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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 565 (C.O.W. Substitute)

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION ON

MARCH 20, 1979

WHEREAS, one ordinance initiative and two charter amendment initiatives have been filed with the clerk and certified as to the adequacy of signatures, and

WHEREAS, the assembly believes all three measures should be placed before the voters and

WHEREAS, March 20, 1979 is a day upon which both the proposed charter amendments and the proposed ordinance initiative may be placed before the voters,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

1. A special election shall be held on March 20, 1979 for the purpose of presenting to the voters the propositions set forth below.
2. The city and borough election official shall prepare the ballot to be submitted to the qualified voters for their ratification or rejection of said propositions and shall take all steps necessary in accordance with law to place said propositions before the qualified voters at said election.
3. The propositions to be submitted to the qualified voters at said election shall read substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Explanation of proposition. Presently state law prohibits property taxes from exceeding thirty mills except for bonded debt. This proposition would limit property tax levies to ten mills except for bonded debt. A ten mill limitation would cause a direct total revenue reduction of at least \$1,209,000 based on 1978 assessed valuations and millages. This would be a minimum direct reduction by service area of:

\$334,000	in the Juneau Service Area (No.1)
32,000	in the Douglas Service Area (No.2)
12,000	in the Rural Service Area (No.3)
146,000	in the Auke Bay Service Area (No.4)
582,000	in the Glacier Valley Service Area (No.5)
43,000	in the North Douglas Service Area (No.6)

23,000
37,000
1,209,000

in the Salmon Creek Service Area (No.7)
in the Lynn Canal Service Area (No.8)

AN INITIATIVE PROPOSITION TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA BY ADDING NEW
SECTIONS 9.19 AND 9.20 WHICH WOULD LIMIT
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES TO ONE PERCENT OF ASSESSED
VALUATION EXCEPT FOR TAXES PLEDGED TO PAY OR SECURE
PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON BONDED DEBT.

Shall the charter of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska
be amended by adding new sections 9.19 and 9.20 reading as
follows:

Section 9.19. Tax Limitation. The
municipality of the City and Borough
of Juneau may not levy and tax for
any purpose in excess of one percent
of the assessed valuation of property
within the municipality of the City
and Borough of Juneau in any one year.

Section 9.20. No Limitation On Taxes
To Pay Bonds. The limitation provided
in Section 9.19 of this article does not
apply to taxes levied or pledged to pay
or secure the payment of principal and
interest on bonds. Taxes to pay or
secure the payment of principal and
interest on bonds may be levied without
limitation as to rate or amount.

[] For The Amendment

[] Against The Amendment

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Explanation of proposition. If adopted, this proposition
would amend the sales tax code to exempt the following:
gasoline and diesel fuel sold for either commercial or
private motor vehicle use; petroleum products and electrical
power which is used for residential heating and cooking; the
sale of food in both restaurants and grocery stores; and the
rental of improved property for residential purposes. If
adopted, it would become effective on July 1, 1979. It is
estimated that this amendment would cause an areawide revenue
reduction of \$436,000 or approximately 34 percent of areawide
sales tax revenues; a reduction of \$385,000 to the Juneau
Service Area or approximately 30 percent of its sales tax
revenues and a reduction of \$49,000 to the Douglas Service

Area or approximately 54 percent of its sales tax revenues. If there is no reduction in services, it would require an increase in property tax levies of approximately 1 mill areawide plus 2.5 mills in the Juneau service area and 2.2 mills in the Douglas Service Area to make up these reductions based on 1978 assessed valuation.

AN INITIATIVE PROPOSITION TO AMEND THE SALES TAX CODE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU TO EXEMPT FROM SALES TAX GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL FOR COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE VEHICLES, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL ENERGY USED FOR RESIDENTIAL HEATING OR COOKING, FOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION PURCHASED IN A RESTAURANT OR STORE, AND RESIDENTIAL RENTALS.

Shall the City and Borough of Juneau sales tax code be amended to exempt from sales tax the sale of gasoline and diesel fuel for commercial and private vehicles, the sale of petroleum products and electrical power for residential heating and cooking uses, the sale in restaurants and stores of food for human consumption and rentals of property for residential purposes.

Yes

No

PROPOSITION NO. 3

Explanation of proposition. Presently, if there is a protest by those who would bear fifty percent of the cost of a proposed local improvement district (not necessarily fifty percent of the voters) the assembly may not proceed with the proposed district unless eight of the nine members of the assembly vote to create the district. The authority to override protests by a supermajority is a common feature of local improvement ordinances and is provided to insure that the installation of facilities which are critically needed and desired by small property owners cannot be prevented by the protest of a few very large property owners. The amendment would remove the authority of the assembly to create a local improvement district by a vote of eight of its nine members in such cases.

AN INITIATIVE PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 12.4 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA TO REMOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BY A VOTE OF EIGHT MEMBERS

Shall Section 12.4 of the charter of the City and Borough of Juneau be amended to read as follows:

Section 12.4. Protests. If protests as to the necessity for any local improvement are made by owners of benefitted real property which will bear 50 percent or more of that portion of the estimated cost of the improvement which will be borne by owners of benefitted real property, the improvement shall not proceed until the protests have been reduced so that the real property of those still protesting shall not bear 50 percent of the estimated cost of the improvement.

[] For The Amendment


[] Against The Amendment

Adopted this 15th day of February, 1979.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk