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ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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An Ordinance Providing for the Levy and Collection of a Temporary 3% Areawide Sales Tax on the Price of All Taxable Sales of Goods and Services Delivered within the City and Borough of Juneau, to be in Effect Five Years from July 1, 2027, through July 1, 2032; and Calling for an Election on Whether Such Sales Tax Shall Be Levied.

WHEREAS, the present 5% areawide sales tax rate in the City and Borough comprises a permanent 1% tax, a temporary 1% tax, and a temporary 3% tax; and

WHEREAS, the 3% temporary component of the sales tax expires on July 1, 2027, unless the voters approve extending the duration of the tax; and

WHEREAS, the 3% temporary sales tax provides a balance to municipal revenue sources between sales tax and property tax; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has determined that an extension of the 3% temporary sales tax, to become effective on July 1, 2027, for a period of five years, is necessary to provide a stable revenue base for important municipal services and projects; and

WHEREAS, with the extension of the 3% temporary tax, the total sales tax rate in the City and Borough would remain unchanged at 5%.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Classification. Section 2 of this ordinance, if approved by a majority of qualified voters voting on the question pursuant to Sections 3 and 4, shall be of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the City and Borough code, until it expires under its own terms. Sections 3 and 4 are noncode sections.

Section 2. Amendment of Section. CBJC 69.05.020, Imposition of rate, is amended to read:

69.05.020 Imposition of rate.

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(c) Subsection (a)(2) and this subsection (c) are automatically repealed on July 1, ~~2027~~ 2032.

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Section 3. Submission of Question to Voters.

(a) In accordance with Article IX, Section 9.17, of the Home Rule Charter of the City and Borough of Juneau, the question of whether or not a temporary 3% areawide sales tax shall be levied and collected effective July 1, 2027, for a period of five years only, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City and Borough at the regular municipal election to be held on October 6, 2026.

(b) The Municipal Clerk shall prepare the ballot proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters of the City and Borough for their consideration of the temporary 3% areawide sales tax set forth in this ordinance. The Municipal Clerk shall further perform all necessary steps in accordance with law to conduct the election and place the proposition before the qualified voters at the regular municipal election.

Section 4. Proposition. The proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters of the City and Borough as required by Section 3 above shall read substantially as follows:

Explanation

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%	police, fire, street maintenance, snow removal, EMT/ambulance service, parks and recreation, libraries, and other general purposes;
1%	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.

PROPOSITION NO. _____

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% police, fire, street maintenance, snow removal, EMT/ambulance service, parks and recreation, libraries, and other general purposes;

1% 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 [ ]

Section 5. Effective Dates.

(a) The amendment of subsection (c) of CBJC 69.05.020 set forth in Section 2 of this ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2027, if the proposition required by Sections 3 and 4 of this ordinance is approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the City and Borough voting on the proposition at the regular municipal election scheduled for October 6, 2026.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this ordinance authorizing the submission of the ballot proposition to the qualified voters of the City and Borough, shall be effective 30 days after adoption of this ordinance.

Adopted this 27 day of July, 2026.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest: Breckan L. Hendricks

Breckan L. Hendricks, Municipal Clerk