Regular Election – October 6, 2026

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Aaron Lojewski	**1712**	**Council Seat E**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Laura D. Houger	348	Council Seat E	3 years	No
Tom Allen	1261	Council Seat E	3 years	No
Write-Ins	37	Council Seat E	3 years	No
John Ringstad	**2742**	**Council Seat F**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	171	Council Seat F	3 years	No

Regular Election – October 7, 2025

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Mindy O'Neall	**1986**	**Mayor**	**3 years**	**Yes**
David Pruhs	1677	Mayor	3 years	No
Write-Ins	12	Mayor	3 years	No
Hannah Ekalook	1480	Council Seat C	3 years	No
Sue Sprinkle	**2048**	**Council Seat C**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-In	33	Council Seat C	3 years	No
Crystal Tidwell	**2925**	**Council Seat D**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	192	Council Seat D	3 years	No

Regular Election – October 1, 2024

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Jerry Cleworth	**2504**	**Council Seat A**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Sean MacDonald	1368	Council Seat A	3 years	No
Write-Ins	40	Council Seat A	3 years	No
Olivia Rodriguez	1238	Council Seat B	3 years	No
Aaron Crook	1114	Council Seat B	3 years	No
Valerie M. Therrien	**1568**	**Council Seat B**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	25	Council Seat B	3 years	No

Regular Election – October 3, 2023

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Sean MacDonald	1223	Council Seat E	3 years	No
Lonny Marney	**1763**	**Council Seat E**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	27	Council Seat E	3 years	No
Shoshana R. Kun	1285	Council Seat F	3 years	No
John Ringstad	**1820**	**Council Seat F**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	11	Council Seat F	3 years	No

PROPOSITION A (Passed)

Should City of Fairbanks Ordinance No. 6256, as Amended, be ratified?

A "YES" vote ratifies Ordinance No. 6256, as Amended, which authorizes the Mayor to enter into agreements with the State of Alaska and Golden Heart Utilities (GHU) to borrow up to $8.2 million at 1.5% interest from the Alaska Clean Water Fund for projects at the Peger Road Wastewater Treatment Plant, with GHU to pay in full all principal, interest, and fees.

A "NO" vote rejects Ordinance No. 6256, as Amended.

YES: 2,454 TOTAL VOTES NO: 576 TOTAL VOTES

Regular Election – October 4, 2022

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
David Pruhs	**1934**	**Mayor**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Valerie M. Therrien	1502	Mayor	3 years	No
Write-Ins	23	Mayor	3 years	No
Sean MacDonald	587	Council Seat C	3 years	No
Richard C Croteau	1254	Council Seat C	3 years	No
Sue Sprinkle	**1435**	**Council Seat C**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	28	Council Seat C	3 years	No
Aaron Gibson	1649	Council Seat D	3 years	No
Crystal Tidwell	**1660**	**Council Seat D**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	25	Council Seat D	3 years	No

PROPOSITION A (Passed)

Should the Fairbanks City Charter, Section 6.5A, be amended to read as follows? [text to be deleted shown in ~~strikethrough~~ font]

A. Except as provided in this section, the total amount of municipal tax that can be levied during a fiscal year shall not exceed the total amount approved by the city council for the preceding year by more than a percentage determined by adding the percentage increase in the Federal Consumer Price Index for Anchorage from the preceding fiscal year. ~~Of the total amount of taxes that can be collected, property taxes are limited by a maximum mill levy of 4.9 mills subject to Charter Section 6.5(B).~~ Any new or additional sales tax levied, other than hotel/motel, alcohol, and tobacco, must be approved by voters in a general election.

A "YES" vote amends Charter Section 6.5A.
A "NO" vote defeats the amendment and serves to defeat Proposition B below.

YES: 2,195 TOTAL VOTES NO: 1,130 TOTAL VOTES

PROPOSITION B (Passed)

Should Ordinance No. 6214 be ratified?

A "YES" vote ratifies Ordinance No. 6214 (only if Proposition A passes).
A "NO" vote defeats Ordinance No. 6214.

