Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Planning Department
For reading: October 21, 2025

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2025-119

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 2 SECTIONS 2.40.035: RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS; 2.40.040: ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS; AND 2.40.090: COMMUNITY COUNCIL MAPS, IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE 10-YEAR REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

(Planning and Zoning Commission Case No. 2024-0100)

WHEREAS, Anchorage's community council districts are recognized by the Municipality in the Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC), Section 2.40.040, *Establishment of Community Councils*, and their boundaries are set forth in AMC Section 2.40.090, *Community Council Maps*; and

WHEREAS, AMC Section 2.40.040, *Establishment of Community Councils*, requires the Municipality to review all community council district boundaries every 10 years and seek public input as to whether any boundaries between community council districts should be adjusted; and

WHEREAS, these decennial boundary reviews are required to ensure that the geographic boundaries of community council districts adjust through the decades of neighborhood change to continue to reflect and represent actual neighborhood communities, and that all citizens continue to have opportunity to be represented by an active, engaged community council for their area; and

WHEREAS, AMC Section 2.40.040 establishes the criteria for delineating community council districts, which include to define community council districts so as to group residents within natural communities and recognize community desires as to boundaries; and

WHEREAS, AMC Section 2.40.040 establishes an open public process for these periodic reviews, in which the municipal Planning Department must obtain public input and the participation of the community councils in considering possible changes to community council district boundaries, and the Planning and Zoning Commission and Assembly each must solicit and consider the recommendations of community councils concerning changes to their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, these periodic boundary reviews and adjustments support the success of community councils in their function as neighborhood forums for participation and organized neighborhood advocacy and action; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality previously conducted comprehensive community council boundary reviews in 2003 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department, with the support of the Municipal Ombudsman, initiated a new decennial review of community council boundaries in 2022 and 2023 with outreach to the Federation of Community Councils and the officers of community councils, a widely distributed online questionnaire survey, and the formation of a *community councils boundary advisory committee*; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department and boundary advisory committee held six publicly noticed meetings to evaluate approximately 40 boundary study areas identified by the public, applying the municipal boundary review criteria and inviting public participation; and

WHEREAS, the recommended community council districts and boundaries in this ordinance and accompanying maps in Exhibit A reflect the results of this public process; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance and accompanying exhibits were released on October 1 for two months of public review and comment and a public hearing at the Planning and Zoning Commission was scheduled for December 2, 2024; now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 2.40, Community Councils, is hereby amended to read as follows (*the remainder of the chapter is not affected and therefore not set out*):

2.40.035 Recognition of community councils; special ex officio community council recognition for Girdwood Board of Supervisors.

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B. *Girdwood recognized; special provision.* The municipality recognizes the Girdwood Board of Supervisors as the community council, ex-officio, which serves the Girdwood Community Association/Land Use Committee boundary area depicted on Area Map 14[10] located in section 2.40.090.

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(GAAB 5.75.020; AO No. 88-85, § 1, 7-19-88; AO No. 2003-75, § 1, 7-22-03; AO No. 2003-113, § 1, 8-12-03; AO No. 2005-1(S-1), § 1, 4-12-05; AO No. 2009-134, § 1, 1-12-10; AO No. 2014-3(S), § 1, 2-11-14)

2.40.040 Establishment of community council districts.

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D. *Districts recognized.* The municipality recognizes the following community council districts, which serve areas depicted on maps located in section 2.40.090.

1. Abbott Loop;

2. Airport Heights;

3. Basher;

4. Bayshore/Klatt;

5. Bear Valley;

6. Birchwood;

7. Campbell Park;

8. Chugiak;

9. Downtown;

10. Eagle River;

11. Eagle River Valley;

12. Eklutna Valley;

13. Fairview;

14. Girdwood, as provided in subsection 2.40.035;

15. Glen Alps;

16[15]. Government Hill;

17[16]. Hillside;

18[17]. Huffman/O'Malley;

19[18]. Mountain View;

20[19]. Midtown;

21[20]. Northeast;

22[21]. North Star;

23[22]. Old Seward/Oceanview;

[23. PORTAGE VALLEY;]

24. Rabbit Creek;

25. Rogers Park;

26. Russian Jack Park;

27. Sand Lake;

28. Scenic Foothills;

29. South Addition;

30. South Fork;

31. Spenard;

32. Taku_[/]Campbell;

33. [TUDOR AREA;]

[34.]Turnagain;

34[35]. Turnagain Arm;

35[36]. University Area.

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(GAAB 5.75.030; AO No. 2003-15, § 2, 7-22-03; AO No. 2014-3(S), § 1, 2-11-14; AO No. 2016-80, §§ 2—4, 7-26-16)

2.40.090 Community Council Maps.

A. *Purpose*. The community council maps of this chapter have the following purposes:

1. Provide residents of the municipality with a clear and accurate set of descriptions for all community council districts and their boundaries, together in one accessible document, and in a consistent format;

2. Ensure that residents can easily read, understand, and define their community council district boundaries; and

3. Document future changes to community council district boundaries in this section.

B. *Map Interpretations*. The community council maps in this chapter shall be interpreted as follows:

1. A community council district boundary line on the map that follows a street, highway, or railroad or the meanderings of a river or creek on the map shall be interpreted as following the centerline of the street, highway, railroad, river, or creek.

2. A community council district boundary line on the map that follows a property line or section line on the map shall be interpreted as falling on that property or section line as it existed on *[date of adoption]*[THE 22ND DAY OF JULY, 2003].

3. A community council district boundary line on the map that follows the boundary of a public land or facility that is shaded on the map shall be interpreted as falling on the boundary of that public land or facility.

4. Where a community council district boundary line on the map does not follow a road, stream, property boundary, or section line, and instead follows some other prominent physical feature such as a ridgeline between watershed valleys, the community council district boundary shall be interpreted as falling on the feature that is labeled alongside the boundary line.

5. The boundary of a community council that abuts, adjoins or is adjacent to either Turnagain Arm or Knik Arm of Cook Inlet extends seaward to mean high[LOW OR LOWER] water.

C. *Specific Community Council Maps Adopted*.

1. The community council district maps adopted by the assembly on [*date of adoption*][PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, DATED JUNE 17, 2003, EMBODYING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS' BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE, DATED JUNE 4, 2003, FOR MAP NOS. 1—12, MODIFYING THE MAPS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ANCHORAGE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, DECEMBER 9, 2002, ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY ON JULY 22, 2003,] and subsequently with the date of the most recent adjustment on a map to community council district boundaries by assembly action noted, are as follows:

a. Anchorage Bowl;

b. Chugiak-Eagle River;

c. Turnagain Arm;

d. Area Map 1 — Eklutna Vicinity;

e. Area Map 2 — Northern Chugiak-Eagle River;

f. Area Map 3 — Eagle River;

g. Area Map 4 — Eagle River Valley and South Fork;

h. Area Map 5 — Northwest Anchorage Bowl;

i. Area Map 5a — Government Hill, Ship Creek, and Downtown;

j. Area Map 5b — Fairview Vicinity;

k. Area Map 6 — Northeast Anchorage Bowl;

l. Area Map 7 — Turnagain and Spenard

m. Area Map 7a — Lake Spenard Vicinity;

n. Area Map 7b — West Fireweed Lane Vicinity;

o. Area Map 8 — Midtown Vicinity;

p. Area Map 9 — Campbell Creek Vicinity;

q. Area Map 10 — Sand Lake and Taku Campbell;

r. Area Map 11 — Bayshore/Klatt and Old Seward/Oceanview;

s. Area Map 12 — Hillside Anchorage Vicinity;

t. Area Map 13 — Rabbit Creek and Bear Valley; and

u. Area Map 14 — Girdwood.

[A. MAP 1 — NORTHERN CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER;

B. MAP 2 — CENTRAL CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER;

C. MAP 3 — NORTHEAST ANCHORAGE BOWL;

D. MAP 4 — EAST-CENTRAL ANCHORAGE BOWL (JULY 26, 2016);

E. MAP 5 — NORTHWEST ANCHORAGE BOWL (JULY 22, 2014);

MAP 5A — NORTHWEST ANCHORAGE BOWL: BOOTLEGGERS COVE VICINITY;

MAP 5B — NORTHWEST ANCHORAGE BOWL EAST DOWNTOWN VICINITY;

F. MAP 6 — MIDTOWN ANCHORAGE;

MAP 6A — MIDTOWN ANCHORAGE: SPENARD LAKE VICINITY;

MAP 6B — MIDTOWN ANCHORAGE: WEST FIREWEED LANE VICINITY;

G. MAP 7 — SAND LAKE AND TAKU/CAMPBELL;

H. MAP 8 — SOUTHWEST ANCHORAGE BOWL;

I. MAP 9 — HILLSIDE ANCHORAGE (JULY 26, 2016);

MAP 9A — HILLSIDE ANCHORAGE SECTION 36/BEAR VALLEY ELEMENTARY VICINITY (JULY 26, 2016);

J. MAP 10 — TURNAGAIN ARM;

K. MAP 11 — CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER;

L. MAP 12 — ANCHORAGE BOWL (JULY 26, 2016).]

2. The planning department shall maintain, for inspection by the public, maps showing the community council district boundaries.

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(AO No. 2003-75, § 4, 7-22-03; AO No. 2004-27, § 2, 2-17-04; AO No. 2014-3(S), § 1, 2-11-14; AO No. 2014-89, § 2, 7-22-14; AO No. 2016-80, § 4, 7-26-16)

***(Editor's note** — Insert Exhibit A maps here, to replace the maps existing in AMC Section 2.40.090 prior to adoption of this ordinance.)*

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk

(Planning and Zoning Commission Case No. 2024-0100)

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Assembly Memorandum

No. AM 764-2025

Meeting Date: October 21, 2025

FROM: MAYOR

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 2 SECTIONS 2.40.035: RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS; 2.40.040: ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS; AND 2.40.090: COMMUNITY COUNCIL MAPS, IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE 10-YEAR REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

This ordinance brings forward the recommendations of the *10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries*. It recommends changes to community council districts in 12 areas. The ordinance incorporates revised Community Council District Maps for adoption in Exhibit A.

Community council districts are established in Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) Section 2.40, *Community Councils*. Section 2.40 lists the community councils' names and keeps the maps of their district boundaries. This project fulfills the requirement in subsection 2.40.040 for the Municipality to review community council boundaries every 10 years and seek public input to determine if any boundaries should be adjusted. The project also replaces the existing set of community council maps, which are 22 years old, with a refreshed map set (Exhibit A).

During this *10-Year Review*, community councils and members of the public identified more than 40 boundary study areas for the Municipality to consider. The Planning Department, with the assistance of the *Community Councils Boundary Advisory Committee*, evaluated the study areas using the boundary review criteria from AMC Section 2.40. Public hearing draft recommendations were released in October 2024 for a 4-month public review period. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing regarding these recommendations as PZC Case No. 2024-0100 and has recommended approval with 6 changes to the public hearing draft (Exhibit B).

