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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2019-148**

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY SUBMITTING TO THE**
2 **QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE A BALLOT**
3 **PROPOSITION AMENDING THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CHARTER TO**
4 **AUTHORIZE AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES RETAIL SALES TAX AND**
5 **DEDICATING THE NET RECEIPTS REVENUE TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND**
6 **HEALTH PURPOSES, REQUIRING VOTER APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE**
7 **TAX OR CHANGE THE DEDICATED USES, AND RELATED MATTERS.**
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10 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

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12 **Section 1.** Pursuant to state law and the Anchorage Municipal Charter, a ballot
13 proposition in substantially the same form as appears in Section 2 below shall be
14 placed on the ballot and submitted to the qualified voters of the Municipality at the
15 regular municipal election on April 7, 2020.
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17 **Section 2.** The proposition shall be presented in substantially the following form:
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19 PROPOSITION NO. _____
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21 **CHARTER AMENDMENT**
22 **RETAIL SALES TAX ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF 5%**
23 **DEDICATING THE REVENUE TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH**
24 **PURPOSES**
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26 This proposition would amend the Anchorage Municipal Charter by adding
27 a new section 14.07 to read as follows:
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29 **Section 14.07 Alcoholic beverages retail sales tax.**

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31 (a) Tax levy and effective date:
32 The assembly is hereby authorized to levy a five
33 percent (5%) tax on all retail sales of alcoholic
34 beverages. The tax levy shall be effective February 1,
35 2021.
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37 (b) Dedication of proceeds:

1 The net receipts from the alcoholic beverages retail
2 sales tax, after payment of the costs of administration,
3 collection and audit to the municipality, are dedicated
4 to:

- 5 (1) Funding for police and first responders;
6 (2) Funding to combat and address child abuse,
7 sexual assault, and domestic violence; and
8 (3) Funding for substance misuse treatment and
9 prevention programs, mental and behavioral
10 health programs, and resources to address
11 Anchorage's homelessness crisis.

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13 (c) No increase of the alcoholic beverages retail sales tax
14 or change of the use of its proceeds may be made
15 without approval of the majority of qualified voters
16 voting on the question.
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18 And by amending Anchorage Municipal Charter, Article II (4), and Charter
19 §14.01(b) as follows (**underlined and bolded words** are proposed new
20 words; ~~strikeouts in bold~~ are proposed deletions):
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22 **ARTICLE II BILL OF RIGHTS**

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24 This Charter guarantees rights to the people of Anchorage
25 that are in addition to rights guaranteed by the Constitution
26 of the United States of America and the Constitution of the
27 State of Alaska. Among rights guaranteed by this Charter
28 are:
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- 31 (4) The right of immunity from sales taxes, except upon
32 approval by three-fifths (3/5) of the qualified voters
33 voting on the question, except the taxes imposed by
34 Charter ~~§ Section~~ 14.05 and § 14.07 shall be
35 effective if approved by a majority (50 percent + one)
36 of the qualified voters voting on the question.
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38 **Section 14.01 Taxing Authority**

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41 (b) Unless otherwise provided in this Charter, no sales
42 tax ordinance is valid until ratified by three-fifths (3/5)
43 of those voting on the question at a regular or special