YES: 2,247 TOTAL VOTES NO: 1,058 TOTAL VOTES

Regular Election – October 5, 2021

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Jerry Cleworth	**2009**	**Council Seat A**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Shoshana R. Kun	1426	Council Seat A	3 years	No
Write-Ins	13	Council Seat A	3 years	No
June Rogers	**1848**	**Council Seat B**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Jonathan M. Bagwill	1474	Council Seat B	3 years	No
Write-Ins	21	Council Seat B	3 years	No

Regular Election – October 6, 2020

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Lonny R. Marney	**1967**	**Council Seat E**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Sue Sprinkle	1777	Council Seat E	3 years	No
Write-Ins	32	Council Seat E	3 years	No
Jim Clark	**1475**	**Council Seat F**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Montean R. Jackson	1067	Council Seat F	3 years	No
David van den Berg	833	Council Seat F	3 years	No
Robert Howard	204	Council Seat F	3 years	No
Charles Foster III	133	Council Seat F	3 years	No
Write-Ins	24	Council Seat F	3 years	No

PROPOSITION A (Passed)

Should City of Fairbanks Ordinance No. 6125 be ratified?

A "YES" vote ratifies Ordinance No. 6125, which authorizes the Mayor to enter into agreements with the State of Alaska and Golden Heart Utilities (GHU) to borrow up to $1.5 million at 1.5% interest from the Alaska Clean Water Fund for the Main Extension and Water Piping Improvement Project at the Peger Road Wastewater Treatment Plant, with GHU to pay in full all principal, interest, and fees.

A "NO" vote rejects Ordinance No. 6125.

YES: 2893 TOTAL VOTES **NO:** 926 TOTAL VOTES

Regular Election – October 1, 2019

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Jim Matherly	**1948**	**Mayor**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Kathryn Dodge	1824	Mayor	3 years	No
Lakesha Jordan	166	Mayor	3 years	No
Frank W. Turney	84	Mayor	3 years	No
Write-Ins	12	Mayor	3 years	No
Valerie Therrien	**2293**	**Council Seat C**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Charles Foster	1203	Council Seat C	3 years	No
Write-Ins	113	Council Seat C	3 years	No
Aaron Gibson	**2013**	**Council Seat D**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Julie Smyth	1699	Council Seat D	3 years	No
Write-Ins	35	Council Seat D	3 years	No

Regular Election – October 2, 2018

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Shoshana R. Kun	**1423**	**Council Seat A**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Jim Clark	1027	Council Seat A	3 years	No
Andrew R. Thompson	713	Council Seat A	3 years	No
Write-Ins	51	Council Seat A	3 years	No
June Rogers	**1624**	**Council Seat B**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Lloyd Hilling	1182	Council Seat B	3 years	No
Marcey Luther	476	Council Seat B	3 years	No
Write-Ins	50	Council Seat B	3 years	No
Kathryn Ottersten	**1884**	**Council Seat D**	**1 year**	**Yes**
Jonathan M. Bagwill	1347	Council Seat D	1 year	No
Write-Ins	46	Council Seat D	1 year	No

Regular Election – October 3, 2017

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Jerry Cleworth	**3796**	**Council Seat E**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	267	Council Seat E	3 years	No
David Pruhs	**3561**	**Council Seat F**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	296	Council Seat F	3 years	No

PROPOSITION A (Failed)

Shall the citizens' initiative petition to prohibit the operation of marijuana establishments within the City of Fairbanks be ratified?

A "YES" vote ratifies the citizens' initiative and prohibits the operation of marijuana establishments within the City of Fairbanks.
A "NO" vote rejects the citizens' initiative and allows the continued operation of marijuana establishments within the City of Fairbanks.

YES: 1522 TOTAL VOTES **NO:** 3423 TOTAL VOTES

PROPOSITION B (Failed)

Should Ordinance No. 6054, as Amended, be ratified?

A "YES" vote ratifies Ordinance No. 6054, as Amended, and allows the City to impose increased taxes to maintain City services in an amount of $1,713,652, minus any revenue sharing funds the City receives from the State of Alaska.
A "NO" vote rejects Ordinance No. 6054, as Amended.

YES: 2115 TOTAL VOTES **NO:** 2729 TOTAL VOTES

Regular Election – October 4, 2016

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
John Eberhart	1387	Mayor	3 years	No
Frank W. Turney	257	Mayor	3 years	No
Jim Matherly	**1662**	**Mayor**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	11	Mayor	3 years	No
June Rogers	**2614**	**Council Seat B**	**2 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	67	Council Seat B	2 years	No
Aaron Gibson	1373	Council Seat C	3 years	No
Valerie M. Therrien	**1665**	**Council Seat C**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	21	Council Seat C	3 years	No
Sean P. Reilly	613	Council Seat D	3 years	No
Jerry Norum	**1058**	**Council Seat D**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Clifton Coghill	636	Council Seat D	3 years	No
Jonathan M. Bagwill	568	Council Seat D	3 years	No
Write-Ins	29	Council Seat D	3 years	No

PROPOSITION A (Passed)

Shall the City amend Home Rule Charter Section 11.3 to change the filing period for declarations of candidacy to "**not more than 90 days and not less than 45 days prior to the election**" to allow the City Council to adopt dates for filing declarations of candidacy that coincide with the Fairbanks North Star Borough's filing period?

A "YES" vote amends Charter Section 11.3.
A "NO" vote does not allow the amendment.

YES: 2701 TOTAL VOTES **NO:** 526 TOTAL VOTES

PROPOSITION B (Passed)

Shall the City amend Home Rule Charter Sections 2.2 and 11.3 to correct the unconstitutional residency requirement from three years to one year and update the language of those sections to make them gender neutral?

A "YES" vote amends Charter Sections 2.2 and 11.3.
A "NO" vote does not allow the amendment.

YES: 2454 TOTAL VOTES **NO:** 795 TOTAL VOTES

PROPOSITION C (Passed)

Shall the City amend Home Rule Charter Section 8.7 to amend the current 180-day deadline for completion of the annual audit by adding the following sentence?

The City Council may by resolution extend the deadline for completion of the annual independent audit if the audit cannot be completed within 180 days due to regulatory changes beyond the City's control.

A "YES" vote amends Charter Section 8.7.
A "NO" vote does not allow the amendment.

YES: 2615 TOTAL VOTES **NO:** 569 TOTAL VOTES

PROPOSITION D (Passed)

Shall the City Council be allowed to raise the sales tax rate on marijuana from 5% to 6% to maintain consistency if the Borough Assembly raises its tax rate by the same amount?

A "YES" vote would allow the City to raise the sales tax rate on marijuana from 5% to 6% if the Borough Assembly raised its tax rate on marijuana by the same amount.
A "NO" vote does not allow the City to raise its marijuana sales tax rate to 6%.

YES: 2555 TOTAL VOTES **NO:** 720 TOTAL VOTES

Regular Election – October 6, 2015

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Joy Huntington	**2431**	**Council Seat A**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	105	Council Seat A	3 years	No
Perry Walley	**2376**	**Council Seat B**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	117	Council Seat B	3 years	No

PROPOSITION A (Passed)

Should City of Fairbanks Ordinance No. 5986, as Amended, An Ordinance Enacting a Retail Sales Tax on Marijuana and Referring the Ordinance for Ratification at the Next General Election, be ratified?

A "yes" vote ratifies Ordinance No. 5986, as Amended, and allows the City of Fairbanks to impose a 5% retail sales tax on any sale of marijuana within the City of Fairbanks.

A "no" vote rejects Ordinance No. 5986, as Amended, and no sales tax may be imposed by the City of Fairbanks on the sale of marijuana.

YES: 2901 TOTAL VOTES **NO**: 556 TOTAL VOTES

Regular Election – October 7, 2014

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Shannon Vargas	944	Council Seat E	3 years	No
Jerry Cleworth	**1680**	**Council Seat E**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	10	Council Seat E	3 years	No
Chris Anderson	1197	Council Seat F	3 years	No
David Pruhs	**1292**	**Council Seat F**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	21	Council Seat F	3 years	No

There were no propositions on the 2014 ballot.

Regular Election – October 1, 2013

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Vivian Stiver	1396	Mayor	3 years	No
John Eberhart	**1502**	**Mayor**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	12	Mayor	3 years	No
Bernard Gatewood	**2157**	**Council Seat C**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	87	Council Seat C	3 years	No
Jim Matherly	**2278**	**Council Seat D**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	70	Council Seat D	3 years	No

PROPOSITION A (Passed)

Shall the City adopt the same regular municipal election date as that of the Fairbanks North Star Borough and the City of North Pole to ensure they are held in conjunction and change the Charter to reflect the following [with deleted text in ~~strikeout font~~]?

Home Rule Charter, Article XI. - Elections

Sec. 11.1. - Annual elections: Time.
The regular city elections shall be held annually on the first Tuesday ~~after the first Monday in~~ of October, or on such other date as may be fixed by ordinance.

YES: 2651 TOTAL VOTES **NO**: 212 TOTAL VOTES

Regular Election – October 2, 2012

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Tim Sovde	897	Council Seat A	3 years	No
Renee Staley	**1025**	**Council Seat A**	**3 years**	**Yes**
David B. Lerman	341	Council Seat A	3 years	No
Timothy J. Brannan	788	Council Seat A	3 years	No
Write-Ins	44	Council Seat A	3 years	No
Nicholas Bowen	1361	Council Seat B	3 years	No
Perry Walley	**1722**	**Council Seat B**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	42	Council Seat B	3 years	No

PROPOSITION A (Passed)

Should City of Fairbanks Ordinance No. 5889, as Amended, be ratified?

A "yes" vote ratifies Ordinance No. 5889, as Amended, which would authorize the Mayor to enter into agreements with the State of Alaska and Golden Heart Utilities to borrow up to $4,625,600.00 at 1.5% interest to construct a sludge dewatering system at the Peger Road Wastewater Treatment Plant and to borrow up to $650,623.00 at 1.5% interest for the clarifier system project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, both loans to be paid in full by Golden Heart Utilities, and which would ratify the 2008 loan (current balance of $637,830.00) for construction of the sodium hypochlorite system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A "no" vote rejects Ordinance No. 5889, as Amended.

YES: 2811 TOTAL VOTES **NO**: 732 TOTAL VOTES

Regular Election – October 4, 2011

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Mike Walleri	1132	Council Seat E	3 years	No
David B. Lerman	334	Council Seat E	3 years	No
Lloyd Hilling	**1544**	**Council Seat E**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	32	Council Seat E	3 years	No
Tim Sovde	663	Council Seat F	3 years	No
John Eberhart	**2223**	**Council Seat F**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	37	Council Seat F	3 years	No

PROPOSITION NO. 1 (Passed)

Information: The City is proposing to increase revenues by paying off existing debt instead of raising current taxes. Under the City Tax Cap, reduction of annual debt payments decreases the total amount of taxes that may be levied. The City Mayor and City Council are proposing to pay off the entire remaining Police Station bond debt in 2011 and request voter approval to use the annual savings of $695,380 to fund additional City services by adjusting the annual Tax Cap (**on any sales, property or other tax)** by that amount on a recurring basis.

Do you approve the City Mayor and City Council's recommendation to pay off the full Police Station debt in 2011 and adjust the Tax Cap to use the $695,380 in savings to provide additional City services annually?

YES: 2570 TOTAL VOTES **NO**: 833 TOTAL VOTES

Regular Election – October 5, 2010

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Jerry Cleworth	**2102**	**Mayor**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Terry Strle	1798	Mayor	3 years	No
Write-Ins	26	Mayor	3 years	No
Bernard Gatewood	**2017**	**Council Seat C**	**3 years**	**Yes**
David B. Lerman	1191	Council Seat C	3 years	No
Write-Ins	57	Council Seat C	3 years	No
Jim Matherly	**2192**	**Council Seat D**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Don N. Seeliger	1336	Council Seat D	3 years	No
Write-Ins	52	Council Seat D	3 years	No

There were no propositions on the 2010 ballot.

Regular Election – October 6, 2009

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
David B. Lerman	495	Council Seat A	3 years	No
Vivian M. Stiver	**1790**	**Council Seat A**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Beverly Nice Fantazzi	1370	Council Seat A	3 years	No
Write-Ins	33	Council Seat A	3 years	No
Frank W. Turney	1343	Council Seat B	3 years	No
Chad Roberts	**2266**	**Council Seat B**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Write-Ins	41	Council Seat B	3 years	No

PROPOSITION NO. 1 (Failed)

Proposed Amendment to the City Charter Tax Cap Providing that any new or additional sales tax proceeds must be used to reduce the City base 4.9 mill levy to 0 mills before any other use.

Shall the City Charter be amended as follows? (new text **underlined and bold)**

Sec. 6.5. Total amount of city tax that can be levied.

A. Except as provided in this section, the total amount of municipal tax that can be levied during a fiscal year shall not exceed the total amount approved by the city council for the preceding year by more than a percentage determined by adding the percentage increase in the Federal Consumer Price Index for Anchorage from the preceding fiscal year. Of the total amount of taxes that can be collected, property taxes are limited by a maximum **base** mill levy of 4.9 mills subject to Charter Section 6.5(B). Any new or additional sales tax levied, other than hotel/motel, alcohol, and tobacco, must be approved by the voters in a general election, **and the proceeds of any new or additional sales tax must be applied in the following fiscal year to reduce the city 4.9 base mill levy to 0 mills before any other use of the proceeds is allowed.**

B. The limitations set forth above in subsection A of this section do not apply to the following:

1. Taxes on new construction or property improvements which occur during the current tax assessment year.
2. Any appropriation made to pay or secure payment of principal and/or interest on bonds.
3. Taxes required to fund additional services authorized by voter approved ballot issues.
4. Funding of new judgments entered against the City of Fairbanks.
5. Special appropriations necessary on an emergency basis to fund unavoidable expenses insuring the public peace, health or safety.
6. Any taxes approved by the voters.

C. Increases in the hotel/motel tax levied by the city above the 1999 level shall be exempt from the application of Section 6.5.

YES: 1894 TOTAL VOTES **NO**: 2032 TOTAL VOTES

PROPOSITION NO. 2 (Failed)

Enactment of a 3% General Sales Tax for Additional City Services.

(a) Shall Article VII (Sections 74-300 through 74-323) of the Fairbanks General Code of Ordinances be enacted to authorize a general sales tax **of 3%,** effective May 1, 2010, to fund the following additional City services, as allowed by Section 6.5(B)(3) of the City Charter:

(1) additional street maintenance and street reconstruction services above 2009 levels, not to exceed the sum of $4 million dollars a year above the City 2009 Public Works budget, adjusted annually by the full year change in the Anchorage Consumer Price Index (CPI-U); and

(2) additional Public Safety services above 2009 levels, not to exceed the sum of $4 million dollars a year above the City 2009 Public Safety budget adjusted annually by the full year change in the Anchorage Consumer Price Index (CPI-U),

(b) The proceeds of the sales tax provided in section (a) shall be applied:

(1) First, to reduce the City **base** mill levy **from 4.9 mills** to 0 mills in the following fiscal year,

(2) Then, for additional City service as stated in subsections (a)(1) and (a)(2).

(c) The sales tax shall be suspended annually if sufficient funds are received to fully fund subparagraphs (b)(1) and then (b)(2) and any excess proceeds shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year subject to the same limits on use and appropriation.

(d) Approval of this Initiative shall have no effect on existing sales taxes on alcohol, tobacco or the Hotel/Motel tax, none of such taxable sales shall be subject to this general sales tax.

YES: 1571 TOTAL VOTES **NO**: 2385 TOTAL VOTES

PROPOSITION NO. 3 (Passed)

Information: Current changes to state law have had the unintended effect of limiting the number of individuals who will seek public office. Some of the information required actually conflicts with other laws that require confidentiality on the part of certain professions. Many Alaskan communities have exercised their right to "opt-out" of the new state financial disclosure requirements, and have adopted their own code of ethics and financial disclosure requirements similar to what the state required prior to the 2007 changes.

THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS TO ADOPT A CODE OF ETHICS AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE LAW AND EXERCISE ITS RIGHT TO "OPT-OUT" OF CURRENT STATE DISCLOSURE LAWS

Shall the City of Fairbanks exercise the option to withdraw municipal public officials from the State of Alaska Public Official Financial Disclosure Law (AS 39.50), and instead adopt local ordinances that were similar to the requirements prior to the 2007 amendments, starting January 1, 2010?

A "YES" vote would require the City of Fairbanks to adopt an ordinance requiring City public officials to comply with provisions similar to the State requirements prior to the 2007 change.

A "NO" vote would mean that City public officials remain subject to AS 39.50 of Alaska Statutes, relating to financial disclosure, without local control.

YES: 2212 TOTAL VOTES **NO**: 1636 TOTAL VOTES

PROPOSITION NO. 4 (Passed)

Information: Currently, the City's Permanent Fund Review Board consists of three unpaid volunteer members, each appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The unanimous City Council and the existing Review Board believe that expanding the Board to five members will enhance the functioning of the board and adding a city council member will enhance communication between the Review Board and the City Council.

Shall Fairbanks Charter Section 8.8(b) be amended as stated below? (New text **bold and underlined,** deleted text in ~~strikeout~~, unchanged text in normal font)

Sec. 8.8(b). City of Fairbanks permanent fund.

(b) The permanent fund shall be managed by the head of the city finance department under the oversight of a **five** ~~three~~ (~~3~~**5**) person fund review board, **including one member of the City Council,**, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council. [No other changes to Section 8.8]

YES: 2710 TOTAL VOTES **NO**: 1151 TOTAL VOTES

Regular Election – October 7, 2008

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Bernard Gatewood	**1199**	**Council Seat C**	**2 years**	**Yes**
Ron Warner II	861	Council Seat C	2 years	No
David B. Lerman	408	Council Seat C	2 years	No
Write-Ins	27	Council Seat C	2 years	No
Emily E. Bratcher	**1347**	**Council Seat E**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Lloyd J. Hilling	1262	Council Seat E	3 years	No
Write-Ins	22	Council Seat E	3 years	No
Jerry Cleworth	**1618**	**Council Seat F**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Tonya Brown	989	Council Seat F	3 years	No
Kurt Gutzman	139	Council Seat F	3 years	No
Write-Ins	9	Council Seat F	3 years	No

PROPOSITION NO. 1 (Passed)

Shall the following wording of Charter Section 12.4 be amended, effective January 1, 2009? (New text in **underlined and bold font**, deleted text in ~~strikeout font~~)

Sec. 12.4. Initiative: Election:

After certification of an initiative petition the city clerk shall prepare a ballot title and proposition summarizing the proposed ordinance, and shall place them on the ballot for the next regular election **or on the ballot at a special election, if already scheduled and occurring not sooner than sixty days after the certification of the petition. If no election is scheduled within seventy-five days after the certification of a petition and the City Council determines it is in the best interest of the city, the Council may, by ordinance, order a special election be held on the matter before the next election that is already scheduled but not sooner than sixty days after certification of the petition.** ~~unless it is to be held more than ninety (90) days after certification in which case the council shall provide for a special election to be held within sixty (60) days, unless the sponsors of the initiative elect that the city clerk place the proposed ordinance on the ballot for the next regular election.~~ If, before the election, substantially the same measure has been ordained, the petition shall be void.

YES: 1726 TOTAL VOTES **NO**: 946 TOTAL VOTES

Special Election – April 3, 2007

Introduction: Since 1987, the city has operated within a voter approved tax cap which is still in effect today. The passage of Proposition 3 in October 2006 reduced the tax mill rate for commercial and residential properties from 6.7 mills to 0.5 mills (effective rate approximately 1.5 mills when claims, judgments, and bond debt are added to this 0.5 base). This left the city with a $10.3 million shortfall. The city's total budget is $30 million including capital expenses of which property taxes would normally make up 44%, the balance coming from sales taxes, fees, and permanent fund earnings. The city council recently reduced the mayor's proposed 2007 budget and is establishing committees consisting of city residents and council members to look into each city department's budget for efficiencies and cost containment. Increased revenue sharing from the state will also be used to reduce taxes in years it is received. The proposed mill rate is significantly lower than the prior year and continues a downward trend for the last several years. Recent attempts to establish new taxes to reduce the deficit such as the employment tax, residential emergency service tax, and gross receipts tax on businesses have been halted by referendum or the need for further work. None of these will be implemented if the Proposition A is approved by the voters. The mayor and unanimous city council believe that unless the deficit is reduced significantly, some amount of essential police, fire, ambulance and public works services will have to be eliminated.

PROPOSITION A (Passed)

Shall the Proposition which repeals and reenacts Fairbanks Charter Section 6.5(A) as follows be approved? (new text appears in **bold and underlined font**; the repealed text appears in ~~strikeout font~~)

Fairbanks Charter Sec. 6.5. Total amount of city tax that can be levied.

A. Except as provided in this section, the total amount of ~~total~~ municipal tax that can be levied during a fiscal year shall not exceed the total amount approved by the city council for the preceding year by more than a percentage determined by adding the percentage increase in the Federal Consumer Price Index for Anchorage from the preceding fiscal year. ~~Of the total municipal tax that can be collected, property taxes are limited by a maximum mill levy of 0.5 mills ((~~$50.00 ~~per~~ $100,000 ~~taxable assessed value) subject to Charter Section 6.5 (B) unless voters approve a higher mill levy at a general election.~~ **Of the total amount of taxes that can be collected, property taxes are limited by a maximum mill levy of 5.5 mills for each year in 2007 and 2008 subject to Charter Section 6.5(B). After 2008 the maximum mill levy shall be 0.5 mills unless the voters approve a higher mill levy.** Any new or additional sales tax levied, other than hotel/motel, alcohol, and tobacco, must be approved by the voters in a general election.

YES: 2291 TOTAL VOTES **NO**: 1724 TOTAL VOTES

Regular Election – October 2, 2007

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Terry Strle	**1282**	**Mayor**	**3 years**	**Yes***
Vivian M. Stiver	763	Mayor	3 years	No*
Don Seeliger	700	Mayor	3 years	No
Frank W. Turney	393	Mayor	3 years	No
Joseph N. Fields, III	269	Mayor	3 years	No
Write-Ins	21	Mayor	3 years	No
Steve M. Thompson	**2277**	**Council Seat C**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Wolfgang Falke	871	Council Seat C	3 years	No
Write-Ins	48	Council Seat C	3 years	No
John Eberhart	**2046**	**Council Seat D**	**3 years**	**Yes**
Nelson Miles	945	Council Seat D	3 years	No
Write-Ins	48	Council Seat D	3 years	No

*See next page for Mayoral Runoff Election results.

PROPOSITION A (Passed)

Information: The City Council supports the 1989 voter-approved Tax Cap. Since then, every City budget has been in compliance with the Cap. After considerable study, public input, and deliberation, the Council believes the Tax Cap should be permanently amended to place a limit on property tax as well as a limit on overall taxes.

Shall the City of Fairbanks Charter Section 6.5 be amended as follows? (new text is in **underlined and bold font**; deleted text is in ~~strikeout font~~.)

A. Except as provided in this section, the total amount of municipal tax that can be levied during a fiscal year shall not exceed the total amount approved by the city council for the preceding year by more than a percentage determined by adding the percentage increase in the Federal Consumer Price Index for Anchorage from the preceding fiscal year. Of the total amount of taxes that can be collected, property taxes are limited by a maximum mill levy of **4.9 mills** ~~5.5 mills for each year in 2007 and 2008~~ subject to Charter Section 6.5(B). ~~After 2008 the maximum mill levy shall be 0.5 mills unless the voters approve a higher mill levy.~~ Any new or additional sales tax levied, other than hotel/motel, alcohol, and tobacco, must be approved by the voters in a general election.

YES: 2291 TOTAL VOTES **NO**: 1167 TOTAL VOTES

Runoff Election – October 30, 2007

Candidate	Number of Votes	Seat	Term	Winner
Vivian M. Stiver	1158	Mayor	3 years	No
Terry Strle	**1191**	**Mayor**	**3 years**	**Yes**