



NOTICE OF REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION - OCTOBER 1, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the Regular Municipal Election will be held in the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska on **Tuesday, October 1, 2019**. Polling places are shown below. Registered voters of the State of Alaska who reside within the City and Borough of Juneau are eligible to vote in this election. Voters should be prepared to display identification at the polling place when voting.

The purpose of the election is:

1. To elect from candidates residing in the entire City and Borough of Juneau, one Areawide Assemblymember for a term of three years;
2. To elect from candidates residing in Election District No. 1, one Assemblymember for a term of three years and one Assemblymember for the remainder of a term ending October 2020;
3. To elect from candidates residing in Election District No. 2, one Assemblymember for a term of three years;
4. To elect from candidates residing in the entire City and Borough of Juneau, two members of the Board of Education (School Board) for terms of three years each.
5. To vote on the following three (3) areawide propositions:

Proposition 1: Authorization To Temporarily Increase The Hotel-Motel Room Tax From Seven To Nine Percent Effective January 1, 2020, Until December 31, 2034.

Explanation

Juneau currently levies a seven percent tax on hotel-motel room rentals. This ballot proposition, if approved by the voters, would temporarily increase the hotel-motel room rental tax from seven percent to nine percent from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2034. The two percent increase is projected to raise \$440,000 annually. It is the intent of the Assembly to use this increase in the hotel-motel room rental tax to provide funding for the construction of capital improvements for Centennial Hall. The tax proceeds could also be used to help pay for general obligation debt service related to Centennial Hall.

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Authorization To Temporarily Increase The Hotel-Motel Room Tax From Seven To Nine Percent Effective January 1, 2020, Until December 31, 2034.

Shall the City and Borough of Juneau temporarily increase the tax on hotel and motel transient room rentals from seven percent to nine percent for fifteen years?

Hotel-Motel Room Tax Increase, YES
Hotel-Motel Room Tax Increase, NO

Proposition 2: General Obligation Bonds \$7,000,000

Explanation

The proposition will authorize the issuance of \$7,000,000 in general obligation bond debt for paying the cost of renovations, expansion, upgrades and capital improvements to Centennial Hall, including upgrading the HVAC system, making improvements to the sound system, lighting system and technology, the interior flooring, furnishings and wall systems, expanding the lobby area, renovating and expanding break-out rooms, corridor and business center, adding an enclosed and heated corridor between Centennial Hall and the new arts and culture center and possible construction of new meeting rooms and offices in Centennial Hall. The total annual debt service costs, assuming an interest rate of 3.00%, will be \$600,000 for 15 years with \$6,000,000 of total debt service expected to be paid from the temporary two percent increase in the hotel-motel tax if approved by voters at this election and the remaining balance (\$3,000,000) to be paid from an annual property tax levy of approximately \$4 per \$100,000 of assessed value. If the temporary hotel-motel tax increase is not approved by the voters, debt service would require an annual property tax levy of approximately \$12 per \$100,000 of assessed value. This example of a property tax levy is provided for illustrative purposes only.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

General Obligation Bonds \$7,000,000

For the purpose of renovating and expanding Centennial Hall, including upgrading the HVAC system, making improvements to the sound system, lighting system and technology, flooring, furnishings and wall systems, expanding the lobby area, renovating and expanding break-out rooms, corridor and business center, adding an enclosed and heated corridor between Centennial Hall and the new arts and culture center and possible construction of new meeting rooms and offices in Centennial Hall within the City and Borough, shall the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, issue and sell its general obligation bonds, maturing within 20 years from their date of issue, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$7,000,000?

Bonds, YES
Bonds, NO

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

City and Borough of Juneau Outstanding and Other Debt Information

The following information is provided as required by CBJ Charter Section 10.5, Notice of Bond Election:

- CBJ's total general obligation outstanding debt, as of September 1, 2019, is \$92,543,000. Of this amount, it is anticipated that \$20,062,000 will be reimbursed by the State under the State's School Construction Bond Debt Reimbursement Program.
- There are \$5,900,000 of voter approved general obligation bonds (Airport Terminal Renovation) that have not been issued yet. The entirety of these bonds are scheduled to be sold in October 2019.
- For the current fiscal year, FY20, CBJ is budgeting to pay a total of \$16,728,000 for bond debt service (both principal and interest). \$3,548,000 of this amount is anticipated to be reimbursed by the State under the State's School Construction Bond Debt Reimbursement Program. This leaves a balance of \$13,180,000 to be paid from local tax sources and interest income. Of this amount, \$200,000 will be paid with general sales tax revenues, \$2,095,000 from port development revenues, \$5,946,000 will be paid from general property tax levies, and \$4,938,000 will be paid with fund balance from the Debt Service and General Funds.
- The current total taxable assessed valuation within the municipality is \$5,017,093,004 (\$5.02 billion).
- The maximum interest rate to be paid on this bond will vary depending on the market conditions at the time of issuance. CBJ anticipates that the interest rate on the Centennial Hall renovations tax exempt bonds will not exceed 5.5%.

Proposition 3: Advisory Proposition To Provide A Grant Of \$4,500,000 For The New Juneau Arts and Culture Center (JACC)

Explanation

The Assembly asks for your advice whether to provide a grant of \$4,500,000 for the New JACC. If a grant is made in the current fiscal year, \$4,500,000 would be appropriated from the sales tax fund balance. The Assembly intends to replenish the draw on fund balance by reallocating the \$4,500,000 of 1% sales tax funds over the next three years that was originally programmed for Centennial Hall improvements, which the voters approved in 2017. The Assembly intends to replace the funding for Centennial Hall by issuing general obligation bonds to be paid back by raising the hotel-motel rental tax by two percent and a 0.04 mill property tax increase (0.004% overall rate increase).

