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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2021-14**

1 **AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE**
2 **MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AN ADVISORY BALLOT PROPOSITION ON**
3 **THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE AREA OF EAGLE RIVER, CHUGIAK, AND**
4 **EKLUTNA SHOULD DETACH FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**
5 **AND FORM A SEPARATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

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7 **WHEREAS**, since the days of the Greater Anchorage Area Borough, some
8 residents of the area have opposed the annexation of Eagle River into the Borough;
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11 **WHEREAS**, in 1975, Eagle River and Chugiak were both annexed to the
12 Municipality of Anchorage when the City and Greater Anchorage Area Borough
13 become unified into the Municipality of Anchorage; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, in 1996, Assembly Member Dan Kendall introduced an ordinance
16 proposing an advisory vote on a similar question that failed to pass the Assembly;
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19 **WHEREAS**, more recently, an advocacy group dedicated to the detachment of
20 Eagle River from the Municipality formed and has actively been advocating for the
21 cause for several years, seeking funds and support to pursue their cause; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, an affirmative vote would be the beginning of a process asking and
24 answering many complex questions that would need to be answered through careful
25 analysis; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, a city government is a municipal corporation and political subdivision
28 of the State of Alaska; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, any detachment process would be governed by the Alaska
31 Constitution, State Law, and the rules and procedures of State of Alaska Local
32 Boundary Commission; now, therefore,

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34 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

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36 **Section 1.** Pursuant to state law and the Anchorage Municipal Charter, an
37 advisory ballot proposition in substantially the same form as appears in Section 2
38 below shall be placed on the ballot and submitted to the qualified voters of the
39 Municipality at the regular municipal election on April 5, 2022.

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2 **Section 2.** The proposition shall be presented in substantially the following form:

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4 Proposition No. _____

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6 **ADVISORY VOTE ON WHETHER THE AREA OF EAGLE RIVER**
7 **AND CHUGIAK SHOULD DETACH FROM THE MUNICIPALITY**
8 **OF ANCHORAGE AND FORM A SEPARATE LOCAL**
9 **GOVERNMENT**

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11 Should the area of Eagle River and Chugiak be detached from the
12 Municipality of Anchorage and form a separate local government?

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14 The proposed separate local government is the area of the
15 Municipality of Anchorage north and east of the southern boundaries
16 of and does not include the Military Bases Fort Richardson and
17 Elmendorf Air Force Base or the Northeast portion of the Anchorage
18 Bowl.. This proposition is an advisory vote only.

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20 Yes [] No []

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22 **Section 3.** Section 1 of this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon
23 passage and approval by the Assembly. The proposition contained in Section 2 of
24 this ordinance shall be effective upon and only if the proposition is certified as
25 approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on said proposition at the
26 regular municipal election of April 5, 2022. The proposition is advisory only and
27 shall not amend Charter or other municipal law. The remainder of this ordinance is
28 effective upon passage and approval.

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31 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this __ day of _____, 2021.

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36 Chair

37 ATTEST:

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42 Municipal Clerk
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