

VOTER INFORMATION

October 5, 2021 • Municipal Election
By Mail



PROPOSITION No.1

Extend Temporary 3% Sales Tax



ELECTION OVERVIEW



The October 5, 2021, Municipal Election offers voters the opportunity to select candidates for the City and Borough of Juneau Mayor and Assembly and for the Juneau School District School Board. In addition, there is a proposition for voter consideration. A sample ballot is enclosed in this pamphlet.

Information about the candidates can be found by visiting the

City's website: www.juneau.org Information about the proposition is included in this pamphlet.

What's New for the 2021 Election

The Assembly voted in April 2021 to hold the **October 5, 2021 Regular Municipal Election "By-Mail."** All voters registered at a residence address in the City and Borough of Juneau by September 5, 2021 will be mailed a ballot at the permanent mailing address on file with the State of Alaska Division of Elections Voter Registration List. CBJ is partnering with the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) to use their Election Center equipment and the MOA Clerk's Office staff will provide assistance to CBJ staff for the conduct of this By Mail Election.

To check your current registration status and mailing address, go to: <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/>

How will this election process work?

Initial Mailing

Ballots will be mailed to each Juneau registered voter on September 14, 2021 or to a temporary address through September 28 for applications received between September 5 and 28.

Voting Methods

- Voters will receive their ballot package containing the Official Ballot, Secrecy Sleeve with an "I Voted" sticker, instructions and a return ballot envelope.
- The voter marks their ballot, places it in the secrecy sleeve (removing the sticker), seals it in the return ballot envelope, signs the envelope and includes one personal identifier (Voter ID#, Alaska ID or Driver's License #, Date of Birth, or last four digits of Social Security Number) and seals the envelope.
- The voter then returns the ballot using one of the following methods:
 - a. Returns it via USPS mail (ballots postmarked by Election Day, October 5 and received prior to final review on October 19 will be eligible to be counted), or
 - b. Drops the sealed voted ballot envelope in one of the two CBJ Ballot Drop Boxes no later than 8:00 p.m. on October 5, 2021, or
 - c. Brings their ballot to one of our two Vote Centers during vote center hours or obtains a replacement ballot at one of the Vote Centers.

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Ballot Review & Results

- All ballots, whether received by mail, cast at a CBJ Vote Center or placed in one of the Ballot Drop Boxes, will be sent through a preliminary review process in Juneau to ensure voter signature and one personal identifier are on each envelope.
- Following the “close of polls” at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, October 5, CBJ Election Staff will transport ballots to Anchorage to begin the review and preliminary counting process.
- **Ballots will NOT be counted on Election Day and the earliest preliminary results will be posted on our website on Friday, October 8.**
- Ballot envelope review and signature verification process will take place between September 20 and October 19. Voters may receive follow-up requests related to the signature verification process from election officials anytime between September 20 and October 19.
- Final results will be made available after the CBJ Canvass Review Board conducts its review of the election on Tuesday, October 19. This work may be continued from day to day for up to three days depending on the volume of ballots/review required of the Canvass Review Board.

Ballots are non-forwardable, so if you will be away from your permanent mailing address, you may request that a ballot be sent to a temporary address by completing the Application to Vote at a Temporary Address form. Application forms to vote at a temporary address are available on our website and must be received by the Municipal Clerk's Office by September 28, 2021; however we encourage submission by September 4 to be included in the first mailing, or as early as possible. If you received election mail addressed to a former resident at your mailing address or anyone else not a resident of your household, please mark it as “Return to Sender – not at this address” and return it to one of our Vote Centers, a Ballot Drop Box, or to the post office.

Each outgoing and return ballot envelope will have a barcode uniquely tied to the voter whose name is on the envelope. For this reason, each voter needs to return their ballot in their unique ballot envelope. If a voter did not receive their ballot or needs to obtain a replacement ballot package, one can be issued at one of the Vote Centers or by contacting the CBJ Election officials by calling our Election Call Center at 586-5278 option 4. Upon receipt of a replacement ballot, the election review system will only count the first ballot envelope received bearing that unique voter barcode and voter signature and will prevent any other ballot envelopes with that barcode from being processed.

