

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Dear neighbor,

During the 2022 budget development process, my administration proposed a final budget that was \$5.8 million under the tax cap and relied on \$4.6 million less in property taxes compared to the 2021 budget. This budget saved homeowners \$134 in property taxes per \$100,000 of assessed value. A homeowner with an average priced home of \$420,000 would have seen their property taxes go down by over \$560 under my revised budget.

These savings were achieved by implementing efficiencies in operations and smart reductions recommend by departments. The size of our budget drives the amount of property taxes imposed on you – the homeowner – which is why I have taken such a strong stance on ensuring a responsible budget.

Unfortunately, the Assembly chose a different path and passed a budget that increased both spending and property taxes. I vetoed many of the Assembly's increases, but they overrode my vetoes. The Assembly chose to grow government and increase spending by millions of dollars.

I encourage property owners to contact the Assembly regarding their decision to increase the budget and taxes in this time of economic uncertainty. The entire Assembly can be reached at: WWMAS@Muni.org.

My administration will continue to look for cost-saving measures while ensuring reliable, prompt, and efficient services for our citizens. I take the obligation of maintaining a balanced budget seriously. As always, we are committed to our financial future. Please reach out to my office anytime with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dave Bronson

Mayor of Anchorage

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