The existing City-owned arts and culture facility needs replacement and the grant would attract substantial additional private funds. The Assembly intends to require a contract with the partnership for the New JACC that includes at least the following grant conditions: (1) The voters recommend providing a \$4,500,000 grant at the election on October 1, 2019; (2) The CBJ grant funds shall not be released until the New JACC project has received or has legal pledges for 90 percent of project funding; (3) The grant expires on October 1, 2023, if the New JACC project has not received or does not have legal pledges for 90 percent of project funding; (4) The Manager shall negotiate a

contract to encumber the grant funding; and (5) The Assembly may direct the Manager to add other terms and conditions that are in the public interest.

PROPOSITION NO. 3

**Advisory Proposition To Provide A Grant Of \$4,500,000 For The
New Juneau Arts and Culture Center (JACC)**

Should the City and Borough of Juneau provide a grant of \$4,500,000 to the New JACC for development of a new arts and culture center?

Grant, YES
Grant, NO

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible to vote in City and Borough of Juneau elections, you must be:

1. Qualified to vote in state elections;
2. A resident of the municipality for at least 30 days immediately preceding the election;
3. Registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the municipality at least 30 days before the municipal election at which you seek to vote; and
4. Not disqualified under Article V of the State of Alaska Constitution.

ABSENTEE VOTING

A qualified voter may vote an absentee ballot for any reason. An absentee ballot may be cast in person, or requested from the election official in writing, by application with the voter's signature. Absentee Ballots are available no later than September 16, 2019.

In-Person Absentee Voting:

Beginning September 16, 2019, Early Voting and Absentee-In-Person voting will take place at the following locations/dates/times:

City Hall – 2nd Floor Conference Room 224 Foyer

September 16 – 30, 2019
Monday - Friday
8:00a.m. - 4:30p.m.

Mendenhall Mall Annex

September 16 – 30, 2019
Monday through Friday:
11:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.
and
Saturdays: September 21 & 28
Noon – 4:00p.m.

By Mail:

Applications for By-Mail Ballots may be obtained in the Municipal Clerk's Office or online at <https://beta.juneau.org/clerk/elections> Applications for By-Mail Ballots must be received in the Municipal Clerk's office no later than Tuesday, **September 24, 2019**. After September 24, please refer to Absentee Voting BY FAX.

By Electronic Transmission [Fax]:

Applications for By-Fax Ballots (electronic transmission) may be obtained in the Municipal Clerk's Office or online at <https://beta.juneau.org/clerk/elections> Applications for By-Fax Ballots must be received in the Municipal Clerk's office no later than Monday, **September 30, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.**

By Personal Representative:

A qualified voter who is unable to go to the polling place on election day due to age, illness or disability, may appoint a personal representative to obtain a ballot for the voter on or after September 16, 2019, up to and including election day. Persons who are ill or unable to go to the polls, who still wish to vote and have not chosen one of the methods above, may contact the Clerk's Office to make arrangements for an absentee ballot by personal representative.

Absentee ballot application forms and information available at:

Municipal Clerk/Election Official Office, City Hall Room 202

155 S. Seward Street, Juneau, AK. 99801

(907) 586-5278 phone (907) 586-4550 fax e-mail: city.clerk@juneau.org

<https://beta.juneau.org/clerk/elections>

2019 CITY & BOROUGH OF JUNEAU POLLING PLACES REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION – OCTOBER 1, 2019

The polls are open 7:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m.

Precinct Number	Precinct Name	Precinct Location	Precinct Address
34 – 400	Auke Bay	UAS Recreation Center, aka "Charles Gamble Jr. - Donald Sperl Joint Use Facility"	12300 Mendenhall Loop Rd.
34 – 410	Juneau Airport Area	Nugget Mall	8745 Glacier Highway
34 – 420	Lynn Canal	Auke Bay Ferry Terminal	13485 Glacier Highway
34 – 430	Mendenhall Valley No. 1	Mendenhall Valley Public Library	3025 Dimond Park Loop
34 – 440	Mendenhall Valley No. 2	Aldersgate United Methodist Church	9161 Cinema Drive
34 – 450	Mendenhall Valley No. 3	Glacier Valley Baptist Church	3921 Mendenhall Loop Rd.
34 – 460	Mendenhall Valley No. 4	Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church	4212 Mendenhall Loop Rd.
33- 500	Douglas	Douglas Library	1016 Third Street, Douglas
33– 510	Juneau No. 1	APK - Alaska State Library, Archives & Museum Bldg.	395 Whittier Ave.
33 – 515	Juneau No. 2	Northern Light United Church	400 W. 11 th Street
33 – 520	Juneau No. 3	Bartlett Regional Hospital	3260 Hospital Drive
33 - 525	Lemon Creek	Alaska Electric Light & Power Bldg.	5601 Tongsgard Ct.
33– 530	North Douglas	Juneau Fire Station	820 Glacier Ave.

If you are unsure where your polling place is, you can call the **STATE OF ALASKA POLLING PLACE LOCATOR number 1-888-383-8683**, enter your Social Security Number or your voter number when prompted, and you will be told where your polling place is located.

If you have questions regarding the October 1, 2019 CBJ Regular Municipal Election, please contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 586-5278.

I certify that this notice meets the requirements of CBJ Code 29.07.010 Election times; notice.

8/27/2019

DATE



Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk / Election Official

ADA Accommodations Available Upon Request.