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SB 36 ELECTRONIC DISTRIB. OF REPORTS/NOTICES

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Testifier List

Senate State Affairs

2/12/2015

Overview

Department of Administration

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Cheryl Lowenstein, Administrative Services Director

SB 36-ELECTRONIC DISTRIB. OF REPORTS/NOTICES

Presenting:

Sen. Giessel and/or Jane Conway (staff)

Arranged Testifiers:

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Public Testimony is noticed as **Open**

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North to the Future

Senator Cathy Giessel
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Senate Bill 36 **Electronic Distribution of Reports/Notices** **Sponsor Statement**

SB 36 moves the posting of public notices into the modern age by allowing municipalities the option of publishing its notices electronically.

It also mandates that statutorily required reports from state agencies be posted and distributed electronically on the Alaska Online Public Notice System instead of being printed. In this day and age with Alaska being one of the most digitally connected states in the nation, we believe this legislation will increase public awareness of state agency actions and increase access for its citizens.

Having the reports posted on a website and accessible in one location will show a comprehensive list of up-to-date reports and documents, all on a convenient and user-friendly site.

In a time when the state is tightening its budget, the use of this modern and widely accepted technology will save us money and reduce the amount of paper usage. In 2014, the estimated savings to the state was estimated to be \$530,349 dollars by issuing state-mandated reports on line rather than in paper form.

Please join me in implementing these cost-saving measures by supporting SB 36.

[Senator Cathy Giessel@akleg.gov](mailto:Senator_Cathy_Giessel@akleg.gov)

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MEMORANDUM

February 9, 2015

SUBJECT: Sectional summary of SB 36
(Work Order No. 29-LS0468\A)

TO: Senator Cathy Giessel
Attn: Jane Conway

FROM: Emily Nauman 
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill. As a preliminary matter, please note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill -- the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1. Grants municipalities the authority to pass an ordinance that will allow electronic notice to taxpayers on the municipality's public Internet website instead of newspaper publication of the amount of state aid a municipality receives and the millage equivalent.

Section 2. Allows a municipality to meet notice requirements by posting its foreclosure list for delinquent taxes on the municipality's public Internet website.

Section 3. Allows a municipality to electronically post notice that the redemption period following foreclosure will expire in 30 days on its public Internet website.

Section 4. Requires the lieutenant governor to include certain reports of state agencies on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

Section 5. Creates a new article requiring electronic production and distribution of agency reports if the agency has the technological capability to do so. Requires that reports must be posted for one year or until superseded. Creates exceptions where printing is required by other law, agreement or when a printed copy is requested. Allows electronic distribution to fulfill any agency obligation to publish, prepare, present, or submit a report. Clarifies that print copies of reports may be requested from a library distribution and data access center. Bars a state agency from hiring a contractor to provide photographs or graphics for a report, unless no agency employee to perform the work is available, or the agency would use fewer state resources by hiring a contractor. Defines "report" and "state agency."

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Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2015 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 36
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: SB036-OOG-OMB-2-13-15
Title: ELECTRONIC DISTRIB. OF REPORTS/NOTICES
Sponsor: GIESSEL
Requester: Senate State Affairs

Department: Various (for Fiscal Notes only)
Appropriation: Various
Allocation: Executive Branch
OMB Component Number: 0

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2016	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2016 Request	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2016	FY 2016					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
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ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Prepared By: <u>Arnold Liebelt, Policy Analyst</u>	Phone: <u>(907)465-4676</u>
Division: <u>Office of Management and Budget</u>	Date: <u>02/13/2015 04:00 PM</u>
Approved By: <u>Pat Pitney, Director</u>	Date: <u>02/13/15</u>
Agency: <u>Office of Management and Budget</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 36

Analysis

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(A) under AS 14.56.120;

(B) by agreement; or

(C) by federal law; or

Requested under AS 44.99.260 or specifically approved by the head of the agency.

In preparing this fiscal note, the definition of "report" was used as defined in section 2 of the bill. A report is defined as an official document that a state agency is required by law to prepare and distribute to the Legislature or the public without a specific request.

This bill results in no cost to the state. This legislation will, overall, result in a cumulative cost savings to the state, but the extent of the savings is inconclusive. The annual cost for printing state agency reports is estimated at \$585,000 statewide. Many state agencies currently distribute reports electronically when possible, and do not realize contracted printing costs. Also, the bill allows the head of a state agency to approve the printing and distribution of reports. It is unknown how many heads of state agencies or how many reports, or quantity of reports, may be printed as a result. Also, if persons want a printed copy of a report, they can obtain a copy from the State Library Distribution and Data Access Center. The additional requests that libraries may receive for printed reports and the cost to libraries of fulfilling those requests is unknown.

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February 5, 2015

Senator Cathy Giessel
Alaska State Capitol Building
Room 427
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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
Executive Director

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE



Office of the Municipal Manager

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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,

George J. Vakalis
Municipal Manager

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE



Real Estate Services

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Mayor Dan Sullivan

February 3, 2015

Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK 99801

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.

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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
Real Estate Department
Municipality of Anchorage

SB 36 - Electronic Dist of Reports
Office of Management and Budget
February 12, 2015

	Department	Total Cost of Production	Quantity Produced	Number of Publications Required by Law
1	Administration	\$305,000	***	***
2	Commerce (including AEA, AIDEA, ASMI, Banking and Securities, RCA, and others)	\$41,531	6,798	38
3	Corrections	\$0	0	0
4	* Education	\$0	0	7
5	Environmental	\$0	0	6
6	Fish and Game	\$29,879	1,275	17
7	Health (including commissions, councils,a and advisory boards)	\$4,174	864	23
8	Labor	\$2,266	408	18
9	Law	\$0	0	0
10	Military	\$0	0	0
11	Natural Resources	\$41,491	14,752	25
12	Public Safety	\$2,880	150	5
13	Revenue (including Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation)	\$15,645	2,375	12
14	** Transportation			
15	AK Judicial Council/Commission on Judicial Conduct	\$2,217	500	2
16	* Alaska Court System	\$0	0	0
17	University	\$20,476	1,350	12
Estimated Total:		\$465,558	28,472	165

* All publications are posted on line and all are produced in house.

** Unavailable at the time this report was completed.

*** Monthly/Quarterly Newsletters - Employers Edge, Newsbreak PERS, Newsbreak TRS, HealthMatters AlaskaCare, Health Matters, Soc Sec, 1099-R

Kodiak Daily Mirror	Mat-Su Frontiersman*	Peninsula Clarion			Less Frequent	Capital City Weekly	Nome Nugget
		M-F	Su, Tu, F	M-Th	F		
3,500	5,600		7,000		24,000+	20,000	6,000
3,400	6,100		7,000		24,000+	16,500	6,000
3,400	6,370		7,000		24,000+	14,000	6,000
3,000	6,890		7,000		25,000	14,000	6,000
3,000	6,000	6,140	6,574	6,358	22,500	14,000	6,000
3,000	6,000	6,140	6,574	6,358	20,000	12,000	6,000
3,000	5,500	6,140	6,574	6,358	20,000	12,000	6,000
3,000	5,500	6,140	6,574	6,358	20,000	12,000	6,000
3,000	5,000	6,140	6,574	6,358	20,000	12,000	6,000
3,000	5,000		5,500	6,000	20,000	10,000	6,000
3,000	5,000		5,500	6,000	20,000	10,000	6,000 print; 4,000 online

Circulation	Anchorage Daily News			Daily Sitka Sentinel	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner		Juneau Empire		Ketchikan Daily News	
	M-Th & Sa	Fri	Sun	M-F	Daily	Sun	Daily	Sun	M-F	Sat
2004	68,746	79,403	84,844	3,243	16,313	21,111	8,000		3,700	4,700
2005	68,746	79,403	84,844	2,915	16,313	21,111	7,200		3,700	4,700
2006	67,065	75,762	77,961	2,915	15,666	21,496	7,200		3,750	4,700
2007	71,711	81,908	89,423	2,868	16,000-18,000	22,000	6,000	7,000	3,750	4,700
2008	71,711	81,908	89,423	3,027	16,000-18,000	22,000	6,000	7,000	4,500	5,500
2009	51,938	57,815	60,501	3,020	16,000-18,000	22,000	5,500	6,500	4,500	5,500
2010	50,905	55,957	57,655	3,020	14,000-16,000	17,500	5,500	6,500	4,500	5,500
2011	46,805	51,540	52,979	3,020	14,000-16,000	17,500	5,000	5,800	4,500	5,500
2012	46,805	51,540	52,979	3,020	13,000-14,000	16,000	5,000	5,800	3,300	3,500
2013	43,300	46,974	47,843	3,020	13,000-14,000	16,000	4,200	4,600	3,300	3,500
2014	43,300	46,974	47,843	3,013	13,000-14,000	16,000	4,200	4,500	3,300	3,500

Circulation Numbers of Major Alaska Newspapers over the Past Decade

Compiled by the Alaska State Library for Senator Giessel 2-12-15

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2/10/15 Bill

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OLDER PERSONS ACTION GROUP

Dear Senator Stoltze,

Older Persons Action Group, Inc., publishes Senior Voice, a newspaper distributed statewide each month. Because of our large readership (we publish 11,000+ copies per month) and wide distribution, we feel we would be a good vehicle for legal notices. OPAG requests changing the current statutes defining a "newspaper of general circulation" to the following:

A newspaper of general circulation means:

- 1) Published in print, newspaper format
- 2) Published monthly, or more frequently, for at least five consecutive years and distributed in each of the four Alaska judicial districts
- 3) Has a business mail account and USPS mailing permit
- 4) Is not primarily advertising
- 5) Not produced for a specific professional or occupational group
- 6) Will not publish "Notice of Sales Real Estate" per AS 09.35.140

Our organization believes placing legal notices in Senior Voice will benefit our members, Senior Voice readers, and also those placing the notice, since it will provide an additional method to meet their legal requirements.

The statutes in discussion are AS 44.62.190, 09.35.140 and 09.35.142.

I encourage you to act on this request as soon as possible and to contact me, OPAG executive director Gary Wells or Senior Voice Editor David Washburn should you have any questions.

Best regards,



Leonard T. Kelley, board president

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Mayor Dan Sullivan

SENATE BILL SB 36

ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION OF REPORTS/NOTICES

To: Senate State Affairs Committee

From: Dee Ennis
Deputy Municipal Attorney - Anchorage

At the previous committee hearing, two concerns were voiced by committee members:

- (1) there are generations which may be more comfortable with print than electronic media, and
- (2) how does electronic noticing impact lower income constituents?

VERY NARROW QUESTION:

The question now being debated is very narrow: whether to allow municipalities the option to publish the **notice of the foreclosure list** by website or in a newspaper.

I. ACTUAL NOTICE

From the start of tax notification to foreclosure notification, **the property owners receive four physical notices** stating the status of their property taxes; continuing on to the Expiration of Redemption period the property owners that have not redeemed their property have received a **total of 11 physical notifications** – including a courtesy notice not required by Alaska State Statues. All property owners, whether lower income or who are more comfortable with print, receive actual notice of foreclosure.

II. NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION – *REALITY*: VERY LIMITED DISTRIBUTION

The Municipality of Anchorage publishes its foreclosure list in the Alaska Star – a newspaper with a circulation of 4,000 people. The Alaska Star is chosen as a result of a competitive bid process. This is because the State does not legislate that a municipality must pick a particular newspaper. As a result, the selection of the newspaper for publishing the foreclosure list is based on cost, not on circulation. Neither the persons who prefer print nor lower income families are likely to read the Alaska Star unless they are one of the 4,000 persons who subscribe.

III. THE USE OF MOA WEBSITE IS QUITE AMAZING

I have attached 3 exhibits. The first exhibit shows that in 2014 the MOA website received **3,343,374 session hits** (Exhibit 1). Exhibit 2 shows **18,505 hits for MOA Real Estate Foreclosure** – and note the spike in April – the sale in 2014 was on April 16.

And with respect to the lower income constituent, Exhibit 3 is perhaps the most fascinating exhibit. In the last month alone, there were **304,753 session hits** on the MOA website. But look at the breakdown of hits by devices. **Over 30% of the hits are by mobile devices**, in addition to the 63% that are from desktops. Respectfully, it is suggested that although computers may be less prevalent in lower income households, mobile devices are not, and as the hits on the MOA website indicate, people are using them to effectively access public information sites. And, please note, there are numerous cellphone programs (\$1/mth) for many lower income families (eligibility: social security, food stamps, certain income levels) spreading the availability of cellphones to all income levels. Thus, public information disseminated through public websites may in fact be far more effective than newspapers for many lower income families.

IV. WE ARE NOT THE ONLY STATE DOING THIS

The Juneau newspaperman implied that we are the only state considering this – not true, just look to our neighbor, Hawaii, a state we probably have much more in common with than Virginia, the state from which he pulled his statistics. Hawaii provides for electronic publication of the foreclosure sale.

V. **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS OF ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION**

- Electronic websites can be searchable;
- Electronic websites can be updated right up to the foreclosure sale.

Searching: Although the MOA website is not yet configured to highlight the foreclosure list, if you type Anchorage foreclosures on Google, you will see first of all the private foreclosure notice services (for investors) and then a listing for MOA foreclosure properties – go to that sight – right to MOA, right to foreclosure, and lots of helpful information including numbers to the department.

Updating: Unfortunately now, when someone pays the taxes during the last two weeks prior to print, the printer and newspaper cannot update in time – so people who pay prior to the deadline still get their names in the newspaper with resulting credit impact and embarrassment. Or if a mistake is made, there is no time left to correct.

VI. **THE ALASKA STAR IS NOT THE HISTORIAN FOR ANCHORAGE**

Finally, the Juneau newspaperman offered that newspapers serve an important historical role in capturing this type of information for the community. However, the Alaska Star – which is located in Eagle River - is not the historian for Anchorage. For the communities in which there is only one newspaper and for which this might serve a more important function, this bill allows those communities to decide – this legislation provides that choice to the community, rather than continue to require an expensive, increasingly less effective method for a community with numerous news outlets.

Thank you To Senator Cathy Giesel for bringing Senate Bill 36 forward.

Jan 1, 2014 - Dec 31, 2014

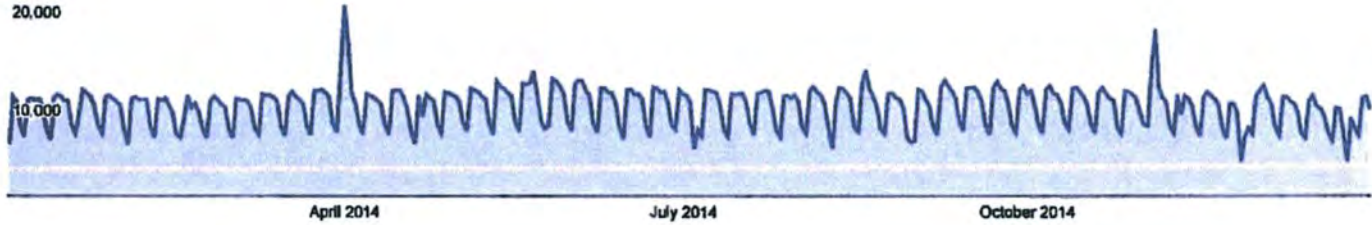
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Overview

Sessions
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Sessions
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Users
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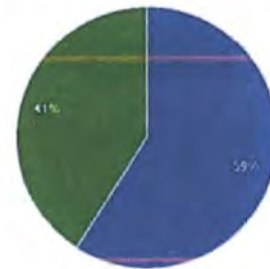
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Bounce Rate
54.30%

% New Sessions
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Returning Visitor New Visitor



Language	Sessions	% Sessions
1. en-us	3,243,937	97.03%
2. en	46,501	1.39%
3. en-gb	13,291	0.40%
4. en-ca	3,608	0.11%
5. de	3,372	0.10%
6. de-de	2,773	0.08%
7. zh-cn	2,373	0.07%
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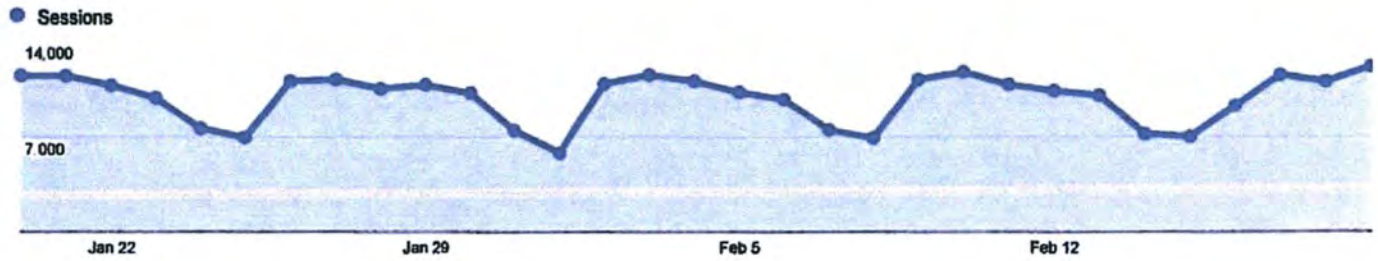
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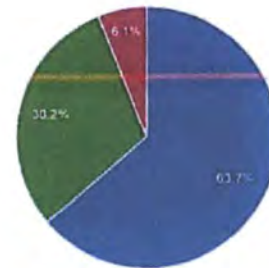
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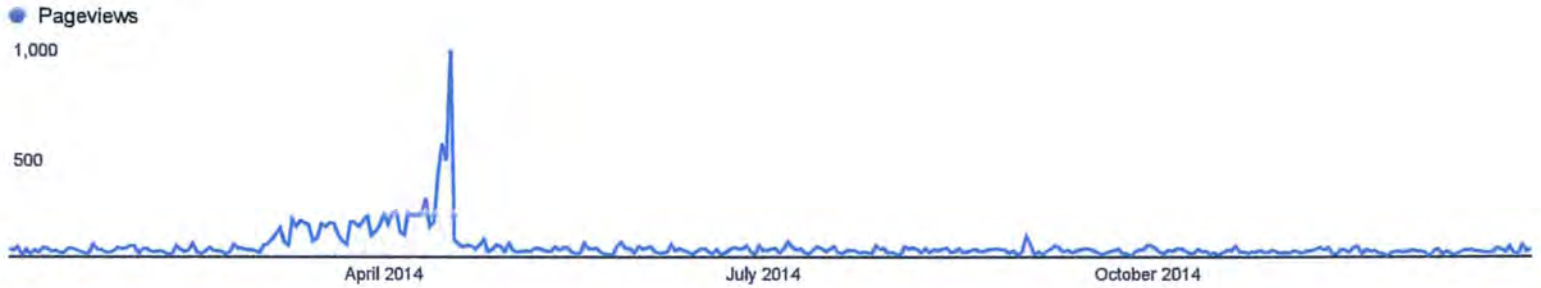
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1. /RESForeclosedProperties.aspx	12,002 (64.86%)	8,800 (62.77%)	00:04:36	69.27%	57.72%
2. /HotTopics.aspx	2,657 (14.36%)	2,042 (14.57%)	00:01:55	66.45%	33.42%
3. /realestateservices.aspx	1,425 (7.70%)	1,125 (8.02%)	00:01:13	38.76%	20.98%
4. /Staff.aspx	562 (3.04%)	474 (3.38%)	00:01:48	65.44%	41.28%
5. /LUS.aspx	360 (1.95%)	290 (2.07%)	00:01:53	87.50%	45.00%
6. /contactinfo.aspx	352 (1.90%)	308 (2.20%)	00:02:13	61.76%	39.49%
7. /MappingApplication.aspx	339 (1.83%)	283 (2.02%)	00:01:57	58.82%	21.24%
8. /WhatWeDo.aspx	316 (1.71%)	277 (1.98%)	00:01:11	44.44%	18.67%
9. /HLBCommission.aspx	253 (1.37%)	206 (1.47%)	00:01:18	65.12%	40.71%
0. /ContaminatedSites.aspx	138 (0.75%)	130 (0.93%)	00:01:15	86.36%	33.33%

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Daniel George

From: Harrington, Shalon <HarringtonS@ci.anchorage.ak.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 1:41 PM
To: Daniel George
Subject: Fwd: Tax Bills/Statements

Hi Daniel. Below is the info that was provided to me by our Real Estate Dept. As I mentioned when we spoke yesterday, the Administrative fee covers everything from legal fees, court filing fees, postage, etc.

If you would prefer a more formal or cleaner breakdown of this information, please let me know and I can get it to you ASAP.

At the end of the day, this bill is about providing efficiencies and ultimately cost savings.

Please let me know if you need anything else and I will be sure to provide it as quickly as possible.

Thank you to both you and Senator Stoltze for your help and consideration.

~ Shalon

Shalon R. Harrington
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
Office of Mayor Dan Sullivan
Direct Line - 907.343.6783<tel:907.343.6783> Cell Phone - 907.696.2341<tel:907.696.2341>

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Reich, Debbie L." <ReichDL@ci.anchorage.ak.us<mailto:ReichDL@ci.anchorage.ak.us>>
Date: March 18, 2015 at 12:15:48 PM AKDT
To: "Moore, Daniel A." <MooreDA@ci.anchorage.ak.us<mailto:MooreDA@ci.anchorage.ak.us>>, "Harrington, Shalon" <HarringtonS@ci.anchorage.ak.us<mailto:HarringtonS@ci.anchorage.ak.us>
Subject: Tax Bills/Statements

Shalon –

A foreclosure cost charge of \$45 is added to the delinquent accounts on March 1st. The newspaper publication charge is incorporated into this cost charge. The Municipality up fronts the publication charge until the property is redeemed, repurchased or sold. Reimbursement to the Municipality may be from one month to ten years and beyond. We as a city should not expect property owners who pay their taxes to carry the burden of publishing charges.

The cost charge includes:

- Legal fees for foreclosure & Deed process Foreclosure notice postage
- Newspaper Publication
- SOA Court Filing Fee
- Judgment Recording Fee
- Recording fees for (900) Redemption Certificates Expiration of Redemption postage fees Title Company Litigation Reports Motznik & Accurint information services (for looking up addresses) Expiration of Redemption Period Published Notice Deed Recording Fee
- Foreclosure Specialist position

Besides eventually saving the delinquent property owners a little money by electronic noticing, the efficiency of being able to update the foreclosure list a few days before publishing instead of 2-3 weeks before publishing.

Debbie Reich
Foreclosure Specialist

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Real Estate Department

907-343-7533

Mayor Dan Sullivan

March 10, 2015

The Honorable Cathy Giessel
Capitol Building Room 427
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: SB 36 – Online Notices

Dear Senator Giessel,

In response to a question you posed regarding the Municipality of Anchorage's process in contacting individuals who may not have paid their property taxes, I would like to provide you with a breakdown of the procedures and due diligence carried out by our Real Estate Department when attempting to collect property taxes.

If a property owner becomes delinquent with their property tax, they are notified a minimum of eleven times by direct mail in the three years prior to the Municipality taking Clerk's Deed to the property. The Real Estate Department sends an additional seven mailings and physically posts the properties after the Clerk's Deed is taken to notify property owners concerning the loss of their property and rights to repurchase.

When foreclosure or expiration of redemption notices are returned as undeliverable, the Real Estate Department researches to the best of their ability to find updated addresses or relatives by using PFD records, Accurint, Motznik, Google, CourtView, State's Recorder's Office, and Municipal property records for additional properties listing another mailing address.

As required by AS29, expiration of redemption notices are mailed certified return receipt. After a week, we monitor the delivery status using the post office tracking tool to determine if the certified notices have been claimed. If the notices are not claimed, we mail a copy of the expiration of redemption notice regular post at the same address and research for an additional mailing addresses or relative's addresses.

The amendment we are requesting, SB36, will not affect the above procedures. Passing SB36 will only aid in the public notice process.

Respectfully,

Tammy R. Oswald, Director
Real Estate Department

Louise Bauman
PO Box 1758
Nome, AK 99762
Phone 907-443-2583

April 19, 2015

Senator Donny Olson
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Senator Olson:

In the February 19, 2015 Nome Nugget article "SB36 proposes to put legal notices online." The questions raised are "what about some very slow internet in rural Alaska? What about cost of internet to download long reports?" Some other questions are what about the handicapped access to these notices and reports?

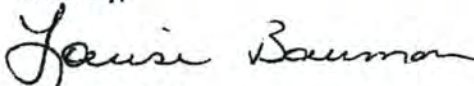
Another question is what about compliance with the Federal Funding programs that require community-wide meetings, public hearings and/or petitions? The State of Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs Grant Manual explicitly states the federal laws need to be complied with. The lack thereof would jeopardize the federal funding programs which the municipalities and state are largely dependent upon.

SB36 should be discussed with the Congressional Delegation with these discussion points. Is this an ethical practice for the state to adopt SB 36 to allow only publishing legal notices on the internet? This brings up the question of justice. True the state is tightening up the budget. However reports and notices are required from the many state and municipal departments that govern the Department of Fish and Game and The Department of Natural Resources. The majority of funding for these and many municipal programs come from federal resources that mandate laws such as Equal Access, Disability, Discrimination and many other human rights.

The term human rights implies that certain rights-to-life, to freedom, to the pursuit of happiness—are ours at birth and cannot be arbitrarily taken away except during extreme circumstances such as wartime. We live in a society where individuals and groups have certain rights that exist under conditions regardless of external circumstances. Denying the rights of a group or individual is unethical in most parts of the world. SB 36 falls into this category. The proposed SB 36 bill is unfair, especially to those who live in rural Alaska.

In closing, I recommend to the State Legislature to oppose SB 36.

Sincerely,



Louise Bauman