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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2020-116(S)**

1 **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED**
2 **VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, AT THE**
3 **ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE MUNICIPALITY ON APRIL 6, 2021, THE**
4 **QUESTION OF WHETHER TO APPROVE A SPECIAL TAX LEVY DEDICATED**
5 **TO PAYMENT OF THE COSTS OF LEASING FOR THE ANCHORAGE POLICE**
6 **DEPARTMENT, BODY-WORN CAMERA (BWC), IN-CAR CAMERAS, DIGITAL-**
7 **EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT (DEM), COMPUTER-AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) AND**
8 **RECORD-MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RMS) SYSTEMS, AND RELATED**
9 **TECHNOLOGIES AND SYSTEMS, AND REDUCING VOTER AUTHORIZATION**
10 **IN 2016 TO INCUR GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT FOR E911 CAD AND RMS**
11 **SYSTEMS.**

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14 **WHEREAS**, the municipality has, in prior years, sought and obtained voter approval
15 to borrow money and issue bonds to buy for the Anchorage Police Department E911
16 computer aided dispatch (CAD) and record management system (RMS) computer
17 systems;

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19 **WHEREAS**, in AO 2015-141, the Assembly approved the submission to voters of a
20 ballot proposition that authorized the municipality to borrow money and issue
21 \$3,065,000 for Areawide Safety Capital Improvement projects;

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23 **WHEREAS**, the \$3,065,000 addressed in AO 2015-141 included an additional
24 \$2,000,000 upgrades to the E911 and CAD/RMS systems;

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26 **WHEREAS**, the proposition authorized by AO 2015-141 was approved by voters in
27 April 2016;

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29 **WHEREAS**, notwithstanding voter approval, the Anchorage Police Department has
30 not incurred \$940,000 of the authorized debt, nor has the municipality issued
31 corresponding municipal bonds in that principal amount because the Anchorage
32 Police Department has determined that it would better serve the public interest to
33 cease purchasing CAD/RMS systems, and to instead enter into an agreement to
34 lease such equipment, in a software-as-a-service model;

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36 **WHEREAS**, leading vendors **[A LEADING VENDOR]** of body-worn cameras for
37 police officers have **[HAS]** adopted a the business model of leasing to police
38 departments BWC equipment, and complimentary in-car camera, digital evidence
39 and CAD/RMS systems, which function as an integrated whole, precluding the need
40 to create interfaces and merge disparate systems;

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2 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Police Department has determined that leasing, rather
3 than purchasing, its BWC, DEM, CAD and RMS systems is a superior model for the
4 municipality, offering greater long-term utility;

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6 **WHEREAS**, if voters approve the proposition proposed by this ordinance, the need
7 to bond for CAD/RMS systems would likely be eliminated for the foreseeable future;

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9 **WHEREAS**, if voters approve the proposition proposed by this ordinance, certain
10 debt authorized by voters in 2015 and 2016 for CAD / RMS systems would no longer
11 be necessary, and voter approval to incur such debt would be reduced; now,
12 therefore,

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14 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

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16 **Section 1. Ballot Proposition.** The Assembly hereby submits to the qualified voters
17 of the Municipality, at the regular municipal election to be held on April 6, 2021, the
18 proposition of whether or not the Municipality should levy **not to exceed** \$1,840,000
19 as a special tax, as described in Anchorage Municipal Charter section 14.03(b)(3),
20 dedicated to pay the costs of **[RENTING OR] leasing [BODY-WORN CAMERA**
21 **(BWC), IN-CAR CAMERAS, DIGITAL-EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT (DEM),]**
22 **computer-aided dispatch (CAD), [AND] record-management system (RMS), and**
23 **digital-evidence management systems, in-car and body-worn cameras,** and
24 related technology and services.

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26 The Clerk shall prepare the ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters
27 as provided by this ordinance and the Municipal Code and shall perform all
28 necessary steps in accordance with law to place this proposition before the voters
29 at the regular election. The proposition must receive an areawide majority vote of
30 those in the Municipality voting on the question to be approved. The proposition
31 shall be substantially in the following form:

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33 PROPOSITION NO. _____

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35 **AREAWIDE ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION**
36 **TECHNOLOGY [BODY-WORN AND IN-CAR CAMERAS, DIGITAL-EVIDENCE**
37 **MANAGEMENT, COMPUTER-AIDED DISPATCH, AND RECORD-**
38 **MANAGEMENT] SYSTEMS**
39 **SPECIAL LEVY AND REDUCTION OF VOTER-APPROVED INDEBTEDNESS**

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41 For the purpose of acquiring for the Anchorage Police
42 Department **[BODY-WORN AND IN-CAR CAMERAS,**
43 **DIGITAL-EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT,]** computer-
44 aided dispatch (CAD) **[AND] record-management**
45 **(RMS), and digital-evidence management systems,**
46 **in-car and body-worn cameras,** and related
47 technologies and services, as provided in AO 2020-____,
48 shall Anchorage annually levy a special tax in the
49 amount of **not to exceed** \$1,840,000, dedicated solely

to those purposes, and reduce voter authorization approved by ordinance 2015-141 as Proposition 3 in 2016 for general obligation debt in the amount of \$940,000 to purchase CAD and RMS systems?

Voter approval of this proposition authorizes for each \$100,000 of assessed taxable property value (based on the estimated **2021 [2020]** areawide assessed valuation in Anchorage) an **[ANNUAL]** increase in **the municipal tax cap (Charter 14.03(b)(3)) [TAXES]** of **not to exceed [APPROXIMATELY] \$5.32 to pay for annual leasing, operations and maintenance costs related to the acquisition of the equipment for APD described above.**

The tax shall be from real and personal property taxes levied and collected areawide within Anchorage.

YES NO

Section 2. Contingent reduction of authorized indebtedness. If and only if the proposition set out in section 1 of this ordinance is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposition at the regular election held on April 6, 2021, then:

A. Reduction of 2016 authorization by \$940,000. AO 2015-141 is hereby amended to revise all references to “\$3,065,000” to read “\$2,125,000,” and to revise Exhibit A to AM 790-2015 to read as follows:

EXHIBIT A

**Areawide Safety Capital Improvements
2016 Bond Project List
(000)'s**

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>O&M</u>
E911 Upgrade	\$2,000	--
	\$1,060	
Ambulance Replacements	900	--
Lifepack 12 cardiac monitors	165	--
Total	\$3,065	--
	\$2,125	

Section 3. Effective Dates. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day

1 of _____, 2020.

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Chair of the Assembly

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ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk

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