchorage Municipal Charter,
13 Article II, Bill of Rights, and Article XIV, Taxation. The charter amendments reduce
14 the vote requirement of 60% plus one to approve a sales tax to a majority of voters
15 – 50% plus one. This reduction in the vote requirement applies when the sales tax
16 proceeds will result in a dollar-for-dollar reduction in allowable property taxes to be
17 collected.

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19 As expressed during the Community Budget Dialogues in August, citizens want the
20 Municipality to diversify its revenue instead of funding services primarily from
21 property taxes. At the same time, many citizens are skeptical that property tax relief
22 will occur if other taxes are implemented. While this charter amendment reduces
23 the voter threshold required to make it easier to diversify municipal revenues, it also
24 assures voters there will be a corresponding dollar-for-dollar reduction in allowable
25 property taxes to be collected under the tax limit.

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28 Prepared by: Department of Law

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31 Respectfully submitted: Chris Birch, Assembly Member
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Title:

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Review Depts: MuniManager

Description: BALLOT PROP AMENDING CHARTER ARTICLES II & XIV TO AUTHORIZE MAJORITY VOTE FOR SALES TAX with DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR REDUCTION IN ALLOWABLE PROPERTY TAX TO BE COLLECTED.

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