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Senator Cathy Giessel
Alaska State Capitol Building
Room 427
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: SB 36: An Act relating to electronic publication of certain municipal notices and to publication and electronic distribution of reports by state agencies.

Dear Senator Giessel,

I have read through SB 36 and am not able to identify any issues with which the Alaska Municipal League and its 164 member municipalities might negatively face. If the residents from any specific City or Borough did not like the idea of posting taking place only through electronic means, the City or Borough is free to continue anyway it sees fit. The goals of most municipalities, is to serve their constituents, as local government officials have day-to-day contact with them as they shop, go to the Post Office or drop children off at school. If local government officials make an "unpopular" decision, they know it very, very quickly.

We truly appreciate that this bill fits one of the Alaska Municipal League's main tenets which is to give municipalities the choice to operate in such a way as to fit their constituency and their budget. This bill accomplishes that. For those reasons, we are in full support of this bill. If a municipality feels their residents will feel comfortable with this change, the municipality can adopt this practice, at what could be a large savings.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Kathie Wasserman
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Mayor Dan Sullivan

February 2, 2015

Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK 99801

Honorable Alaska State Legislators:

The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) has reviewed Senate Bill No. 36. The MOA expends over \$20,000 every year to publish a paper copy of the municipal foreclosure list. The proposed amendments to AS 29.45.020(a), 29.45.330(a) and 29.45.440(a) in SB 36 provide for replacement of the paper foreclosure list with an electronic noticing on a municipal Internet website accessible to the public.


We believe electronic noticing to be a more cost effective method of notification and it will save the MOA at least \$20,000 annually in publication and printing costs instead of producing the currently required paper booklet. Foreclosure and related redemption letters will still be mailed to the last known property owner on record; online noticing will not affect the distribution of the letters nor reduce the effectiveness of the current mailing system.

Electronic publication of the foreclosure list makes it readily accessible to the public from the first day of posting of the electronic publication continuously up to and through the last day of the redemption period. The additional benefit to the MOA is the ability to create the electronic publication within five days or less of the first foreclosure list posting as well the ability to edit subsequent electronic publications, if a property should be removed from the foreclosure process.

The MOA fully supports passage of SB 36 and we look forward to the cost reductions and improved accessibility online publication can produce.

Please contact Real Estate Director Tammy Oswald at (907)343-7986 or oswaldtr@muni.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Mayor Dan Sullivan

February 3, 2015

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Honorable Alaska State Legislators:

The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), Real Estate Department supports Senate Bill No. 36. We expend over \$20,000 every year to publish the paper printed copies for the Public Notices of the municipal foreclosure list. This year the cost has increased to \$25,000. The proposed amendments to AS 29.45.020(a), 29.45.330(a) and 29.45.440(a) in SB 36 provide for replacement of the paper foreclosure list with an electronic noticing on a municipal internet website accessible to the public.

We believe electronic noticing to be a more cost effective method of public notification; saving MOA at least \$25,000 annually in publication and printing costs. Foreclosure and related redemption letters will still be mailed to the last known property owner and lien holders on record; online noticing will not affect the distribution of the letters, nor reduce the effectiveness of the current mailing method.

Electronic publication of the foreclosure list makes it readily accessible to the public from the first day of posting of the electronic publication continuously up to and through the last day of the redemption period. The additional benefit to the MOA is the ability to create the electronic publication with five days or less (currently fifteen days) of the first foreclosure list posting as well the ability to edit subsequent electronic publications, if a property should be removed from the foreclosure process.

The MOA's Real Estate Department fully supports passage of Senate Bill No. 36 and we look forward to the cost reductions and improved public accessibility online publication can produce.

Sincerely,

Tammy Oswald, Director
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