

Introduced by: Mayor Strle  
Finance Committee Review: May 4, 2010  
Introduced: May 10, 2010

**ORDINANCE NO. 5805**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE BEFORE THE QUALIFIED VOTERS  
OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF A CHARTER AMENDMENT  
TO AMEND CHARTER SECTION 5.2 RELATING TO THE  
PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL CITY BUDGET ESTIMATE;  
AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the City Council and City Mayor to streamline the annual budget process and better inform the public by requiring (a) the preparation of a single annual budget that addresses the City's operational and capital project needs, and (b) the preparation of a five-year forecast to be presented annually.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS,  
ALASKA, as follows:**

Section 1. That the following question shall be placed before the qualified voters of the City of Fairbanks at the next regular election to be held in accordance with Charter Sections 14.2, 14.4, and 14.5 as follows:

Information:

1. The City currently adopts the annual Capital Budget months after the December 15<sup>th</sup> Operating Budget. Combining the process would provide the public with a better understanding of the overall City fiscal picture.
2. Combining the two budgets means the finished budget book will be available sooner for the public and will provide each department with more time during the year to finish capital improvement projects.
3. Adding a requirement of a five-year forecast of City finances and needs will also provide the public with information regarding long-term issues, especially capital needs.

Ballot Question

Shall the City of Fairbanks Charter Section 5.2 be amended as follows (new text **underlined and bold**, deleted text in strikeout font):

**5.2. Budget estimate; Preparation, submission and amendment.**

The mayor shall prepare and submit to the council, not later than November 1 of each year, the annual **operating and capital** budget estimate for the following fiscal year and a budget message, **together with a five-year forecast of the City's public services, fiscal outlook, and needed capital improvements**. The budget estimate shall present a balanced budget and shall be in such form as the council shall direct. The council may amend the budget estimate at any time prior to adoption. The final budget adopted by the council shall be a balanced budget.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ (approves charter amendment)  
NO \_\_\_\_\_ (disapproves charter amendment)

Section 2. That the effective date of this ordinance shall be the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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TERRY STRLE, MAYOR

AYES: Bratcher, Roberts  
NAYS: Eberhart, Stiver, Cleworth  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT: Gatewood  
ADOPTED: N/A

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Janey Hovenden, CMC, City Clerk

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Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney