

2024 Election Report
August 5, 2024 Assembly Meeting

The annual Municipal Election will be held Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

1. This year's ballot will provide for the election of: 14 elected positions as follows:

Two Assembly Members: Two - 3 year terms
Two School Board Members: Two - 3 year terms
Two Hospital Board Members: Two - 3 year terms
Two Planning Commissioners: Two - 3 year terms
Two Harbor Board Members: Two - 3 year terms
Two Library Board Members: Two - 3 year terms
One Parks & Recreation Board Member: One - 3 year term
One Public Safety Board Member: One - 3 year term

2. There are four propositions on the October 1st ballot (assuming that Ordinances #2024-12 and #2024-13 are approved in their third reading at today's meeting).

Proposition #1 will decide whether the Borough should issue general obligation bonds in a total principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 to finance major maintenance needed at our public school facilities, including roof replacement/repair, security and safety features and upgrades and related capital improvements.

Proposition #2 will decide if the Borough should increase the maximum amount of a transaction that is subject to the Borough's 6% sales tax from \$1,200 to \$5,000, thus increasing the maximum sales tax due from \$72 to \$300.

Proposition #3 will decide if the Borough should increase the transient room tax rate, which is collected from persons staying in a local hotel, motel or other lodging for fewer than 30 days, from 4% to 7%. Transient room tax proceeds are used to fund visitor-related marketing, infrastructure and services.

Proposition #4 will decide if the Borough may incur long-term indebtedness in the form of loans from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation in a total principal amount not to exceed \$19,300,000 to fund capital projects for the water and wastewater utilities.

3. I have not completed my search for this year's Election Officials for the October 1st municipal Election but will do so very soon and will bring a list to you for approval at a future Assembly meeting.

With that said, I ask anyone interested in serving as an Election Official this year to contact me at 907-772-5405 or dthompson@petersburgak.gov.

Debra K. Thompson
Borough Clerk