Public Notice
Long-Term Lease of Ure Park to Spenard Lions Club

Public Hearings Scheduled for January 2014

The Municipality of Anchorage proposes to lease Ure Park, dedicated park land, to the Spenard Lions Club for the construction and maintenance of a clubhouse and community center within the park. For the past 30 years, the Spenard Lions Club has utilized the original dwelling as a clubhouse on the property and maintained the surrounding Ure Park area. As the building has aged and become outdated, the Lions Club would like to replace it with a newer, more user-friendly facility. A new facility will allow the Lions Club to continue using and maintaining the Ure Park area, as well as allow for use by the public. The land to be leased consists of Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 14, Roosevelt Park Addition, according to Plat No. P-57A, Anchorage Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, also known as Ure Park (2108 Roosevelt Dr.).

Anchorage Municipal Charter and Municipal Code require disposal, including long-term lease, of land dedicated as public park to be approved by a majority of voters at a municipal election. This proposal is expected to be on the ballot April 1, 2014. Before being presented to the voters as a ballot proposition, this proposal will be discussed at two upcoming public meetings:

Parks and Recreation Commission
Spenard Recreation Center
2020 West 48th Avenue
January 23, 2014, 5 p.m.

Anchorage Assembly Regular Meeting
Assembly Chambers, Z.J. Loussac Library
3600 Denali Street
January 28, 2014, 5 p.m.

For more information about this proposal or the upcoming public hearings, please contact the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department at 343-4355.
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2013-131

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 25.30.025 TO REVISE THE TIME REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE A VOTE ON THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PARK LAND; AND SHORTENING THE NOTICE PERIOD FOR A PROPOSED LEASE OF LAND IN URE PARK TO THE SPENARD LIONS CLUB.

WHEREAS, Anchorage Municipal Charter §10.02(8) currently requires any disposal of land dedicated as public park to be approved at a regular or special municipal election by a majority of those voting on the question; and

WHEREAS, AMC section 28.20.015 requires the Assembly to take final action on ordinances containing ballot propositions not later than 63 days prior to an election; and

WHEREAS, AMC section 25.30.025 requires that a proposed disposal of municipal park land be noticed at least 180 days prior to the date for the Assembly's final action on the ballot proposition, the end result being that not only major conveyances, but also simple lease renewals and land exchanges for road projects all have to be noticed starting in August for placement on the ballot the following April; and

WHEREAS, the 180 day notice period under AMC section 25.30.025 is in many instances an unattainable deadline; and

WHEREAS, the deadline has recently caused one project to be delayed over a year and now will do the same to the lease with the Spenard Lions for their proposed replacement facility in Ure Park; now therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Anchorage Municipal Code section 25.30.025 is hereby amended to read as follows (the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set out):

25.30.025 — Public notice procedures when municipal land disposal— requires voter approval.

A. A proposed disposal of municipal park land shall be first noticed at least 30 [180] days prior to the date for final action on the ballot proposition under AMC 28.20.015.

D. Notice by signage. A sign shall be placed upon the land proposed for disposal no less than 30 [180] days prior to public hearing by the
assembly on the ordinance authorizing the disposal. The sign shall be
easily visible to the public and shall generally identify the proposed
disposal, specify when the proposed disposal will be submitted to the
voters for approval, and include the information specified in subsection
25.30.025B.

(AO No. 2007-102, § 2, 8-14-07)

Section 1 [2]. In the event this ordinance is not passed on or before December 17,
T[he] 180 notice requirement in AMC 25.30.025 is waived for the proposed disposal
by lease of a portion of Ure Park to the Spenard Lions Club, Inc. Instead, notice
under AMC 25.30.025 shall be given at least 14 days prior to final assembly action.

Section 2 [3]. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and
approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _______ day of
_______________, 2013.

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Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk