

VOTER INFORMATION

October 6th, 2020 • Municipal Election
By Mail



PROPOSITION No.1
Charter Commission

PROPOSITION No.2
General Obligation Bonds



ELECTION OVERVIEW



Notice of Regular Municipal Election

October 6th, 2020

Notice is hereby given that the Regular Municipal Election will be held in the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, on **Tuesday, October 6, 2020, by mail**. Precinct polling places will not be available for regular in-person voting on election day.

Registered voters of the State of Alaska who reside within the City and Borough of Juneau are eligible to vote in this election and will be mailed a ballot at the permanent mailing address listed in the State of Alaska Voter Registration List.

Voters should be prepared to provide identification along with their voted ballot if no identification was filed with the State of Alaska when registering.

The purpose of the election is:

1. To elect from candidates residing in the entire City and Borough of Juneau, one Areawide Assemblymember for a term of three years;
2. To elect from candidates residing in Election District No. 1, one Assemblymember for a term of three years;
3. To elect from candidates residing in Election District No. 2, one Assemblymember for a term of three years;
4. To elect from candidates residing in the entire City and Borough of Juneau, two members of the Board of Education (School Board) for terms of three years each.
5. To vote on two areawide propositions.
 - a. Proposition No. 1 - Charter Commission Question
 - b. Proposition No. 2 - General Obligation Bonds

Candidate Election: A sample ballot is enclosed in this pamphlet and information about the candidates can be found by visiting the City's website: www.juneau.org

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Due to COVID-19, the Juneau Assembly voted in May 2020 to hold the October 6 2020 Regular Municipal Election “By-Mail.” All voters registered at a residence address in the City and Borough of Juneau by September 6, 2020, will be mailed a ballot at the permanent mailing address on file with the State of Alaska’s Division of Elections.

We appreciate the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) allowing us to use their election center equipment and to receive assistance from their staff for conducting this by-mail election.

To check your current registration status and mailing address, go to: <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/>

How will this election process work?

Initial Mailing

- Ballots will be mailed to each Juneau registered voter on September 15, 2020, or to a temporary address through September 29 for applications received between September 6 and 29.

Voting Methods

- Voters will receive their ballot package containing the official ballot, secrecy sleeve with an “I Voted” sticker, and a return ballot envelope.
- The voter marks their ballot, places it in the secrecy sleeve (removing the sticker), seals it in the return ballot envelope, signs the envelope in the presence of a witness who is at least 18 years of age, and has the witness sign the envelope.
- The voter then returns the ballot using one of the following methods:
 - A. Places a .55 cent stamp on the envelope and returns it via USPS mail (ballots postmarked by Election Day, October 6 and received prior to final review on October 20 will be eligible to be counted), or
 - B. Drops the sealed voted ballot envelope in one of the two CBJ ballot drop boxes no later than 8:00 p.m. on October 6, 2020, or
 - C. Brings their ballot to one of CBJ’s two vote centers during vote center hours or obtains a replacement ballot at one of the vote centers.

Ballot Review and Results

- Return ballots sent through the US Postal Service are being mailed to a CBJ PO Box located in Anchorage and will be picked up with the beginning stages of review conducted by Municipality of Anchorage election staff.
- Ballots returned at the CBJ vote centers and through the ballot drop boxes will be collected, batched, and go through a preliminary review process in Juneau and to ensure voter signatures and witness signatures are on the envelopes.

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- Following the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, October 6, CBJ election staff will collect and batch all ballots received in Juneau and will fly up to Anchorage with those ballots to begin the review and preliminary counting process.
- Ballots received and reviewed by Friday, October 9 will be counted that day.
- **Ballots will NOT be counted on Election Day and the earliest preliminary results will be posted on our website on Friday, October 9.**
- Ballot review and the signature verification process will take place between September 21 and October 20. Voters may receive follow-up requests from election officials related to the signature verification process during this time frame.
- Final results will be made available after the CBJ Canvass Review Board conducts its review of the election on Tuesday, October 20. This work may be continued from day to day for up to three days depending on the volume of ballots/review required of the Canvass Board.

Ballots are non-forwardable, so if you will be away from your permanent mailing address, you may request that a ballot be sent to a temporary address by completing the Application to Vote at a Temporary Address (available on our website). These applications must be received by the Municipal Clerk's Office by September 29, 2020; however we encourage submission by September 6, to be included in the first mailing, or as early as possible. If you receive election mail addressed to a former resident at your mailing address or anyone else not a resident of your household, please mark it is "Return to Sender – not at this address" and return it to the post office.

Each outgoing and return ballot envelope will have a barcode uniquely tied to the voter whose name is on the envelope. For this reason, each voter needs to return their ballot in their unique ballot envelope. If a voter did not receive their ballot or needs to obtain a replacement ballot package, one can be issued at one of the vote centers or by calling our Election Call Center at 364-7401. Upon receipt of a replacement ballot, the election review system will only count the first ballot envelope received bearing that unique voter barcode and will prevent any other ballot envelopes with that barcode from being processed.

For more complete information about the upcoming by-mail election, including how to cast a ballot at a CBJ vote center or save postage by using a ballot drop box, please see the "Frequently Asked Questions" section on our website at <https://beta.juneau.org/clerk/elections/>.

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CHARTER COMMISSION, YES ☐

CHARTER COMMISSION, NO ☐



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- Q. What is the purpose of Proposition 1?**
- A.** The CBJ Charter was ratified by voters in 1970 after three years of work sessions and public hearings by the voter-elected Charter Commission. The Charter, Juneau's "constitution," is the document that establishes the name and the boundaries of the City and Borough of Juneau, sets out the powers and duties of the Assembly and the officers of the city, and lays out the general organization of the city. Only the voters can amend the Charter, and they have approved several amendments since 1970. The Charter also requires that the question "Shall there be a Charter Commission to review or amend the Charter?" be put before the voters every ten years.
- Q. What is the difference between charter amendments on the regular election ballot and the creation of the Charter Commission?**
- A.** A charter amendment is a very specific change to an identified section of the Charter. A Charter Commission is like a constitutional convention; it is an unrestricted review of the Charter by an elected 9-member Charter Commission.
- Q. What is the next step if voters approve Proposition 1?**
- A.** If Proposition 1 is approved, Charter Amendment Section 14.4 provides that "If a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question vote "yes," nine qualified voters to serve as the Charter Commission shall be chosen at the next regular election or at a special election. The commission members shall be elected on the same basis of representation as assembly members. A vacancy shall be filled by the commission with a qualified voter representing the same area as the vacating member."
- The Charter requires the costs, fees, and other expenses of the Charter Commission to be paid by the municipality, and the assembly shall provide compensation for commission members. Amendments proposed by the majority of the commission members must be submitted to the voters for approval.
- Q. What Charter amendments have been on the ballot since the Charter Commission question in 2010?**
- A.** 2017-14, a Charter amendment regarding competitive bidding and 2014-42, authorizing an empowered aquatics board.

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To promote the health, well-being, education, and economic recovery of the community by repairing school facilities and roofs, improving and maintaining park infrastructure and recreation facilities, repairing streets, and completing energy efficiency building maintenance projects, shall the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, issue and sell its general obligation bonds, maturing within 25 years of their date of issue, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$15,000,000?

BONDS, YES ☐

BONDS, NO ☐

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Authorize General Obligation Bonds to Finance Capital Improvements to the Facilities of the City and Borough of Juneau not to exceed \$15 million.

- Q.** What is the purpose of Proposition 2?
- A.** Proposition 2 asks voters to approve general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$15 million dollars for the purposes of repairing school facilities and roofs, improving and maintaining park infrastructure and recreation facilities, repairing streets and completing energy efficiency building maintenance projects.
- Q.** If approved, what will be the impact on City and Borough property taxes?
- A.** Voter approval of this proposition would authorize the issuance of \$15,000,000 in general obligation bond debt for paying the cost of planning, design and construction of municipal infrastructure, facilities and related capital improvements, including school roof replacements, and municipal park improvements, street repairs, and energy efficiency building maintenance projects.

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Municipal property tax rates are subject to many factors, particularly in these dynamic times. It is the intent of the Assembly to attempt to feather these proposed debt service costs into the generally declining municipal debt schedule so that the property tax rate can remain flat. Other large economic factors, including the health of the economy and whether the State funds existing school facility debt may make flat property taxes extremely difficult.

- Q.** What projects would be funded by approval of Proposition 2 and how will they be selected?

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- A. **School Facility Repairs Including Roof Replacements.** The roofs at Gastineau, Dzantik'l Heeni and Riverbend schools are beyond repair and in need of replacement to keep the facilities safe and functional for Juneau's students and teachers.

Park Infrastructure and Recreation Facilities. These projects will address needed repairs and maintenance of Juneau's most heavily used parks and facilities. Projects will be selected from the six-year Capital Improvement Plan and area master plans. They include but are not limited to: improvements to Adair-Kennedy, Capital School, Melvin, Savikko, Cope, and Dimond Parks. Facilities that need maintenance and repair include Treadwell Arena, Eagle Valley Center, and Harmon Rifle Range.

Energy Efficiency Building Maintenance. The six-year Capital Improvement Plan lists a number of deferred maintenance projects that would improve energy efficiency at Borough facilities, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions and operational costs. Examples of projects include replacing boilers at aging fire stations, installing modern heating and electrical controls at facilities, and LED lighting upgrades.


City Streets. The six-year Capital Improvement Plan establishes a schedule for reconstructing city streets and associated utility infrastructure. It is the intent of the Assembly to rehabilitate a collector street from this list that serves the general public and will improve the surface transportation network in Juneau.





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<p>DISTRICT 1 ASSEMBLY VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>ONE</u></p>	<p>AREAWIDE ASSEMBLY VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>ONE</u></p>
<p><input type="radio"/> Kenny Solomon-Gross <input type="radio"/> Alicia Hughes-Skandijs <input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Maria Gladziszewski <input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>
<p>DISTRICT 2 ASSEMBLY VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>ONE</u></p>	<p>SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>TWO</u></p>
<p><input type="radio"/> Lacey Derr <input type="radio"/> Derek R. Dzinich <input type="radio"/> Christine Woll <input type="radio"/> Robert Shoemake <input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Martin Stepetin Sr. <input type="radio"/> Brian Holst <input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>

SAMPLE

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

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Elizabeth J. McEwen
Municipal Clerk

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Juneau, Alaska 99801

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Juneau Vote Center Hours and Locations

City Hall Assembly Chambers

155 South Seward Street

Weekdays, Sept 21 - Oct. 5th

7:00 am to 8:00 pm

Mendenhall Valley Public Library

3025 Dimond Park Loop

Weekdays, Sept. 21st - Oct. 5th

10:00 am to 6:00pm

Saturday, Sept. 26th & Oct. 3rd

12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Election Day, Oct 6th

7:00 am to 8:00 pm

**Secure Ballot Boxes are open September 21st until October 6th at the
following locations:**

Douglas Library/Firehall, 1016 3rd Street, Douglas

Statter Harbor Boat Launch Parking Lot, 11801 Glacier Highway, Auke Bay