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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS RESIDING IN THE MOUNTAIN PARK/ROBIN HILL RURAL ROAD SERVICE AREA (RRSA) AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON APRIL 5, 2022, A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO PROVIDE A MAXIMUM MILL LEVY OF 1.80 MILLS FOR THE MOUNTAIN PARK/ROBIN HILL RRSA FOR YEAR-ROUND ROAD MAINTENANCE SERVICES, AND TO AMEND ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 27.30.360, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Mountain Park / Robin Hill Rural Road Service Area (RRSA) Board of Supervisors passed a motion to request a ballot proposition at the April 5, 2022, Municipal general election for the service area to **[CONSIDER AN]** increase **[TO]** the maximum mill rate to 1.80 mills, an increase of 0.50 mill, for road maintenance and repair **[SERVICES]**; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain Park / Robin Hill RRSA no longer receives new State or Federal grant funding for road and drainage improvement projects and now almost exclusively relies on RRSA **[LOCAL]** tax dollars for road maintenance and repair **[SERVICES]**; and

WHEREAS, it is feasible, practical, and reasonable to increase the mill rate to 1.80 mills to provide a predictable, reliable revenue increase to fund road maintenance services and repair projects within the Mountain Park / Robin Hill RRSA; and

WHEREAS, AS 29.35.450(c) requires **[VOTER]** approval by a majority of the qualified voters residing in the Mountain Park / Robin Hill RRSA for the 0.50 mill **[RATE]** increase to the maximum mill levy to become effective, and only affects the residents of the Mountain Park / Robin Hill RRSA; now therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Charter 9.01(a), a ballot proposition in substantially the following form shall be submitted to the qualified voters residing in the Mountain Park/Robin Hill RRSA at the regular Municipal election April 5, 2022:

Proposition 7

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE A MAXIMUM MILL LEVY [FOR AN IMPOSITION] OF 1.80 MILLS FOR THE MOUNTAIN PARK / ROBIN HILL RURAL ROAD SERVICE AREA (RRSA) FOR YEAR-ROUND ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR[S], AND AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 27.30.360

TO CONFORM WITH THIS CHANGE, EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVE
TO JANUARY 1, 2022.

Shall a maximum mill levy of 1.80 mills be **set [IMPOSED]** for the Mountain Park / Robin Hill Rural Road Service Area (RRSA) for year-round road maintenance and repair **[SERVICES]**, effective retroactive to January 1, 2022?

If the maximum mill levy is approved, the Mountain Park / Robin Hill RRSA property owners **may [WILL]** pay up to a maximum 1.80 mills for road maintenance and repair**[S]** beginning with tax year 2022.

Yes []

No []

The existing **maximum** mill rate in the Mountain Park / Robin Hill RRSA, 1.30 mills, will increase to 1.80 mills, an increase of 0.50 mill. Property owners within the Mountain Park / Robin Hill RRSA **may [WILL]** incur an increase in property taxes of **up to** \$50 per \$100,000 assessed value beginning in tax year 2022.

The roads affected are all roads within the Mountain Park / Robin Hill RRSA. The intent of this proposition is to provide additional local funding for road maintenance and repair **[SERVICES]**. With State and Federal grant funds nearly eliminated for local road service areas, local tax funding has become virtually the only funding source for road maintenance and repair**[S]**, and for improvements to drainage systems. The additional tax funds will provide a more predictable and reliable revenue stream to reduce long-term road maintenance costs, maintain year-round drivable roads, and alleviate any unsafe road environment. **Subject to this maximum mill rate, the RRSA Board of Supervisors will determine the actual mill rate each year.**

Section 2. Anchorage Municipal Code section 27.30.360 is amended to read as follows (underlined portions are added and portions in brackets are deleted):

27.30.360 Mountain Park / Robin Hill Rural Road Service Area.

- A. There is established, pursuant to Charter Section 9.01, a rural road service area within the municipality designated the Mountain Park / Robin Hill Rural Road Service Area (MTPK/RHRRSA), as outlined on the map located in Section 27.30.700.
- B. Subject to review and prioritization by the board of supervisors, the Mountain Park/Robin Hill Rural Road Service Area shall provide capital improvements for roads and drainage, and the maintenance thereof, within and over road rights-of-way in the service area.

1. The authority to provide capital improvements does not include construction of sidewalks, paved pathways, curbs, gutters, or street lighting.
- C. Improvements for roads and drainage, and the maintenance thereof, shall commence on January 1, 2010. The mill rate for services provided in the service area shall not exceed 1.80 [1.30] mills in any calendar year.

(AO No. 83-116, 1-1-84; AO No. 86-142; AO No. 89-78; AO No. 90-109; AO No. 91-66; AO No. 95-16, § 3, 5-2-95; AO No. 98-15, § 3, 5-5-98; AO No. 2001-12, § 3, 1-23-01; AO No. 2004-9, § 2, 4-20-04; AO No. 2007-10, § 2, 4-17-07, AO No. 2010-11, § 3)

Section 3. Section 2 of this ordinance shall become effective retroactive to January 1, 2022, if, and only if, the ballot proposition **in Section 1** is passed by a majority vote of the qualified voters residing in the Mountain Park / Robin Hill RRSA. All other sections of this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and approval by the Anchorage Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 19th day of January, 2022.

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk