



Fairbanks North Star Borough

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Rural Services Division

ruralservices@fnsb.us
Main: (907)459-1223
Fax: (907) 459-1499

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly

THRU: Bryce Ward, Mayor *BW* for BW

FROM: David Bredlie, Director *DB*
Department of Public Works

DATE: January 14, 2021

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2021-02
Election for Tax Cap Revision for Whitman Road Service Area

In August, service area commissions received tax cap election guidelines. In response, the Division of Rural Services received a request from Whitman Road Service Area to participate in the March 2021 tax cap election.

They requested that their revenue be increased by \$5,460. This will add approximately 1.754 mills to their current rate of 1.996, giving them a new mill rate of approximately 3.750.

The Whitman Service Area held a public meeting to discuss budget issues. The commission submitted a request to increase their budget. The listed mill rates were calculated from the 2019 certified tax values.

I urge adoption of this ordinance.

Attachments: Ordinance
Service Area Map - Exhibit A
Staff Report

By: Bryce Ward, Mayor
Introduced: 01/14/2021

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 02

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN ELECTION FOR TAX CAP REVISION TO THE
WHITMAN SERVICE AREA

WHEREAS, Chapter 8.04 FNSBC provides for revision of the tax cap amount
by voters within taxing jurisdiction, by election; and

WHEREAS, The Whitman Service Area Commission has indicated that their
present tax cap produces insufficient funds to provide maintenance and capital
construction services; and

WHEREAS, The election is required for a taxing jurisdiction to determine if
the voters authorize an increase to their taxes in order to provide those services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Assembly of the Fairbanks
North Star Borough:

Section 1. This ordinance is not of a general and permanent nature and
shall not be codified.

Section 2. Election. An election shall be held pursuant to FNSBC
5.04.050(C) on the fourth Tuesday of March, March 23, 2021, within the area shown on
the map attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A, to place before the registered voters
residing within the Whitman Service Area the following question:

32 "Shall the Whitman Service Area be authorized to increase its annual
33 property tax revenue in the amount of \$5,460 in order to fund road maintenance and
34 capital construction services?"

35
36 An increase of \$5,460 will add approximately 1.754 mills to the rate allowed
37 by the existing tax cap.

38
39 Section 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall be effective at 5:00 p.m. on
40 the first borough business day following its adoption.

41
42 ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2021.

43
44
45 _____
46 Mindy O'Neall
47 Presiding Officer

48 ATTEST:
49
50 _____
51 April Trickey, CMC
52 Borough Clerk

APPROVED:

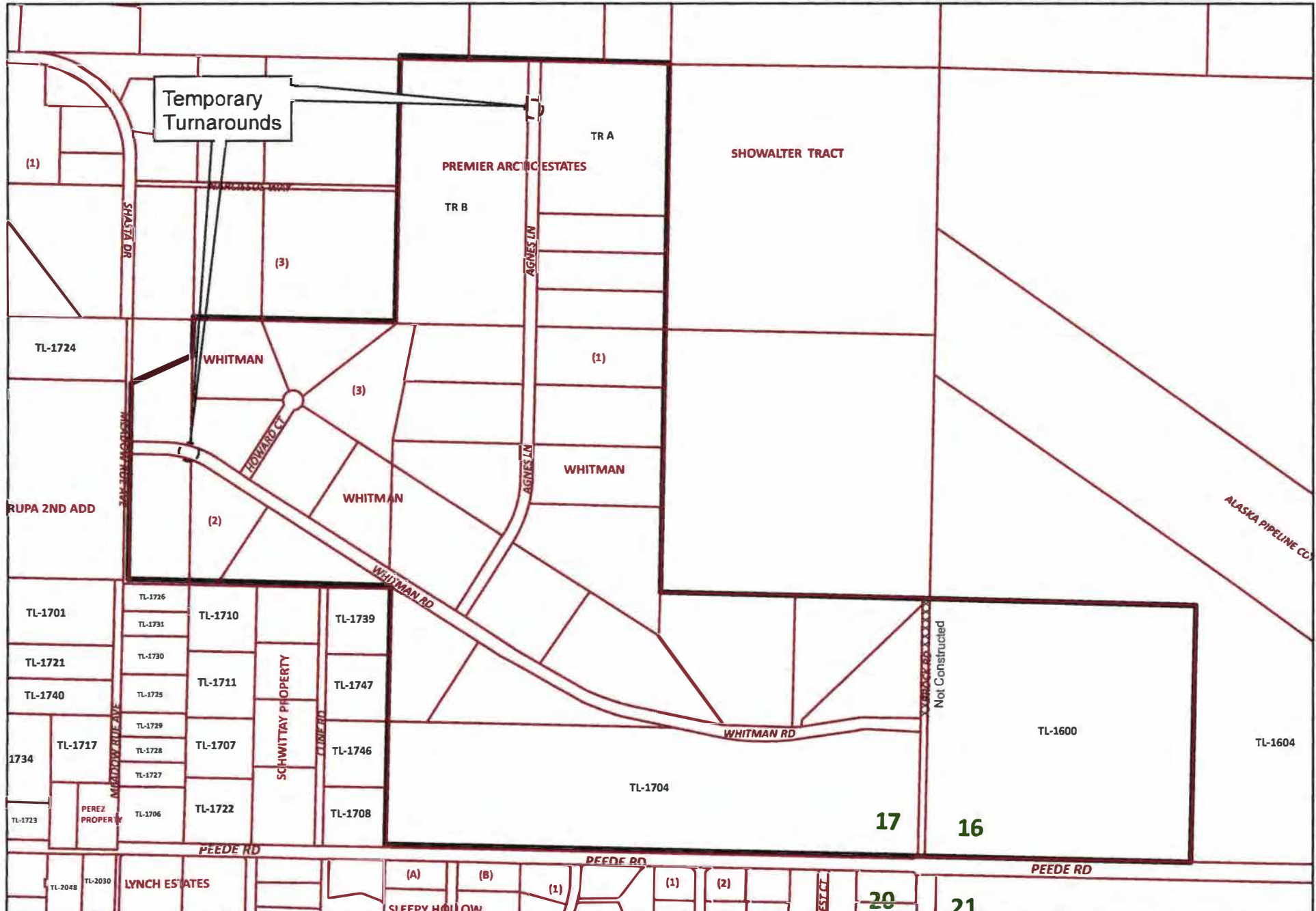
Approved by JSD

Jill S. Dolan
Borough Attorney



WHITMAN SERVICE AREA

Ordinance 2021-02 Exhibit A



STAFF REPORT

Ordinance for the Tax Cap Revision to the Whitman Service Area

NARRATIVE. Each year service areas are given the opportunity to participate in an election to adjust their tax cap. Whitman Service Area commissioners initiated the Tax Cap Election Request on December 17, 2018.

The Whitman Service Area held a publicly noticed meeting on December 17, 2018 to discuss budget issues. Eight residents attended the meeting including service area commissioners. Based on discussion, the commissioners decided in favor of a tax cap increase. The service area commission voted to participate in a tax cap election to increase their tax cap revenue. The meeting minutes reflect that the service area commissioners in attendance voted to hold an election to raise their tax cap to \$11,680 an increase of \$5,460.

2019 Service Area Taxable Assessment:	\$3,114,171
Current Tax Cap:	\$6,220
Current Mill Rate:	1.991
FY 20 Operating Budget:	\$6,220
Amount FY 20 Budget was supplemented From the Service Area Fund Balance:	\$0.00
Current Fund Balance:	\$11,266
FY 21 Expenditures as of 10/31/20:	\$0
Year Established:	1994
Initial Taxing Year:	1994
Number of Commissioners:	2
Road Miles Maintained:	1.51