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Election at a Glance:

- **Election Day:** Tuesday, October 6, 2026
- **Ballots Mailed:** Friday, September 18, 2026
- **Vote Centers Open:** September 21 – October 6
- **Ballot Return Deadline:** 8:00 p.m. on Election Day
- **First Preliminary Results:** Late evening, Tuesday, October 6, 2026
- **Second Preliminary Results:** Late evening, Friday, October 9, 2026
- **Additional Preliminary Results:** As needed before certification
- **Certification & Final Results:** Evening, Tuesday, October 20, 2026



- *First preliminary results will include ballots received, reviewed, and approved prior to Election Day. Second preliminary results including eligible ballots returned on or after Election Day will be published on Friday, October 9, with additional periodic publishing dates as needed before certification.*

Offices & Propositions:

Voters will elect members of the Juneau Assembly and Juneau School District Board of Education. Three propositions—A, B, and C—will also be on the ballot. A sample ballot and proposition summaries are included in this pamphlet.

Candidate information: juneau.org/clerk/certified-municipal-candidates-2026

How to Return Your Ballot:

Your ballot must be **received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, October 6, 2026.**

If **returning your ballot by mail**, it must be **postmarked by October 6** and received before certification to be counted. The USPS recommends requesting a free manual postmark at a USPS retail counter.

Ballot drop boxes are the easiest and most convenient way to return your ballot. CBJ's accessible drop boxes are available 24/7 during the voting period.

You may also vote in person at a **Vote Center**.

Drop box and Vote Center locations: juneau.org/clerk/elections

Vote Center Services:

Vote Centers will be open September 21 through October 6 to assist voters who need in-person support. At a Vote Center, you can:

- Request a new or replacement ballot
- Get help with voting
- Use accessible voting equipment, including a touch screen device
- Register to vote or update your voter registration (for future elections)



- **Questions?**
- **Call:** (907) 586-5278 Option 4 - CBJ Elections
- **Email:** cbj.elections@juneau.gov
- **Visit:** <https://juneau.org/clerk/elections>

PROPOSITION A

Extended Temporary 3% Sales Tax

What type of sales tax does the CBJ collect and what is it used for?

The CBJ sales tax on general retail sales and services currently totals 5%. This 5% tax is made up of three separate taxes:

- 1% permanent sales tax
- 3% temporary sales tax (expiring July 1, 2027)
- 1% temporary sales tax for special projects (expiring September 30, 2028)

The 1% permanent sales tax and 3% temporary sales tax amounts combine to fund basic municipal services such as police, fire, street maintenance, capital improvements to roads and sidewalks, libraries, parks and recreation, youth activities, and general operations.

The 1% temporary sales tax for special projects has been used for special projects including capital improvements, to enhance budget reserves, support the child care sector, and pay down debt associated with general obligation bonds for school construction and to fund other major projects.

How long has a temporary 3% sales tax been in effect?

Voters first approved the 3% temporary sales tax in 1983 and have reauthorized it every four to five years since.

What services will citizens receive from the revenue generated by Proposition A?

If approved, revenue from Proposition A will be used for the same purposes as the current 3% temporary sales tax. As with the current tax, it is the intent of the Assembly to divide the total 3% tax among the following three categories:

1% for general government operations. This 1%, combined with the 1% permanent sales tax, is to be used to support such general government operations as police, fire, street maintenance, EMT/ambulance services, parks and recreation, libraries, transit, and other general services.

1% for capital improvements to roads & sidewalks. This 1% is to be used primarily for repairing and constructing roads, utilities, sidewalks, retaining walls, drainages, and stairways, as well as other capital projects.

1% for capital improvements, budget reserve, and other public services. This 1% is to be used for a variety of capital improvements, general government services and Budget Reserve.

How much money does the 3% sales tax generate? When will it expire if approved?

If Proposition A is approved, the 3% sales tax will be in effect for five more years (until June 30, 2032), and would be expected to generate approximately \$34 million annually for each of those years.

How does CBJ fund city services?

Government services are funded through a variety of taxes and user fees. In Juneau, sales and property tax revenues fund the majority of general city government services and projects. These sales tax revenues account for nearly all the funds spent on general government capital projects such as street/sidewalk paving/repairing and CBJ owned facilities.

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Is this a new tax? Will my taxes go up if it passes?

A “yes” vote continues the existing 3% temporary rate. The total rate would remain 5%.

What would happen if voters fail to approve Proposition A?

The sales tax rate would be reduced to 2% starting July 1, 2027. Sales tax revenues would be expected to decrease by approximately \$34 million annually. Available funding for general city services and capital projects would be reduced by about \$23 million and \$11 million, respectively. To balance the budget, the Assembly would either make budget cuts, increase revenues, or both. Cuts to general services would be substantial.

Do food and utility exemptions apply to this tax?

Yes. Food and utility exemptions continue to apply. This question has no impact on those exemptions.

How did this proposition get on the ballot?

This proposition was placed on the ballot by the Assembly.

PROPOSITION B

Mill Rate Cap Change

What is this proposition?

This proposition establishes the mill rate cap at 12 mills excluding the debt service mill rate.

Didn't we just set the mill rate cap at 9 mills?

Yes. This proposition reverses the results of the October 2025 election and restores the mill rate cap at 12 mills. While the Assembly may not suggest a change to the voters within one year, the citizens are free to use the initiative process to place a measure on the ballot.

What is a mill?

A mill is one-tenth of one cent, or \$1 of tax for every \$1,000 of assessed property value. A millage rate of 12 mills means you pay \$12 in tax for every \$1,000 of assessed value. For example, on a home with an assessed value of \$400,000, that would work out to \$4,800 per year in property taxes.

How do exemptions affect what I pay?

The \$400,000 / \$4,800 example is at the proposed cap, without any exemptions. Individual bills may have exemptions that reduce the total bill. The most common exemption, required by the State of Alaska, directs municipalities to exempt the first \$150,000 of assessed value of a primary residence for homeowners aged 65 or older and disabled veterans. CBJ provides additional exemptions for seniors and disabled veterans facing hardship.

Does this mean I'll be paying more in property tax?

Not necessarily. This proposition would increase what the maximum allowable mill rate could be. The actual mill rate is set each year by the Assembly. The mill rate is currently set at 9.92 mills (9.00 for General Government Operations, 0.92 for Debt Service).

How is property tax revenue used by the City?

Revenue from property tax goes into CBJ's General Fund and is considered unrestricted revenue, which is used for a variety of purposes, like street maintenance, parks and recreation facilities, and various capital improvement projects.

Read more about CBJ's budget at <https://juneau.org/budget>.

When would this be active?

This proposition would be effective 30 days after enactment. However, the Assembly will establish the mill rate in June 2027 with the FY28 budget adoption for property taxes due September 2027.

What happens if this proposition fails?

The cap remains at 9 mills excluding the debt service mill rate.

How did this proposition get on the ballot?

This initiative petition was brought by citizens and placed on the ballot after signature gathering and certification by the City Clerk.

PROPOSITION C

1% Seasonal Sales Tax

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What is this proposition?

This initiative proposes to amend CBJ code to implement a new seasonal sales tax, effective April 1 through September 30 each year.

What will this tax be used for?

The revenue from this tax is intended to help fund both indoor and outdoor recreation within the City and Borough of Juneau.

Is the revenue legally dedicated to recreation?

No. The Assembly has the responsibility of allocating the revenue to various services or capital projects each year. The whereas clauses proposed by the ballot language intend that revenue from this tax is to help fund both indoor and outdoor recreation within the City and Borough of Juneau.

How much revenue would this tax raise?

This tax would raise an estimated \$6.8M per year.

How is this different from the seasonal sales tax voters rejected in October 2025?

The proposal rejected in October of 2025 restructured sales tax year-round. Proposition C adds 1% in the summer only.

Who does this tax apply to?

This would apply to everyone making purchases in the City and Borough of Juneau between April 1 and September 30 each year. Visitors during the summer season between these months would also pay this tax.

How would this change the overall sales tax rate?

If Juneau's tax rate remains at 5%, this proposition would raise the tax rate to 6% between April 1 and September 30. The food and utility exemptions currently in place would remain – this question has no impact on those exemptions.

When would collection actually begin?

While this change in code would be effective 30 days after voter approval, the first collection date would be April 1, 2027.

If this proposition passes, does the seasonal rate also apply to remote sellers?

Yes. Remote sellers delivering goods into CBJ would collect the same rate as local sellers.

What happens if this proposition fails?

The sales tax rate structure would remain as it is, either at 5% or 2%, dependent on the outcome of Proposition A.

How did this proposition get on the ballot?

This initiative petition was brought by citizens and placed on the ballot after signature gathering and certification by the City Clerk.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU
OFFICIAL BALLOT
REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION
OCTOBER 6, 2026

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Municipal Clerk

Instructions: To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice like this: ●
Use blue or black ink. NO RED INK. If you make a mistake, draw a line through the mistake, write "NO" next to it, and then fill in the oval next to your choice. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, fill in the oval and write the person's name on the line.

ASSEMBLY AREA WIDE VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>ONE</u>	PROPOSITION A Explanation
☐ Paul Roy Kelly ☐ Brad Sapp ☐ James J. McCants ☐ Write-in	Juneau currently has a permanent 1% sales tax, a temporary 1% sales tax, and a temporary 3% sales tax. The temporary 1% sales tax is automatically repealed on September 30, 2028. The temporary 3% sales tax is automatically repealed on July 1, 2027. The total of all CBJ sales taxes is currently 5%. This ballot proposition would continue the current 3% temporary sales tax rate for an additional five years, until June 30, 2032. Accordingly, if this proposition is approved, the total sales tax rate would remain at 5%. This proposition would also continue the Assembly's intended allocation of the temporary 3% sales tax revenues as follows: Temporary Sales Tax (July 1, 2027 to June 30, 2032) 1% to police, fire, street maintenance, snow removal, EMT/ambulance service, parks and recreation, libraries, and other general purposes; 1% to roads, drainage, retaining walls, sidewalks, stairs, and other capital improvements; and 1% allocated annually by the assembly among capital improvements, an emergency budget reserve, and other general public services. Total 3% Proposed temporary sales tax starting July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2032.
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 1 VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>ONE</u>	
☐ Mila Cosgrove ☐ Write-in	
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 2 VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>ONE</u>	
☐ Karla Hart ☐ Joyce M. Niven ☐ Malachi Thorington ☐ David Lee Morris ☐ Write-in	
BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>TWO</u>	
☐ Britteny Cioni-Haywood ☐ David Noon ☐ Christine Johnson ☐ Write-in ☐ Write-in	
	PROPOSITION A Authorization to Renew a Temporary 3% Areawide Sales Tax Effective July 1, 2027, Intended to Be Used for Certain Purposes as Set Forth Below. Shall the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, levy and collect a temporary 3% areawide sales tax on the price of all taxable sales of goods and delivered in the City and Borough, effective July 1, 2027, for a period of five years only, in addition to the 1% permanent areawide sales tax and the 1% temporary areawide sales tax? It is the intent of the Assembly to use the temporary 3% areawide sales tax as follows: 1% to police, fire, street maintenance, snow removal, EMT/ambulance service, parks and recreation, libraries, and other general purposes; 1% to roads, drainage, retaining walls, sidewalks, stairs, and other capital improvement projects; and 1% allocated annually by the assembly among capital improvements, an emergency budget reserve, and other general public services. Total 3% Temporary Sales Tax ☐ Extend 3% sales tax five years. Yes ☐ Extend 3% sales tax five years. No

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PROPOSITION B	PROPOSITION C
Charter Amendment Short Title: Mill Rate Cap Change SHALL THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU CHARTER SEC. 9.7 BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: Section 1. ... (c)Except as provided in this section, the assembly shall not levy on real or personal property any tax exceeding the total of 9 mills 12 mills plus that additional millage required to service general obligation indebtedness. The assembly may levy a tax exceeding this total only after seeking and securing voter approval by a majority of those voting on the question at a general or special election. Section 2. Effective Date. This measure shall be effective 30 days after enactment. ☐ Mill Rate Cap Change. Yes ☐ Mill Rate Cap Change. No	Citizen Initiative Petition Short Title: 1% Seasonal Sales Tax Explanation This initiative petition proposes to amend the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) Code 69.05.020 to implement a new permanent seasonal sales tax, effective April 1 through September 30 each year. The revenue from this tax is intended to help fund both indoor and outdoor recreation within the City and Borough of Juneau. SHALL THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU CODE BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE A NEW CODE SECTION AS FOLLOWS: Section 1. Amendment of Section, CBJC 69.05.020, Imposition of rate, of the Code of the City and Borough of Juneau is amended to read as follows: (a) There shall be levied and collected a tax equal to the percentage of the selling price on retail sales and rentals made and services performed within the City and Borough as follows: *** (5) Within the entire City and Borough an additional one percent from April 1 to September 30. Section 2. Effective Date. This initiative shall be effective 30 days after enactment. ☐ 1% Seasonal Sales Tax. Yes ☐ 1% Seasonal Sales Tax. No

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Options to return your ballot envelope!

Use a ballot drop box! Ballot drop boxes are available 24/7 starting 10:00am September 19, 2026 to 8:00pm on Election Day, October 6, 2026. They are located at:

Alaska Electric Light and Power Company (AEL&P)

5601 Tonsgard Ct, Lemon Creek

City Hall – Corner near Marine Way and Shattuck Way

155 Heritage Street, Downtown

Douglas Public Library

1016 3rd Street, Douglas

Mendenhall Valley Public Library

3025 Dimond Park Loop, Valley

Statter Harbor Boat Launch Parking

11801 Glacier Highway, Auke Bay



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Go to a Vote Center! Available Monday, September 21 to Election Day, Tuesday, October 6! Vote Centers are open to people who need assistance, require an ADA accessible ballot, did not receive a ballot in the mail, or want to vote in-person.

City Hall Assembly Chambers

155 Heritage Way, Downtown

Early Voting starting September 21:

Monday through Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm
Closed Saturday and Sunday

Election Day, October 6, 7:00am – 8:00pm

Mendenhall Valley Public Library

3025 Dimond Loop, Mendenhall Valley

Early Voting starting September 21:

Monday through Thursday, 10:00am – 6:00pm
Friday and Saturday, 12:00pm – 5:00pm
Closed Sunday

Election Day, October 6, 7:00am – 8:00pm



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