For more complete information about the upcoming election, including how to cast a ballot at a CBJ Vote Center or using a ballot drop box, please see the “Frequently Asked Questions” section on our website at <https://juneau.org/clerk/elections>.

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What type of sales tax does the CBJ collect and what is it used for?

The CBJ sales tax on general retail sales and services currently totals 5%. This 5% tax is made up of three separate taxes:

- 1% permanent sales tax
- 3% temporary sales tax (expiring July 1, 2022)
- 1% temporary sales tax for special projects (expiring July 1, 2023)

The 1% permanent sales tax and 3% temporary sales tax amounts combine to fund basic municipal services such as police, fire, streets maintenance, capital improvements to roads and sidewalks, libraries, parks and recreation, youth activities, and general operations.

The 1% temporary sales tax for special projects has been used for special projects including capital improvements, to enhance budget reserves and pay down debt associated with general obligation bonds for school construction and to fund other major projects.

How long has a temporary 3% sales tax been in effect?

This 3% sales tax has been supported by Juneau voters each time it has come up for renewal, once every four or five years, since first approved in 1983.

What services will citizens receive from the revenue generated by Proposition No. 1?

If approved, revenue from Proposition No. 1 will be used for the same purposes as the current 3% temporary sales tax. As with the current tax, it is the intent of the Assembly to divide the total 3% tax among the following three categories:

1% for general government operations. This 1%, combined with the 1% permanent sales tax, is to be used to support such general government operations as police, fire, street maintenance, EMT/ambulance services, parks and recreation, libraries, transit, and other general services.

1% for capital improvements to roads & sidewalks. This 1% is to be used primarily for repairing and constructing roads, sidewalks, retaining walls, drainages, and stairways, as well as other capital projects.

1% for capital improvements, community grants, other public services and contributions to the budget reserve. This 1% is to be used for a variety of capital improvements, general government services, community grants and contributions to the budget reserve.

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How much money does the 3% sales tax generate? When will it expire if approved?

For fiscal year 2021, each 1% sales tax contributed about \$10 million to the CBJ budget. If Proposition No. 1 is approved, the 3% sales tax will be in effect for five more years (until June 30, 2027), and would be expected to generate approximately \$30 million annually for each of those years.

Why have a sales tax?

Government services are funded through a variety of taxes and user fees. In Juneau, sales and property tax revenues pay for the majority (about 27% and 43%, respectively) of general city government services. In addition, sales tax revenues account for nearly all of the funds spent on general government capital projects such as street/sidewalk paving/repairing and CBJ owned facilities.

A sales tax helps spread the cost of municipal services to all users, rather than targeting property owners only. With a sales tax, visitors and temporary residents help pay for services they use while they are in Juneau. State and federal funding for local government services has declined significantly since the original 1983 voter approval of the 3% sales tax. In response to these state and federal revenue declines, the sales tax revenues generated from the 3% levy have contributed greatly in helping to fund consistent service levels and hold down the property tax mill levy.

What would happen if voters fail to approve Proposition No. 1?

The sales tax rate would be reduced to 2% starting July 1, 2022. Sales tax revenues would be expected to decrease by approximately \$30 million annually. Available funding for general city services and capital projects would be reduced by about \$20 million and \$10 million, respectively. To balance the budget, the Assembly would either decrease spending (by cutting public services and capital projects), increase revenues (by increasing property taxes and user fees), or both. Cuts to general services would be substantial.



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 OFFICIAL BALLOT
 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION
 OCTOBER 5, 2021

Instructions:

To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice like this:

Use a blue or black ink pen to mark your ballot. NO RED INK. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, fill in the oval and print the person's name on the blank line provided for a write-in candidate. If you make a mistake voting, draw a line through the oval and candidate or issue you voted, write "NO" next to it and then continue voting by filling in the oval next to your choice.

MAYOR VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>ONE</u>	SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>THREE</u>
<input type="radio"/> Beth Weldon <input type="radio"/> Write-in	<input type="radio"/> Ibn Bailey <input type="radio"/> Thom Buzard <input type="radio"/> Elizabeth (Ebett) Siddon <input type="radio"/> Wiljordon V. Sangster <input type="radio"/> Aaron Spratt <input type="radio"/> Amber Frommherz <input type="radio"/> Write-in
DISTRICT 1 ASSEMBLY VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>ONE</u>	<input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/> Write-in
<input type="radio"/> Barbara Blake <input type="radio"/> Paul R. Kelly <input type="radio"/> Troy Wuyts-Smith <input type="radio"/> Write-in	
DISTRICT 2 ASSEMBLY VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN <u>ONE</u>	<u>PROPOSITION NO. 1</u> Go to Backside of Ballot for Proposition No. 1
<input type="radio"/> Michelle Bonnet Hale <input type="radio"/> Kelly Fishler <input type="radio"/> Write-in	

SAMPLE

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

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Elizabeth J. McEwen
Municipal Clerk

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Explanation

Juneau currently has a permanent 1% sales tax, a temporary 1% sales tax, and a temporary 3% sales tax. The temporary 1% sales tax is automatically repealed on September 30, 2023. The temporary 3% sales tax is automatically repealed on July 1, 2022. The total of all CBJ sales taxes is currently 5%.

This ballot proposition would continue the current 3% temporary sales tax rate for an additional five years, until June 30, 2027. Accordingly, if this proposition is approved, the total sales tax rate would remain at 5%. This proposition would also continue the Assembly's intended allocation of the temporary 3% sales tax revenues as follows:

**Current Temporary Sales Tax
(repealed July 1, 2022)**

**New Proposed Temporary Sales
Tax (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027)**

- 1% police, fire, street maintenance, snow removal, EMT/ambulance service, parks and recreation, libraries, and other general purposes;
- 1% roads, drainage, retaining walls, sidewalks, stairs, and other capital improvements; and
- 1% allocated annually by the assembly for capital improvements, general government services (including the Better Capital City account and youth activities) and Budget Reserve.

- 1% police, fire, street maintenance, snow removal, EMT/ ambulance service, parks and recreation, libraries, and other general purposes;
- 1% roads, drainage, retaining walls, sidewalks, stairs, and other capital improvements; and
- 1% allocated annually by the assembly among capital improvements, an emergency budget reserve, and other general public services.

Total Temporary sales tax until June 30, 2022
3%

Total Proposed temporary sales tax starting July 1, 2022,
3% and ending June 30, 2027

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Authorization to Renew a Temporary 3% Areawide Sales Tax Effective July 1, 2022, Intended to Be Used for Certain Purposes as Set Forth Below.

Shall the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, levy and collect a temporary 3% areawide sales tax on the price of all taxable sales of goods and delivered in the City and Borough, effective July 1, 2022, for a period of five years only, in addition to the 1% permanent areawide sales tax and the 1% temporary areawide sales tax?

It is the intent of the Assembly to use the temporary 3% areawide sales tax as follows:

- 1% police, fire, street maintenance, snow removal, EMT/ambulance service, parks and recreation, libraries, and other general purposes;
- 1% roads, drainage, retaining walls, sidewalks, stairs, and other capital improvement projects; and
- 1% allocated annually by the assembly among capital improvements, an emergency budget reserve, and other general public services.

Total 3% Temporary Sales Tax

YES Extend 3% sales tax five years?

NO Extend 3% sales tax five years?

S A M P L E

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT





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- Questions?
- Call: (907) 586-5278 Option 4 - CBJ Elections
- Email: cbj.elections@juneau.org
- Visit: <https://juneau.org/clerk/elections>

Juneau Vote Center Hours and Locations

City Hall Assembly Chambers

155 South Seward Street

Weekdays, Sept. 20 - Oct. 4

8 am to 4:30 pm

Election Day, Oct. 5

7 am to 8 pm

Mendenhall Valley Public Library

3025 Dimond Park Loop

Weekdays, Sept. 20 - Oct. 4

10 am to 6 pm

Saturdays, Sept. 25 & Oct. 2

12 pm to 4 pm

Election Day, Oct. 5

7 am to 8 pm

**Secure Ballot Drop Boxes are open from September 16, 2021
until 8 pm on October 5, 2021 at the following locations:**

Auke Bay - Statter Harbor BOAT LAUNCH Parking Lot
(NOT the Harbor Office parking lot.) 11801 Glacier Hwy.

OR

Douglas Library / Fire Hall Community Building
1016 3rd Street, Douglas