

Submitted by: ASSEMBLY MEMBER JOHNSTON

Reviewed by: Assembly Counsel

For reading: October 12, 2010

See AR 2010-280(S)

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2010-280

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ITS FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012.

WHEREAS, the Anchorage School Board will commence development of the Anchorage School District (ASD) Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget in November 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly is responsible for setting the mill levy necessary to fund both Municipality of Anchorage and ASD activities; and

WHEREAS, for the ASD Fiscal Year 2010/2011 budget, the Anchorage Assembly provided guidance as to the level of property tax funding that would be available; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage School Board has requested guidance for the ASD Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage population base is relatively flat; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage tax base is flat; and

WHEREAS, new construction is down; and

WHEREAS, the annual CPI for 2010 is estimated at 2.5%; and

WHEREAS, community forums, including the municipal Anchorage Community Conversations conducted throughout the community in August 2010, are requesting government efficiencies, as opposed to an increase in taxes or a cut in municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage and the Anchorage School District must develop sustainable budgets that will be affordable to the tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage subsidizes certain programs and administrative functions of benefit to the Anchorage School District, including the School Resource Officer (SRO) program, Parks and Recreation services, administration of property tax billings; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage and the Anchorage School District each carry the budgetary expense of certain similar departments and services, creating potential redundancy;

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NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

1. The Anchorage School District Fiscal Year 2011/2012 budget shall not require more than a 2.5% increase in municipal revenue coming from real property taxes.
2. Any increase in 2011 property taxes shall be the result of:
 - A. The Anchorage School District accepting for inclusion in the ASD FY 2011-2012 budget, costs which have been paid for by the Municipality of Anchorage in 2010; and/or
 - B. Increases in efficiency by and between the Municipality of Anchorage and the Anchorage School District in the consolidation of certain functions common to both tax-supported organizations.

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

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk