

# MONTHLY UPDATE

*Current news and updates from the Anchorage Assembly*

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## Assembly Holding Town Halls on New Revenues

The Assembly hosted a series of town halls regarding Anchorage's fiscal situation and various tax revenue proposals before the body to better inform our conversation. We will vote on putting any potential tax proposal on the April 7 ballot at the regular Assembly meeting of January 14. The Anchorage and Chugiak-Eagle River Town Halls have already taken place. Thanks to everyone who came and provided feedback. If you can't make it, please be sure to email the Assembly with your thoughts at [wvmass@muni.org](mailto:wvmass@muni.org). The next town hall is

- **Girdwood:** Thursday, January 9, 6:30 to 8pm, at the **Girdwood Community Room** in the Community Center  
(<https://tinyurl.com/GIRDnewrev>)

• **Please note: all new revenue proposals can be found on the Assembly website home page:** (<http://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/Pages/default.aspx>)

**TOWN HALL:  
NEW REVENUES**

**JAN. 9 | 6:30PM-8:00PM**

Girdwood Community Center  
250 Egloff Drive



# New Revenue Proposals

## Proposal #1

One of the three tax proposals before the body is proposed by Assembly Members Felix Rivera, Austin Quinn-Davidson, and Forest Dunbar – a 5% alcohol sales tax. This tax will be dedicated to three items: 1) public safety, 2) child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence, and 3) substance misuse and behavioral health treatment. The tax is expected to bring in \$11M to \$15M annually, would be above the tax cap (i.e. new revenue), and does not have an end date. The proposal would put the dedication sources in the Anchorage Charter and require a 50%+1 vote per court decision.

## Proposal #3

The final of the three tax proposals before the body is proposed by Assembly Member Fred Dyson – a 3% general sales tax. This tax will be dedicated to two items: 1) 50% will go to property tax relief and 2) 50% will go to public safety. The tax is expected to bring in between \$110M to \$150 annually, 50% would be above the tax cap (i.e. new revenue) and the tax would end in 2028 without voter reauthorization. The proposal would put the dedication sources in the Anchorage Charter and would require a 60% vote per the original Charter requirement.

## Proposal #2

The second of the three tax proposals before the body is proposed by Assembly Members John Weddleton and Meg Zaletel – another alcohol sales tax with an initial rate of 2% and not to exceed 5%. This tax will be dedicated to three items: 1) substance misuse treatment, 2) behavioral health programs, and 3) homelessness prevention and response. At an initial rate of 2%, the tax is expected to bring in \$5M to \$6M annually and at a maximum rate of 5%, it is expected to bring in \$11M to \$15M annually. The proposal would be above the tax cap (i.e. new revenue), and does not have an end date. The proposal would put the dedication sources in the Anchorage Charter and require a 60% vote per the original Charter requirement.

# Quick News

## Joint Assembly- School Board Meeting

Due to increased scrutiny and interest, the Assembly held our second-ever Joint Assembly-Anchorage School Board Worksession on the school bonds on Wednesday, January 8. We did a deep dive into the decisions made in crafting the \$82.8M bond package and answered lingering questions regarding Gruening, FEMA reimbursements, and other issues. The Assembly is set to vote on the school bond package at the regular meeting of January 14.

## Bond Updates

Besides the various tax revenue proposals, the Assembly will be considering a variety of non-school bond proposals on January 14 to include on the April 7 ballot. That includes capital items for roads, parks, police, fire, public transit, and facilities maintenance. In total, the bonds amount to approximately \$60M.

## Happy New Year

The beginning of the year is a time when many of us look back on what we've accomplished and set goals for the future. We are excited for the strides Anchorage has made and eager to continue to work hard to make Anchorage the best city it can be. From all of us to you and yours, well wishes for the New Year.

## Snow Plow Schedule

Many of the most common questions we get during the winter are about when the snow plow trucks are coming. The muni has an interactive map that can tell you when you can expect to receive snow removal service. Check the map using this shortcut:

<https://tinyurl.com/ANCsnowplow>  
schedule

### Can't get enough?

The Clerk's office is a great place to go for the most up to date info on many municipal issues. Follow the Anchorage Municipal Clerk on Facebook:

[facebook.com/ANCMuniClerk/](https://facebook.com/ANCMuniClerk/)