

# **BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CHANGE TO REAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT DUE DATES**

## **Resolution #2025-03-01**

WHEREAS, under Alaska Statute, Title 29, real property is subject to taxation.

WHEREAS, under Anchorage Municipal Code Section 8.01, Community Councils are created in order to afford citizens an opportunity for maximum community involvement and self-determination, and property tax impacts were discussed at the most recent Council meeting.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage depends heavily on revenue from property taxes. Inflation and home value appreciation have caused this tax burden to increase dramatically. It has become a particularly difficult burden for those home owner's dependent on seasonal or fixed incomes.

WHEREAS, other communities have discovered that spreading out the payment schedule allows relief. More time gives more flexibility for those with financial limitations to respond.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's fiscal year aligns, but the Mat-Su property tax payment schedule is longer, giving more time for citizens to respond. It is thus far easier for many.

WHEREAS, presently the Matanuska-Susitna Borough mails tax notices July 1, with the first installment due August 15 and the second due the following February 18. In contrast, Anchorage mails tax notices June 1 with payments due June 30 and August 31, a mere two-month window.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The Birchwood Community Council fully supports and requests a change in real property tax payment due dates to provide our residents the needed payment time interval relief, and ask that this relief be effective immediately.

Passed this day, March 12, 2025

Signed:

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