Recommended Changes to Community Council Boundaries

In most boundary study areas, the recommendation is to retain the existing community council boundaries. Minor border adjustments are recommended in a few areas to more accurately follow boundary features like creeks or the perimeter fence line of JBER. However, in 12 cases substantive changes to community council boundaries are recommended by the draft ordinance and maps (Exhibit A) for adoption. These changes are as follows:

a. Merge the Portage Valley Community Council district into the Turnagain Arm Community Council district. *(Boundary Study Area #5)*

b. Transfer the area bounded by Boniface Parkway, E. Northern Lights Boulevard, Baxter Road, and Tudor Road, from University Area Community Council to Scenic Foothills Community Council. *(Boundary Study Area #8)*

c. Merge the Tudor Area Community Council district into the University Area Community Council district. *(Boundary Study Area #12)*

d. Transfer Anchor Park Subdivision on the northeast corner of Lake Otis Parkway and E. Northern Lights Boulevard from Rogers Park Community Council to Airport Heights Community Council. *(Boundary Study Area #16)*

e. Transfer the western half of the Merrill Field Airport open space area south of 15th Avenue and west of Sitka Street from Airport Heights Community Council to Fairview Community Council. *(Boundary Study Area #21)*

f. Transfer the area south of 13th Avenue between Cordova and A Streets (and north of Central Lutheran Church) from South Addition Community Council to Fairview Community Council. *(Boundary Study Area #23)*

g. Transfer the area bounded by A and C Streets,15th Avenue, and Chester Creek from Fairview Community Council to South Addition Community Council. *(Boundary Study Area #24)*

h. Transfer the area bounded by C Street, O'Malley Road, Seward Highway, and Klatt Road from Bayshore/Klatt Community Council to Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council. *(Boundary Study Area #35)*

i. Remove three parcels of Chugach State Park, which were once privately owned but are now a part of the park, from the Basher, Glen Alps, and Rabbit Creek Community Council districts. Transfer HLB Parcels 1-079 and 1-080 and the adjoining BLM parcel, which are not in Chugach State Park, into the Eagle River Valley Community Council district. *(Boundary Study Area #40 Chugach State Park)*

j. For community councils with shoreline along Cook Inlet including Knik Arm and Turnagain Arm, adjust the coastal district boundaries to follow "mean high water" instead of "mean low or lower water." *(Boundary Study Area #40 Tidal Flats)*

k. Transfer the portion of Far North Bicentennial Park southeast of Campbell Airstrip Trailhead between Campbell Airstrip Road and South Fork Campbell Creek, from Hillside Community Council to Basher Community Council. From Campbell Airstrip Trailhead northward to Tudor Road, shift the western boundary of Basher Community Council with Hillside and Campbell Park Community Councils to become a combination of the trail connecting from the pedestrian bridge over Campbell Creek to Campbell Airstrip Trailhead, and

the multi-use trail that runs along the west side of Campbell Airstrip Road. *(Additional Boundary Study Area)*

l. Transfer the 40-acre quarter-section east of Michael Road between Upper Huffman Road and Upper De Armoun Road/Canyon Road from Hillside Community Council to Glen Alps Community Council. *(Additional Boundary Study Area)*

Exhibit C, *Summary of Key Boundary Study Areas*, provides more details, maps, and references to further information in the Assembly packet for each of these 12 changes. Exhibit C additionally highlights five other boundary study areas that garnered community discussion or disagreement, but did not result in any recommended boundary change.

10-Year Boundary Review Process

AMC Section 2.40.040 requires that, for any review of community council boundaries, the Planning Department must obtain public input and the participation of community councils on possible changes to community council district boundaries and then submit a report and recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Assembly. Each of these bodies must hold a public hearing and solicit and consider the recommendations of community councils concerning changes in district boundaries.

Boundary Review Criteria. Section 2.40.040 also establishes the standards for reviewing community council districts. The Assembly must define community council districts to:

- Group residents within natural communities; and
- Recognize community desires as to boundaries.

The code defines “natural communities” as areas that:

- Are divided from one another by physical or traffic barriers;
- Have common interests; and
- Have or are achieving a distinct identity by reason of geography, history, population, transportation, and other factors.

Population is not a criterion. (AMC 2.40.040A., *Standards*)

To assist in the boundary reviews, the project staff translated these generalized municipal code standards into a set of 7 boundary review criteria that could be more easily, equitably applied to the evaluation of the individual boundary study areas (Exhibit D-3, pages 9-11).

Boundary Study Areas. The current 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries began with outreach to the Federation of Community Councils and community councils’ executive boards. A questionnaire survey regarding community council boundaries was posted for four months and emailed to approximately 9,500 recipients. 425 survey responses and emails were received (Exhibit D-3, pages

13-15). Most commenters supported the existing districts or had no boundary issues. However, one fourth of the respondents identified a range of boundary issues. These became approximately 40 *boundary study areas* evaluated for the project. Staff reached out to the officers of the community councils where boundary study areas were identified, to get their initial feedback.

Boundary Advisory Committee. With the assistance of the Federation of Community Councils, the Planning Department organized the *Community Council Boundary Advisory Committee* to help evaluate the boundary study areas. The Boundary Advisory Committee formed as a geographically representative group of 12 volunteers from among community councils' memberships and officers. The Municipal Ombudsman served ex officio. The Boundary Advisory Committee held six publicly noticed meetings to evaluate the boundary study areas and provide its recommendations. At each meeting, the Committee invited members of the public and representatives of community councils to provide input.

Public Hearing Draft. Public hearing draft assessment of the 40 boundary study areas with recommendations from the Planning Department and Boundary Advisory Committee was released on the project webpage on October 30, 2024 (Exhibit D-3).

- Notification of the release and public hearing schedule was emailed to all community councils on November 1, 2024.

- The materials were posted on the municipal *Planning Cases Online* website and distributed for agency and public review on November 15, 2024.

- The Planning and Zoning Commission opened the public hearing for PZC Case No. 2024-0100 on January 6 and continued the public hearing on March 10, 2025.

- 25 community councils submitted resolutions adopted by their memberships stating their position as to their boundaries by March 10 (Exhibit D-7).

- 7 members of the public submitted comments or testified.

- 2 community council representatives submitted emails including one who provided the results of an area-specific questionnaire survey of residents' preferences. (Exhibit D-7)

- The Commission voted to recommend approval with 6 changes to the public hearing draft recommendations at its March 10 meeting.

After the Commission adopted its recommendations, the Planning Department received comments from 3 more community councils. These are provided in Exhibit E.

Pursuant to AMC 2.30.053B., a Summary of Economic Effects is not included as the proposed ordinance has no private-sector economic effects, and local government effects are less than $30,000.

THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

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Concur:	Eva Gardner, Municipal Attorney
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Concur:	Philippe D. Brice, CFO
Concur:	William D. Falsey, Chief Administrative Officer
Concur:	Rebecca A. Windt Pearson, Municipal Manager
Respectfully submitted:	Suzanne LaFrance, Mayor

Attachments: Exhibit A, Public Hearing Draft Community Council District Maps
Exhibit B, PZC Resolution No. 2025-05
Exhibit C, Summary of Key Boundary Study Areas
Exhibit D, PZC Case No. 2024-0100 Staff Packet and Minutes:

- Staff Report Memorandum, 3/10/2025
- PZC Packet Attachments 1- 8:
    1. Public Hearing Draft Assembly Ordinance
    2. Public Hearing Draft Community Council District Maps
    3. Public Hearing Draft Report and Recommendations
    4. Report Appendix A: Questionnaire Responses and Public Comments Identifying the Boundary Study Areas
    5. Report Appendix B: Boundary Advisory Committee – Letters and Meeting Summaries
    6. Report Appendix C: Boundary Study Area Maps
    7. Public Comments (Updated as of 3/7/2025)
    8. Comment-Response
- PZC Meeting Minutes of 1/6/2025 and 3/10/2025

Exhibit E, Community Council Comments Received after 3/10/2025

(Planning and Zoning Commission Case No. 2024-0100)

Exhibit A

10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries

Assembly Public Hearing Draft
Community Council District Maps

May 2025

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Planning Department

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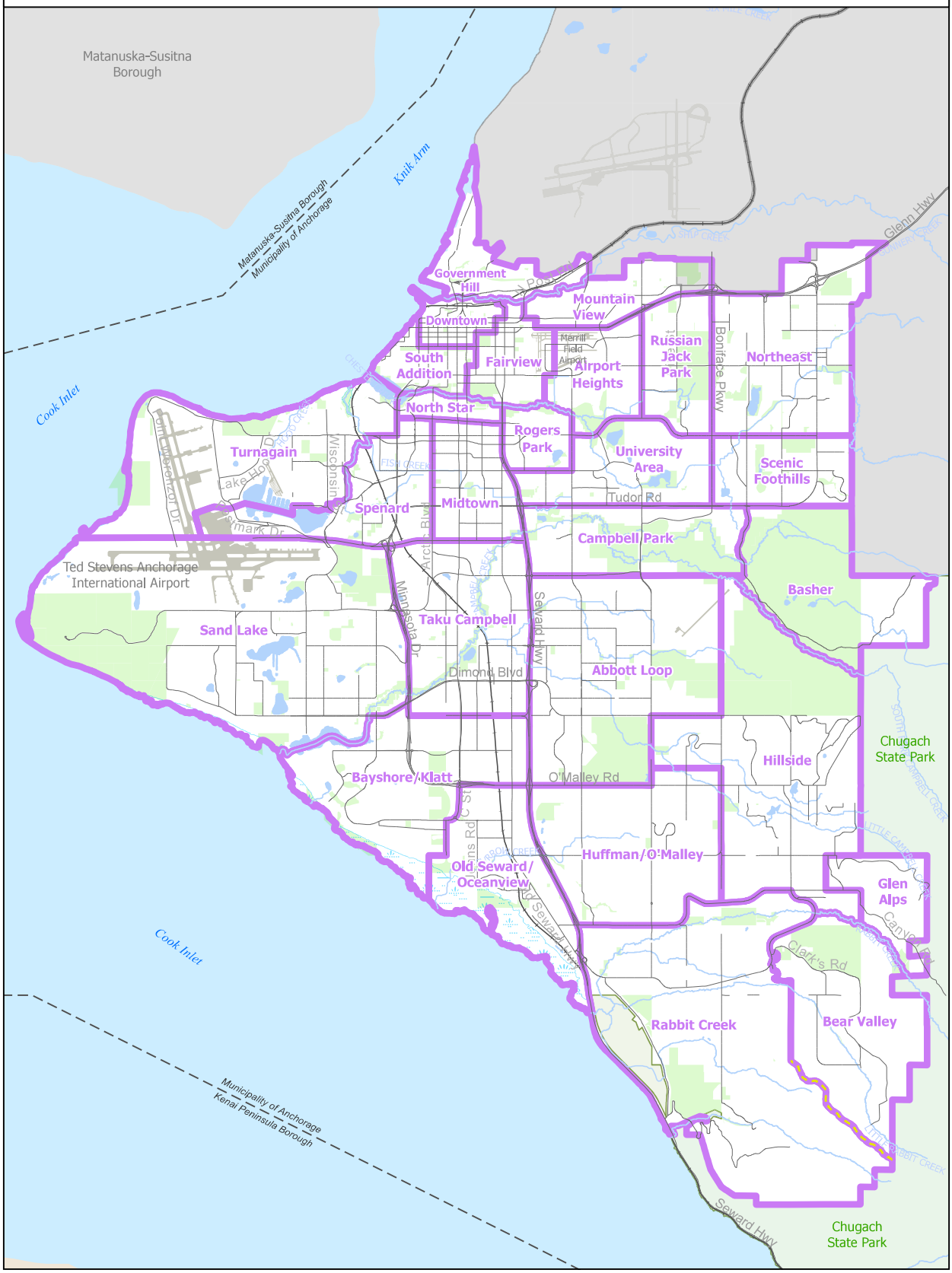

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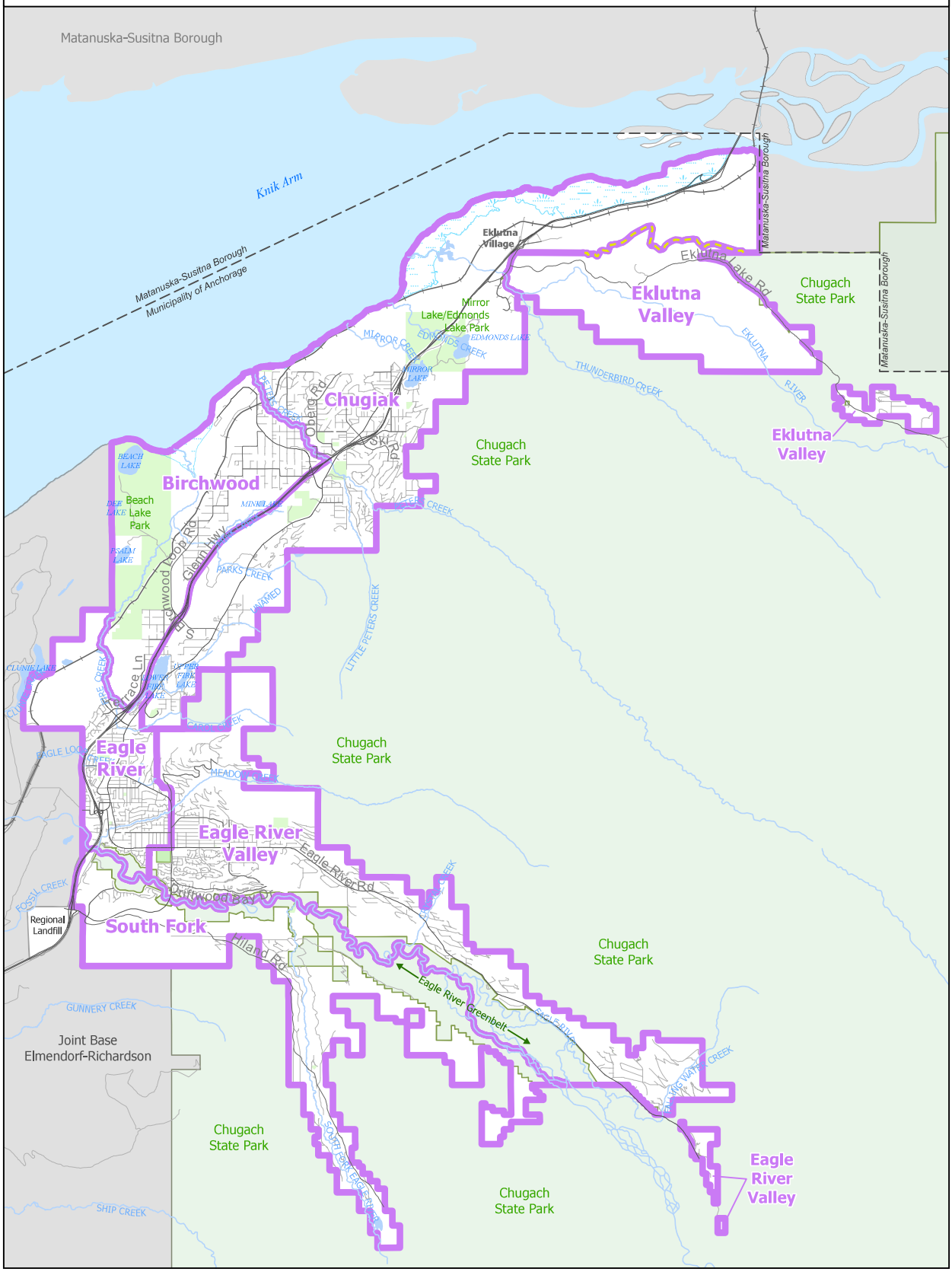

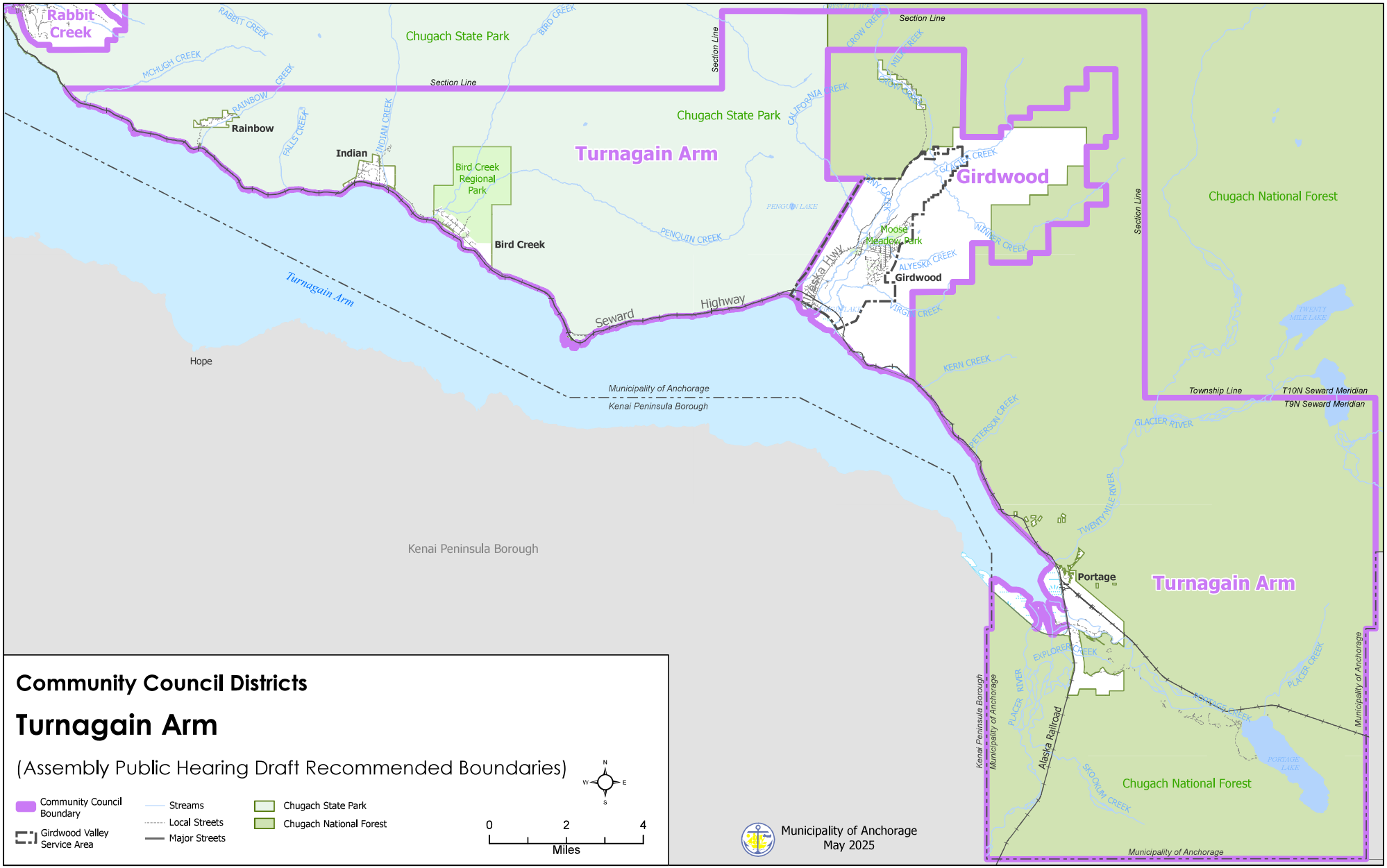
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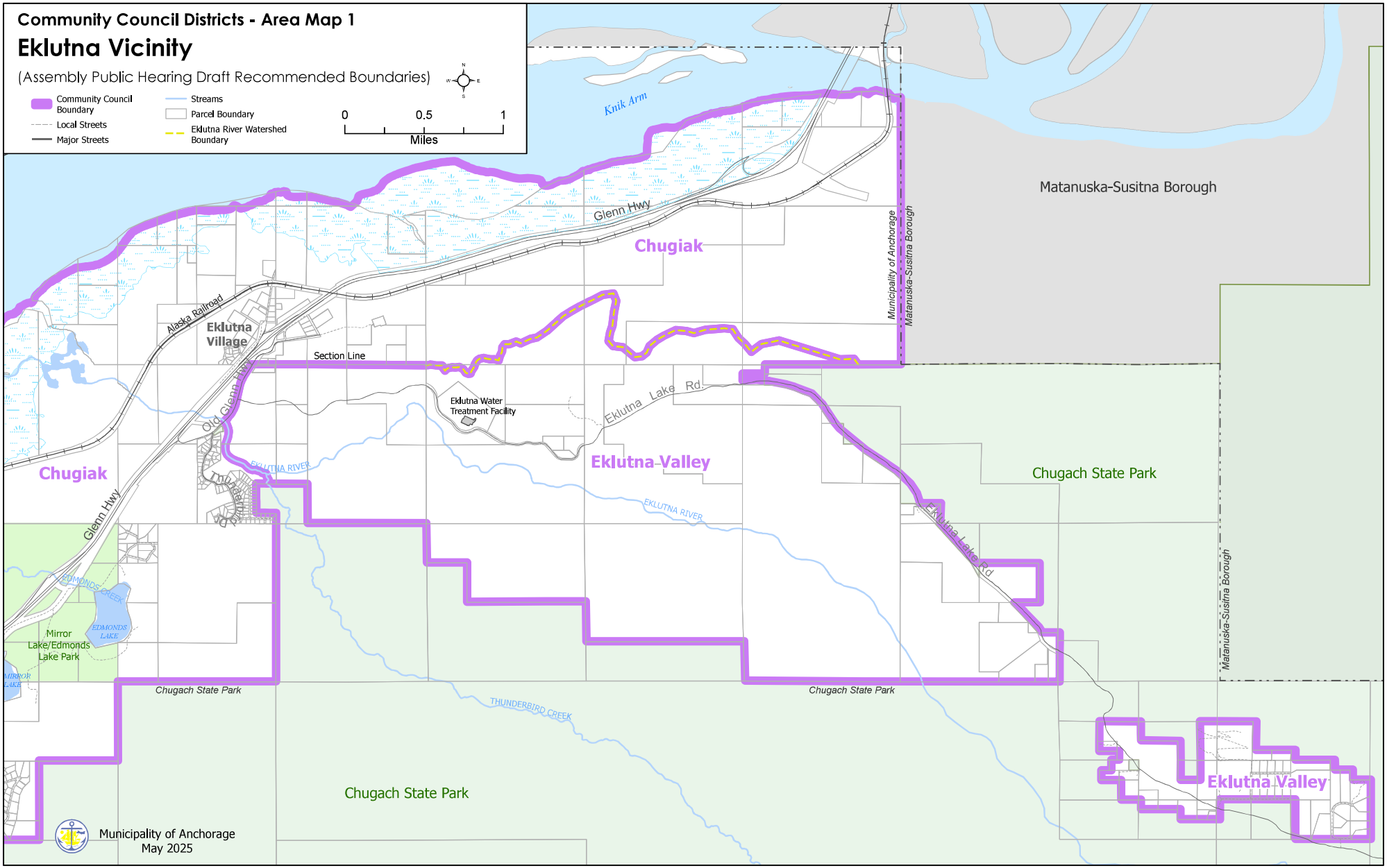
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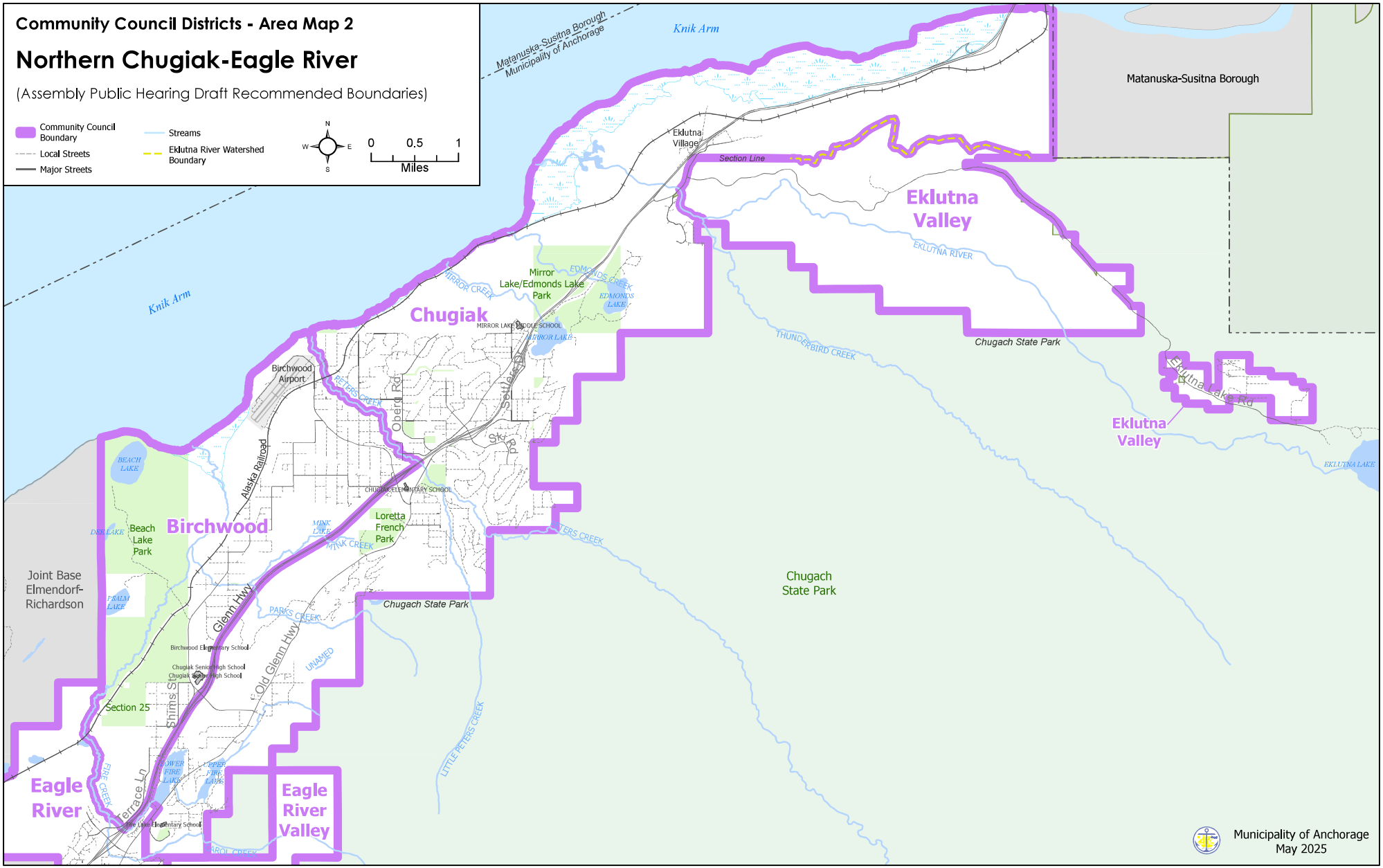
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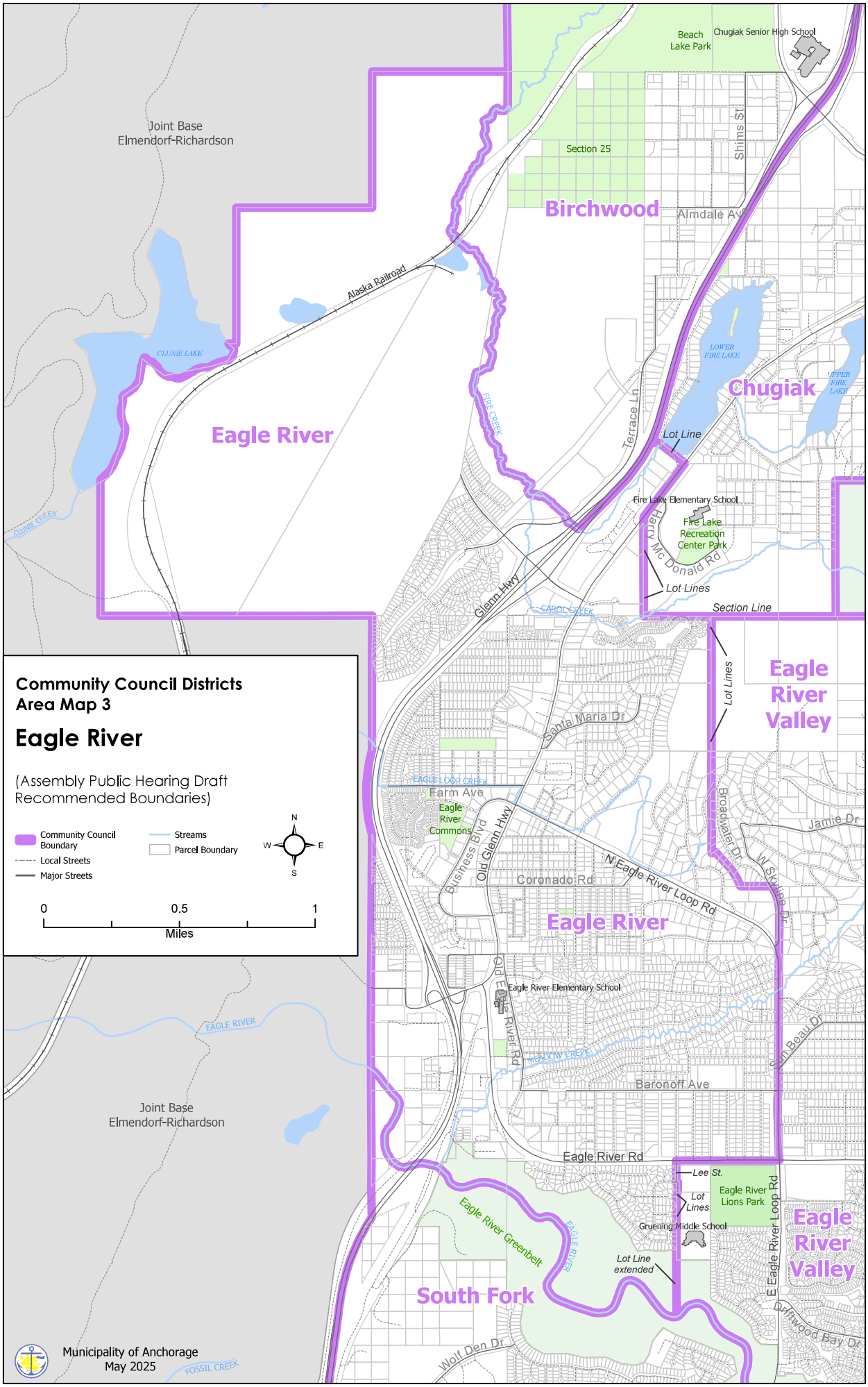
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Old Eagle River Rd
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MEADOW CREEK
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Baronoff Ave
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Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
Eagle River Rd
Lee St.
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Eagle River Lions Park
Eagle River Greenbelt
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Gruening Middle School
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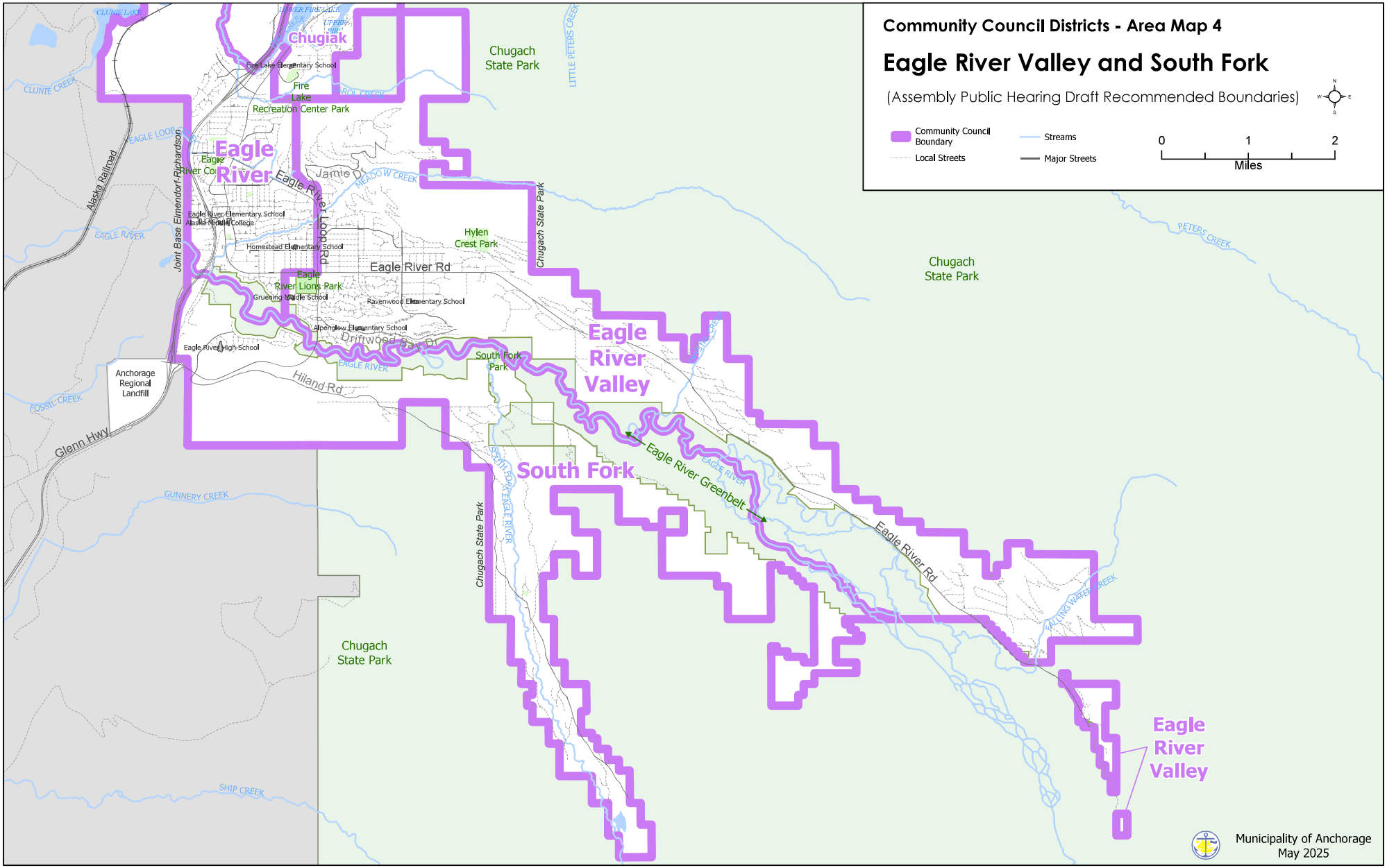
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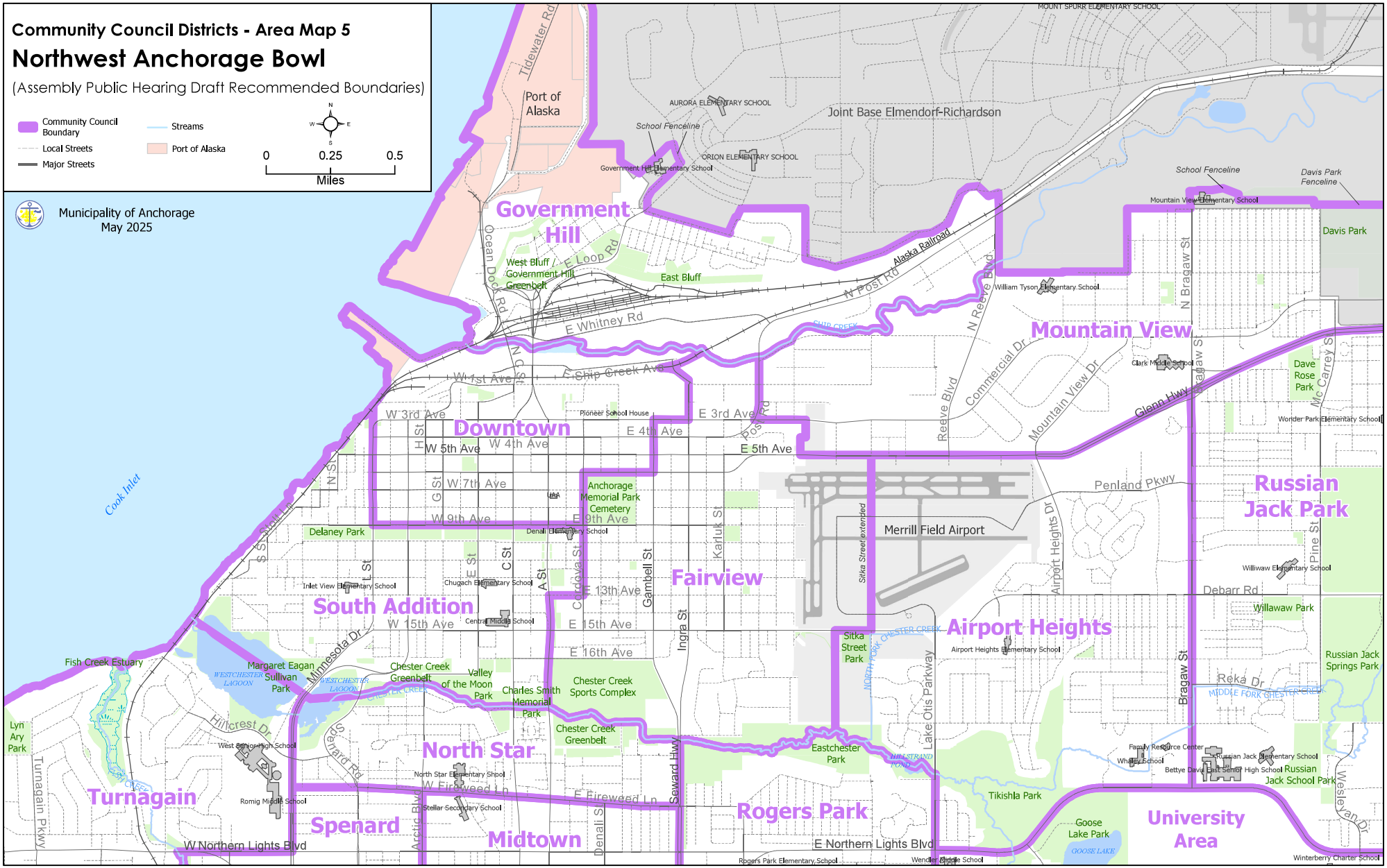
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Municipality of Anchorage
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Mountain View
Russian Jack Park
Fairview
South Addition
Airport Heights
North Star
Turnagain
Spenard
Midtown
Rogers Park
University Area
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
Port of Alaska
Tidewater Rd
Ocean Dock Rd
E Loop Rd
E Whitney Rd
N Post Rd
Alaska Railroad
N Reeve Blvd
Commercial Dr
Mountain View Dr
N Bragaw St
Glenn Hwy
Penland Pkwy
Merrill Field Airport
Debarr Rd
Reka Dr
Bragaw St
Lake Otis Parkway
Seward Hwy
Minnesota Dr
Hillcrest Dr
Spenard Rd
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Ship Creek
Chester Creek
Fish Creek Estuary
Delaney Park
Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park
Chester Creek Greenbelt
Valley of the Moon Park
Charles Smith Memorial Park
Chester Creek Sports Complex
Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery
Sitka Street Park
Eastchester Park
Tikishla Park
Goose Lake Park
Davis Park
Dave Rose Park
Willawaw Park
Russian Jack Springs Park
Russian Jack School Park
Lyn Ary Park
West Bluff / Government Hill Greenbelt
East Bluff
Government Hill Elementary School
AURORA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ORION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MOUNT SPURR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Mountain View Elementary School
William Tyson Elementary School
Clark Middle School
Wonder Park Elementary School
Williwaw Elementary School
Airport Heights Elementary School
Family Resource Center
Whaley School
Bettye Davis East Senior High School
Russian Jack Elementary School
Winterberry Charter School
Wendler Middle School
Rogers Park Elementary School
Pioneer School House
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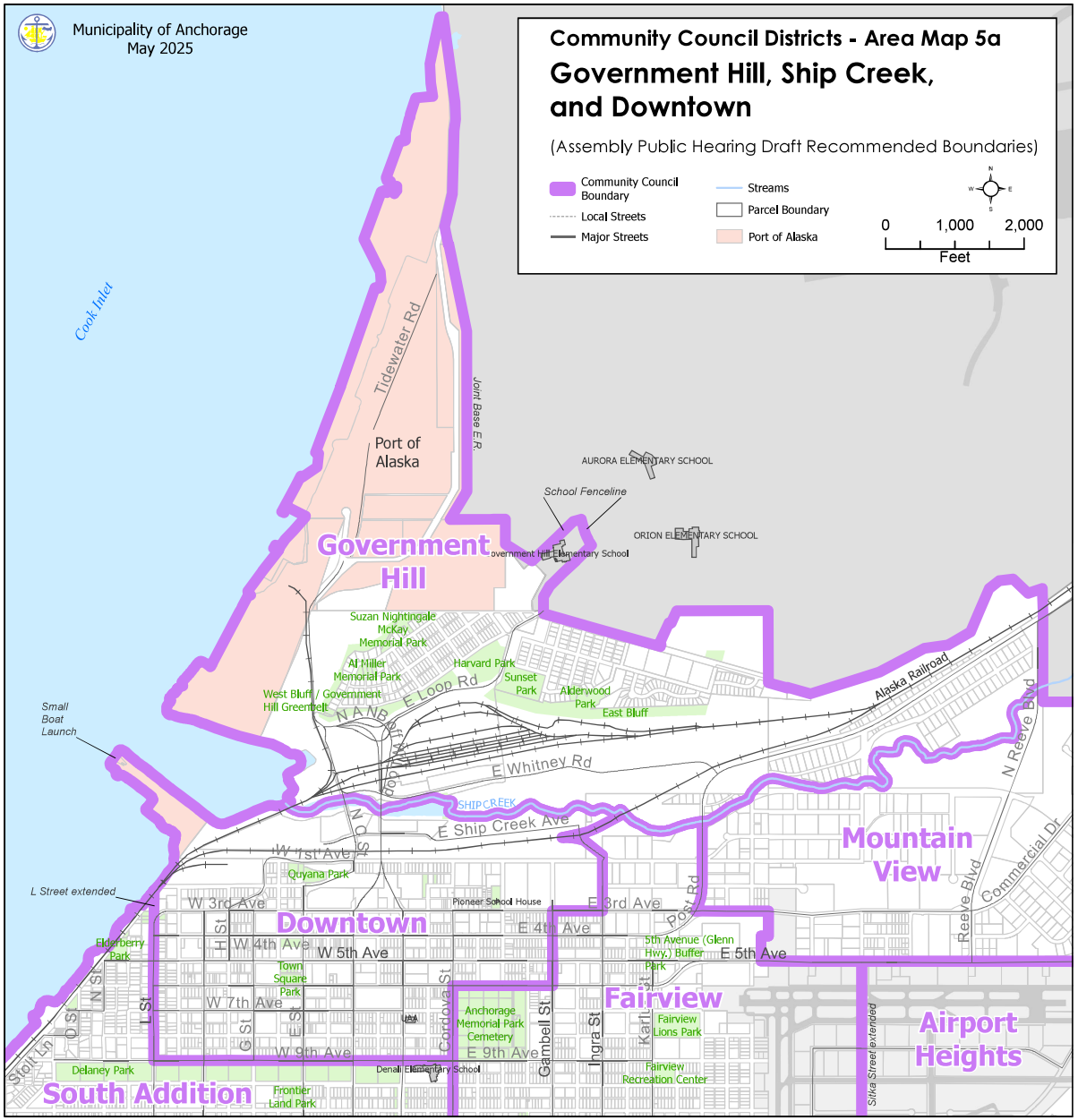
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Community Council Districts - Area Map 5a
Government Hill, Ship Creek, and Downtown
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School Fenceline
ORION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Government Hill Elementary School
Government Hill
Suzan Nightingale McKay Memorial Park
Al Miller Memorial Park
Harvard Park
Sunset Park
Alderwood Park
East Bluff
West Bluff / Government Hill Greenbelt
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Alaska Railroad
Small Boat Launch
E Whitney Rd
N Reeve Blvd
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Cordova St
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Gambell St
Ingra St
Karluk St
Fairview
Fairview Lions Park
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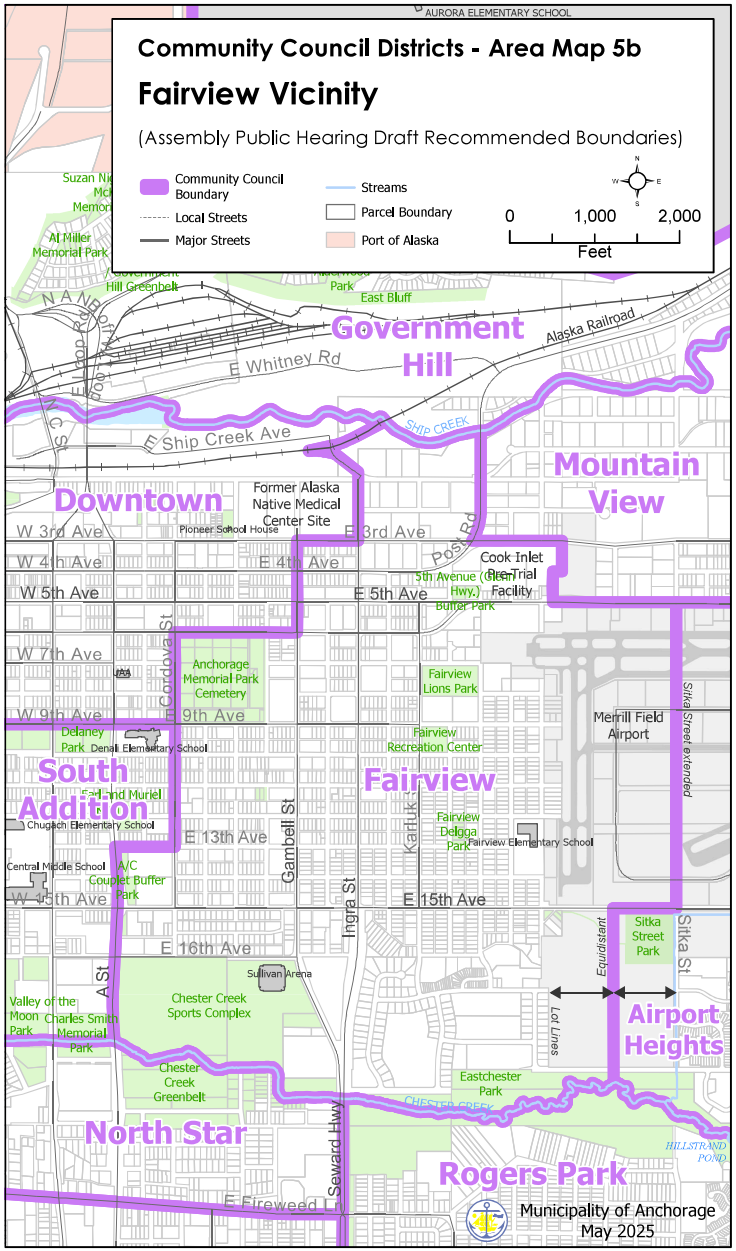
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Community Council Districts - Area Map 5b
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(Assembly Public Hearing Draft Recommended Boundaries)
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East Bluff
Government Hill
Alaska Railroad
E Whitney Rd
E Ship Creek Ave
SHIP CREEK
Mountain View
Downtown
Former Alaska Native Medical Center Site
Pioneer School House
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E 3rd Ave
W 4th Ave
E 4th Ave
Post Rd
Cook Inlet Beer Trial Facility
W 5th Ave
E 5th Ave
5th Avenue (Glenn Hwy.) Buffer Park
W 7th Ave
Cordova St
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Fairview Lions Park
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Merrill Field Airport
Sitka Street extended
Delaney Park
Denali Elementary School
Fairview Recreation Center
South Addition
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Karluk St
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Fairview Delgga Park
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Lot Lines
Valley of the Moon Park
Charles Smith Memorial Park
Chester Creek Sports Complex
Airport Heights
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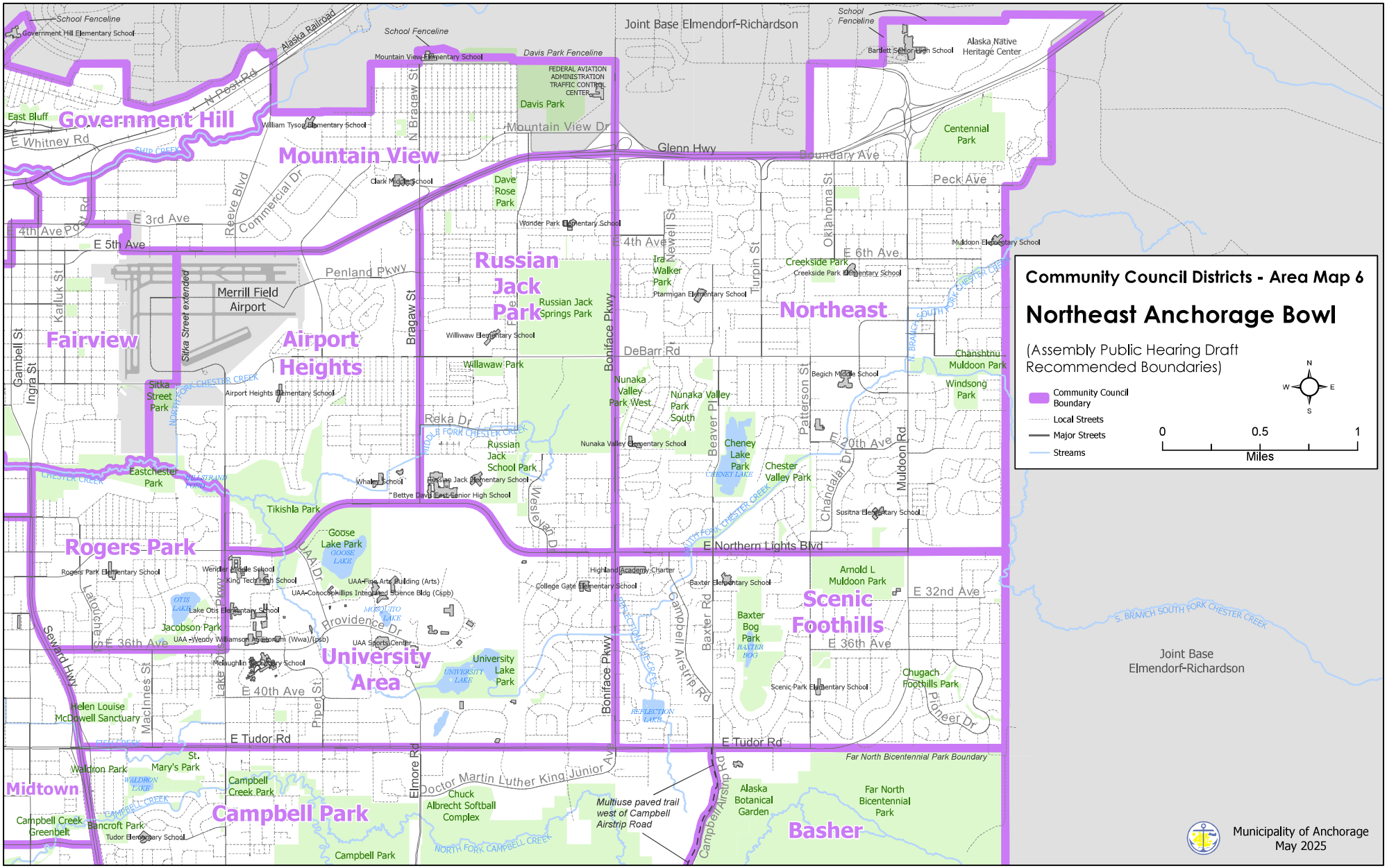
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Northeast Anchorage Bowl
(Assembly Public Hearing Draft Recommended Boundaries)
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Mountain View
Russian Jack Park
Northeast
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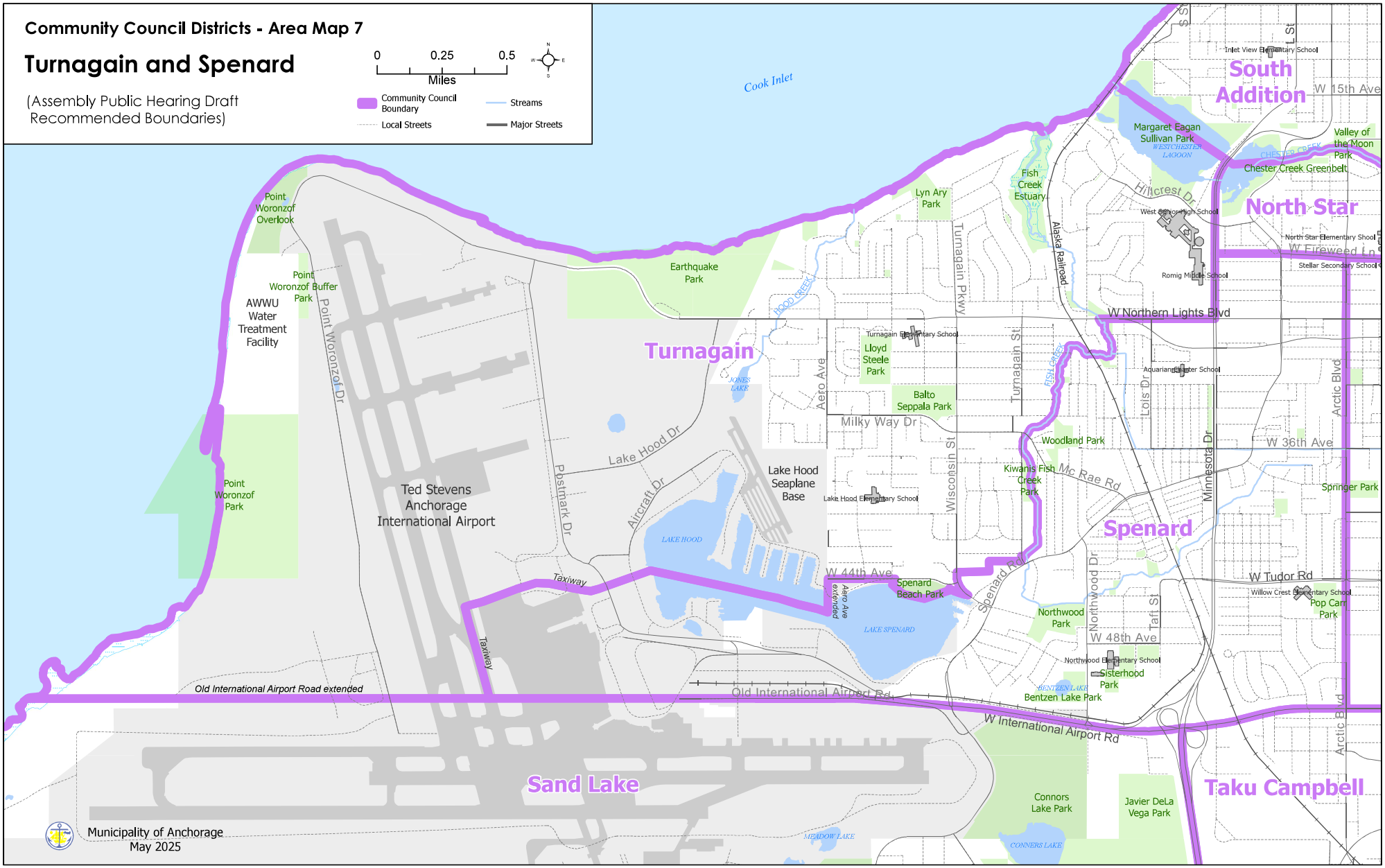
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Turnagain
Spenard
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Taku Campbell
Point Woronzof Overlook
Point Woronzof Buffer Park
AWWU Water Treatment Facility
Point Woronzof Park
Point Woronzof Dr
Earthquake Park
Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport
Lake Hood Seaplane Base
Lake Hood Dr
Postmark Dr
Aircraft Dr
Taxiway
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Fish Creek Estuary
Alaska Railroad
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Valley of the Moon Park
Chester Creek Greenbelt
Inlet View Elementary School
North Star Elementary School
Stellar Secondary School
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W Northern Lights Blvd
Turnagain Elementary School
Lloyd Steele Park
Balto Seppala Park
Aero Ave
Milky Way Dr
Lois Dr
Aquarian Charter School
Arctic Blvd
Woodland Park
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Minnesota Dr
Kiwanis Fish Creek Park
Mc Rae Rd
Springer Park
Wisconsin St
Lake Hood Elementary School
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Spenard Beach Park
Spenard Rd
Northwood Dr
W Tudor Rd
Willow Crest Elementary School
Pop Carr Park
Northwood Park
Taft St
W 48th Ave
Northwood Elementary School
Sisterhood Park
Bentzen Lake Park
Connors Lake Park
Javier DeLa Vega Park
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Community Council Districts - Area Map 7a

Lake Spenard Vicinity

(Assembly Public Hearing Draft Recommended Boundaries)

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Community Council Boundary
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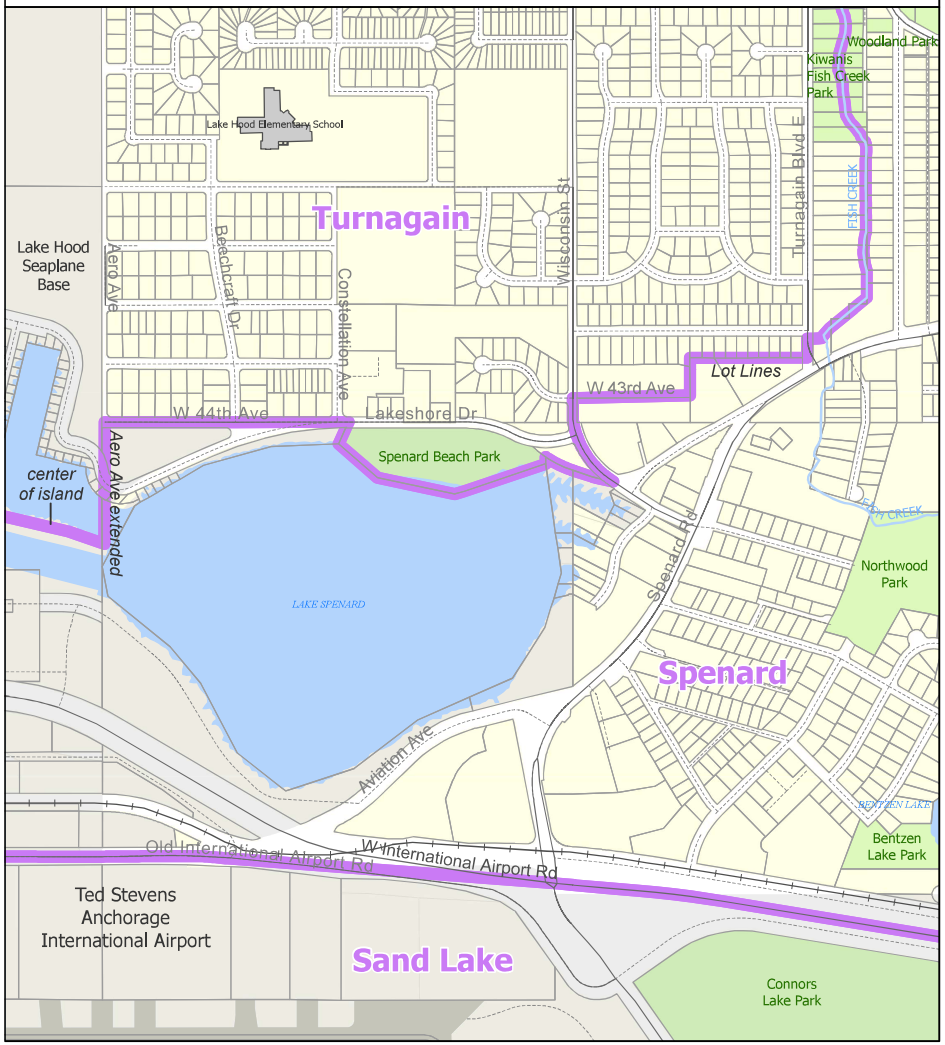

Community Council Districts - Area Map 7b

West Fireweed Lane Vicinity

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Community Council Boundary
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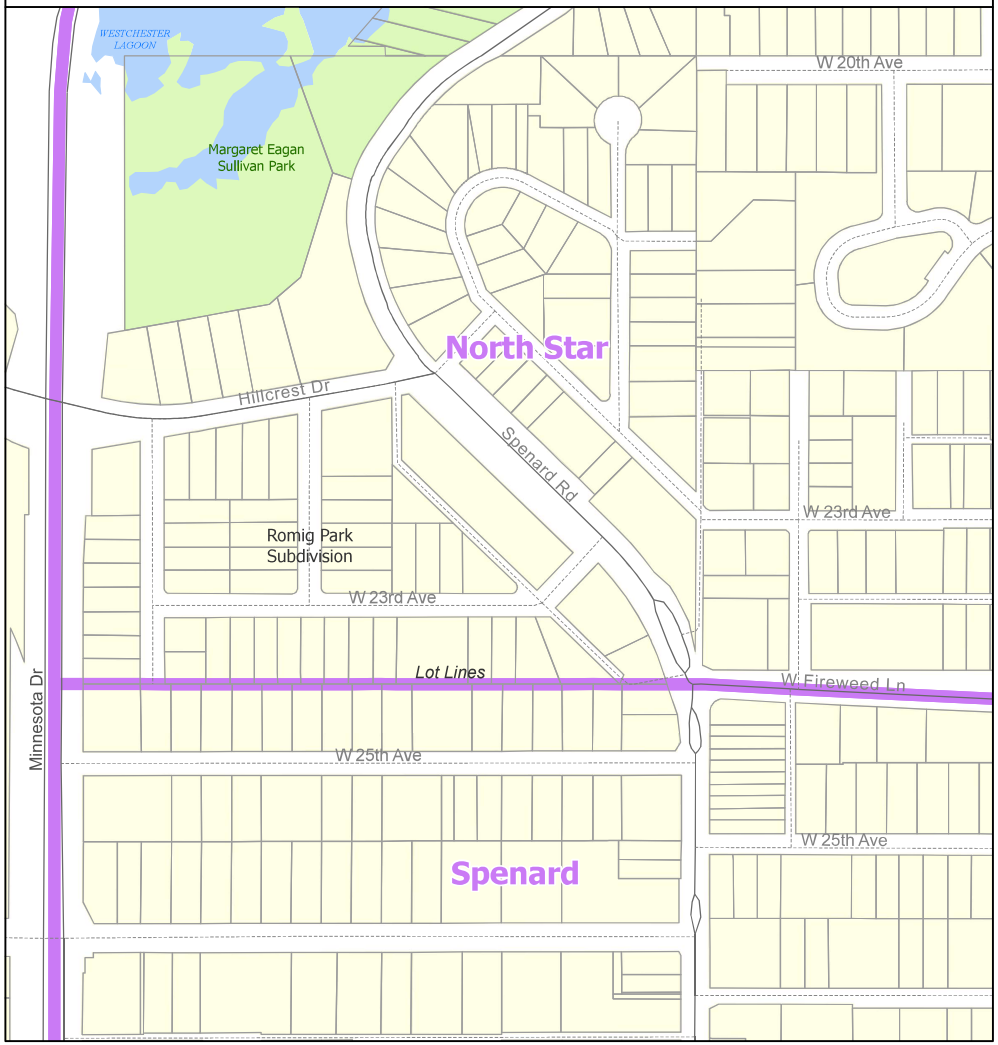

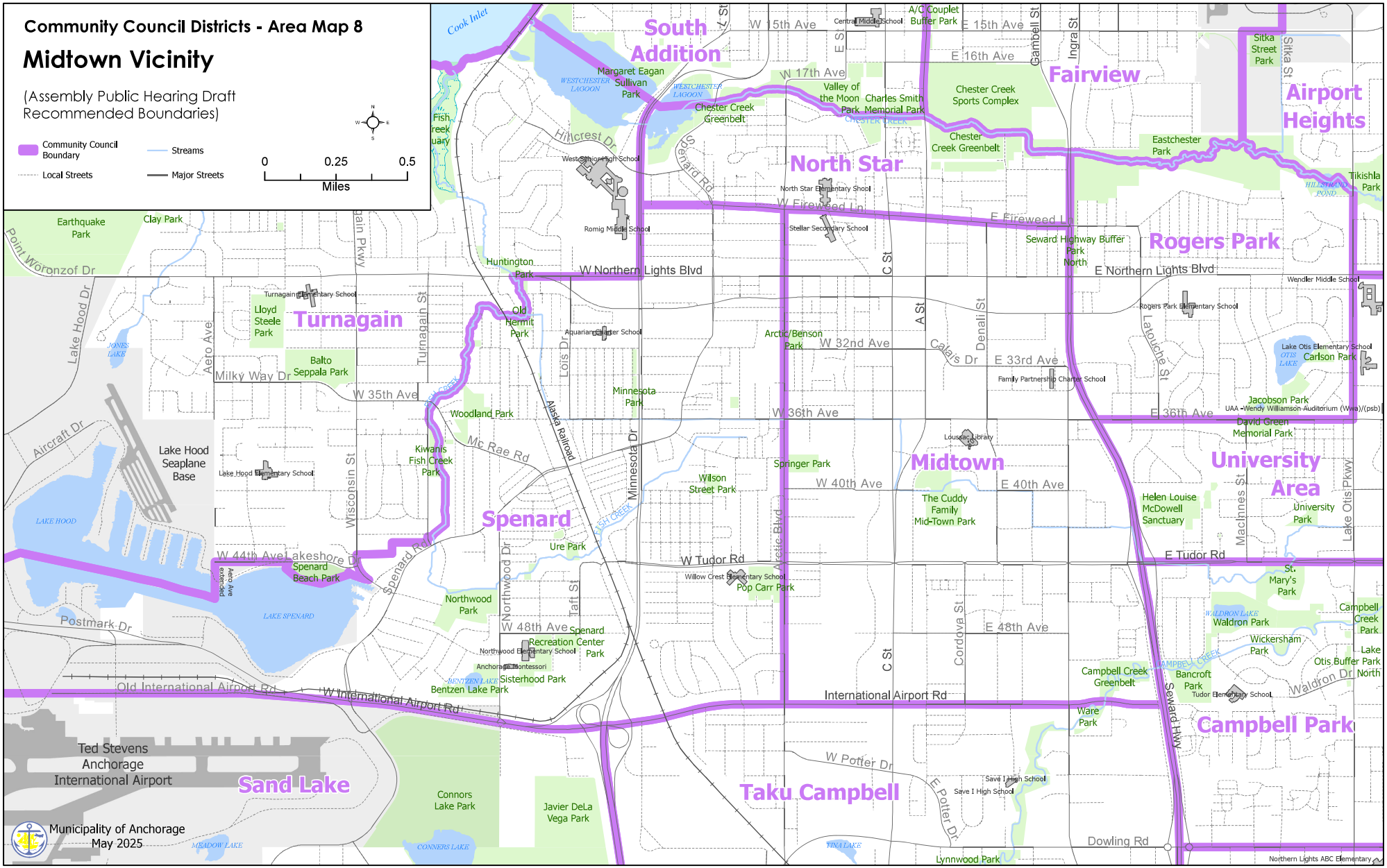
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(Assembly Public Hearing Draft Recommended Boundaries)
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Municipality of Anchorage
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Minnesota Park
Woodland Park
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Spenard Beach Park
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Northwood Park
Springer Park
Wilson Street Park
The Cuddy Family Mid-Town Park
Helen Louise McDowell Sanctuary
University Park
Jacobson Park
Carlson Park
David Green Memorial Park
St. Mary's Park
Waldron Park
Wickersham Park
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Lake Otis Buffer Park North
Bancroft Park
Campbell Creek Greenbelt
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Connors Lake Park
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Northwood Recreation Center Park
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Wendler Middle School
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Lake Otis Elementary School
Family Partnership Charter School
Aquarian Charter School
Turnagain Elementary School
Lake Hood Elementary School
Willow Crest Elementary School
Northwood Elementary School
Anchorage Montessori
Tudor Elementary School
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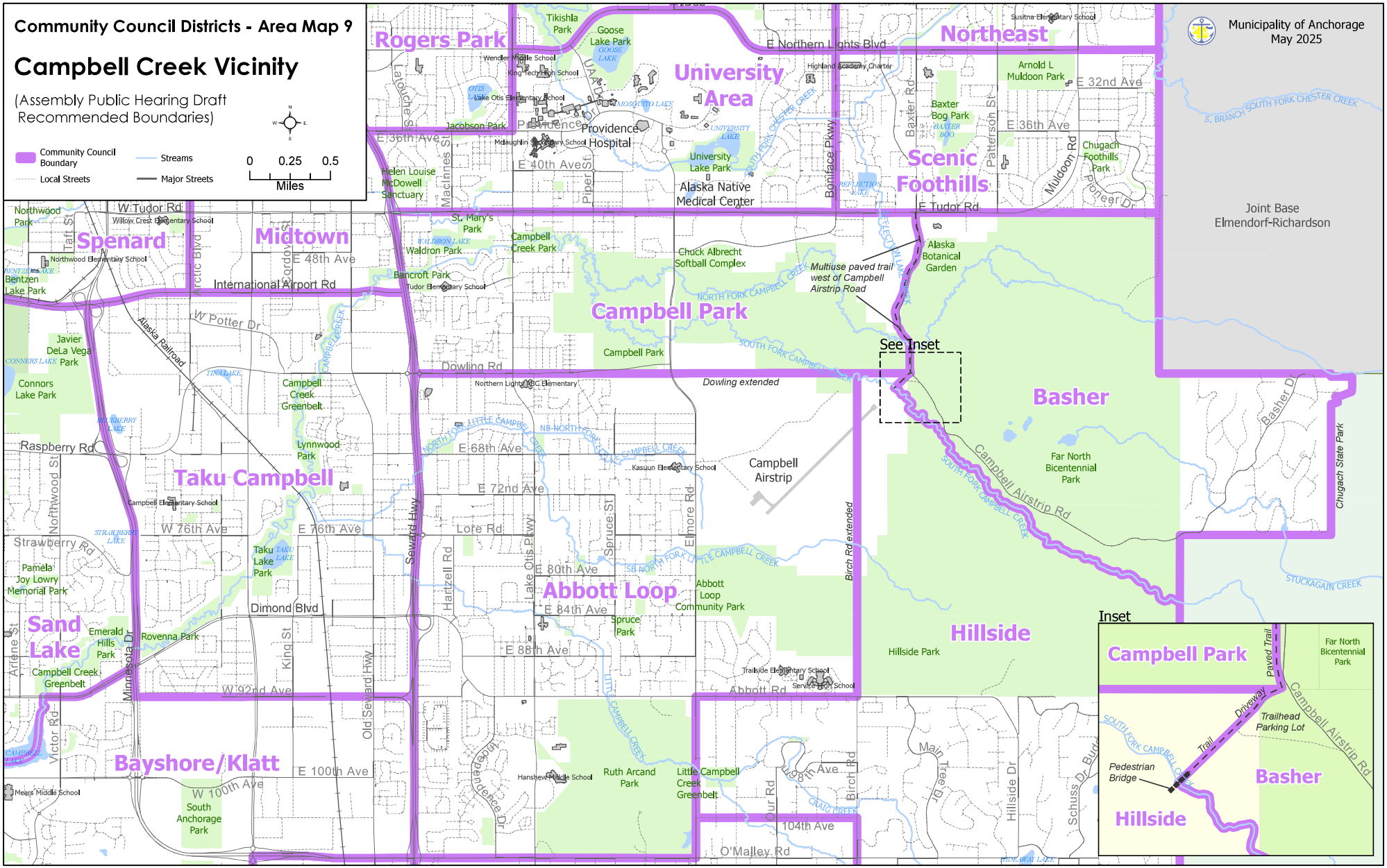
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(Assembly Public Hearing Draft Recommended Boundaries)
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Municipality of Anchorage
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Northeast
Scenic Foothills
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Midtown
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Sand Lake
Abbott Loop
Hillside
Bayshore/Klatt
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
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Alaska Native Medical Center
Alaska Botanical Garden
Chuck Albrecht Softball Complex
Multiuse paved trail west of Campbell Airstrip Road
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Campbell Airstrip
Campbell Airstrip Rd
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Paved Trail
Driveway
Trailhead Parking Lot
Trail
Pedestrian Bridge
Tikishla Park
Goose Lake Park
Jacobson Park
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University Lake Park
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Hartzell Rd
Elmore Rd
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Patterson St
Muldoon Rd
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Piper St
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Connors Lake
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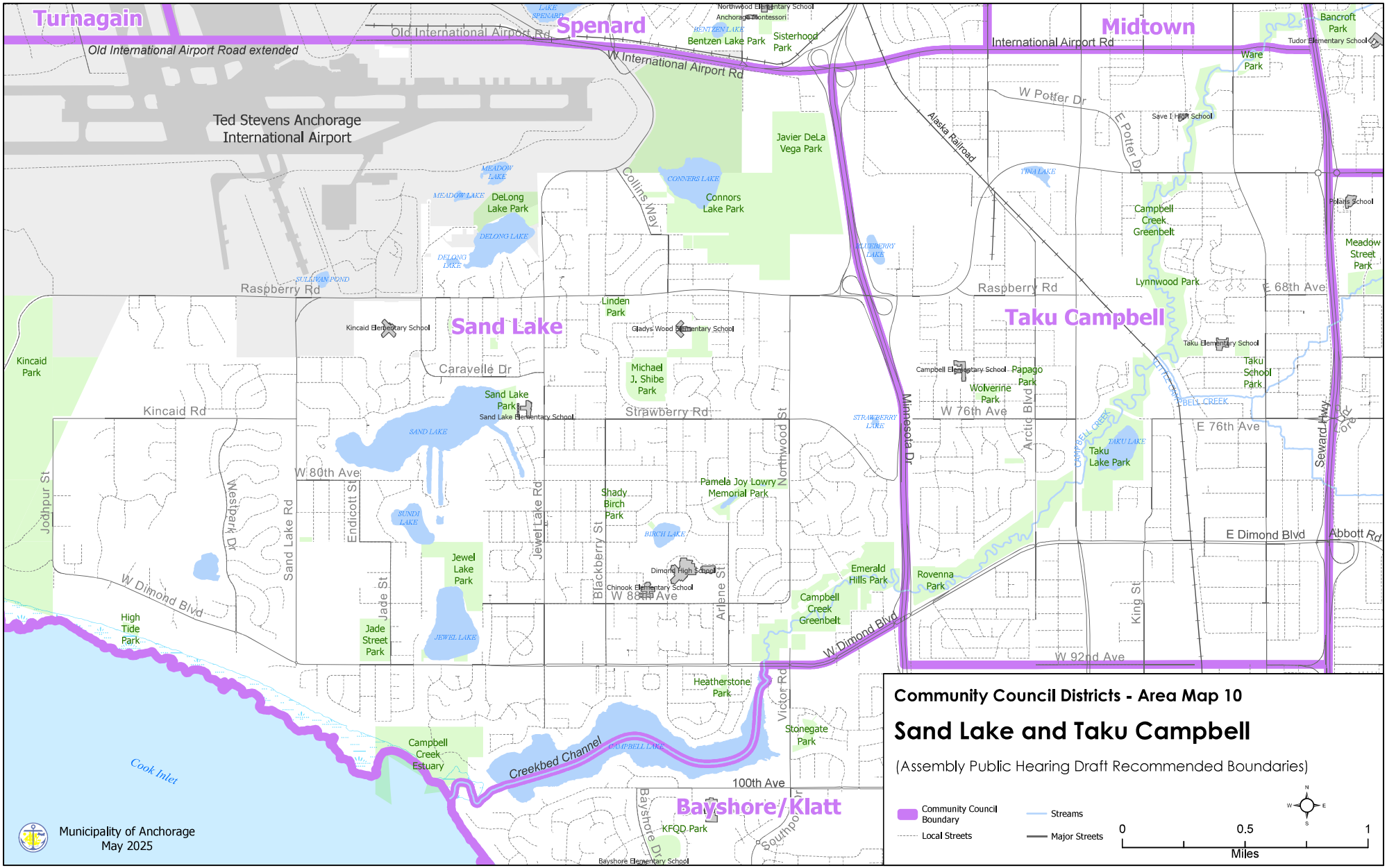
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Southport Dr
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Kincaid Park
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Connors Lake Park
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Rovenna Park
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Tudor Elementary School
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Meadow Street Park
Lynnwood Park
Campbell Elementary School
Papago Park
Wolverine Park
Taku Elementary School
Taku School Park
Taku Lake Park
Campbell Creek Greenbelt
Municipality of Anchorage
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Community Council Districts - Area Map 10
Sand Lake and Taku Campbell
(Assembly Public Hearing Draft Recommended Boundaries)
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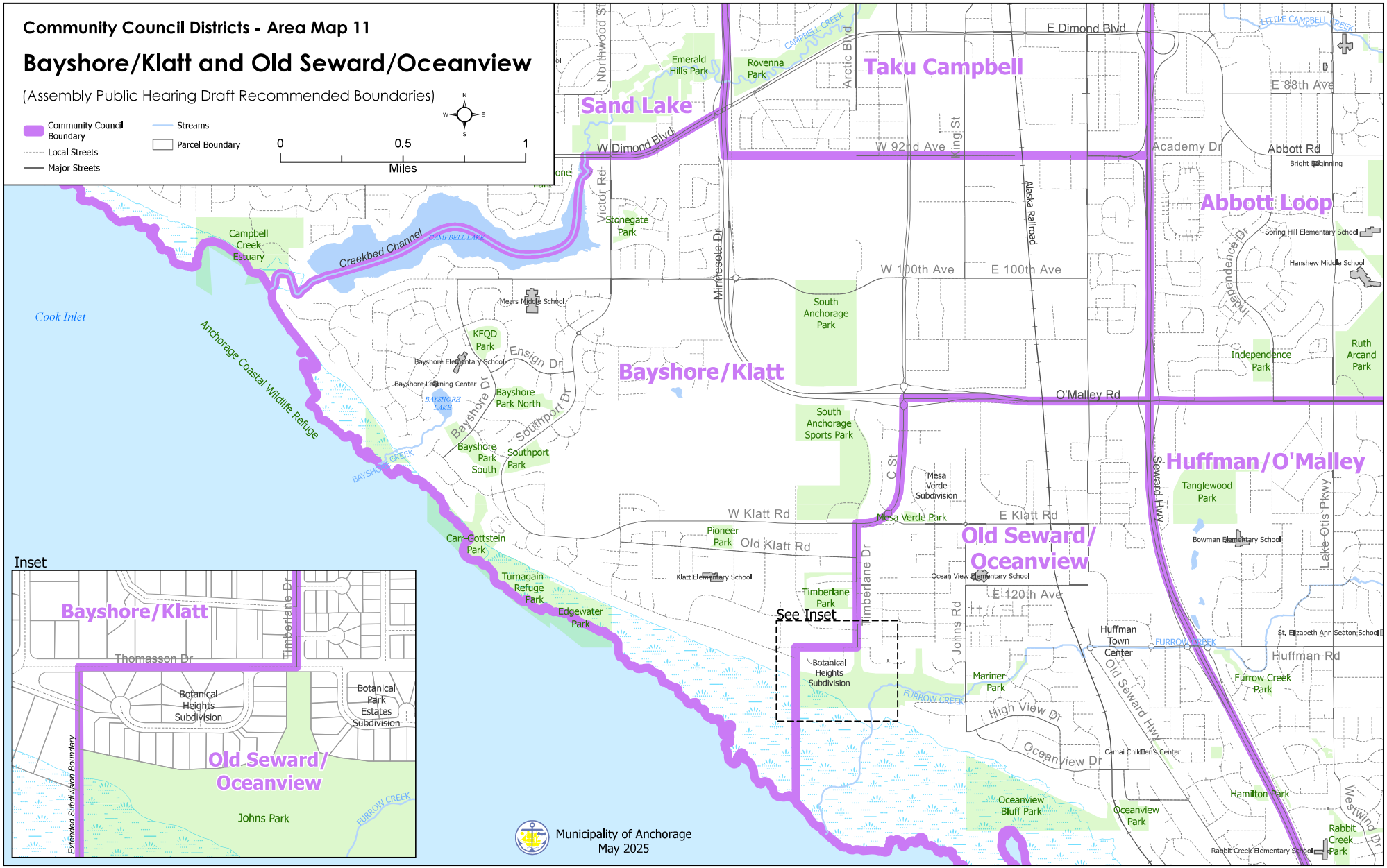
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Bayshore/Klatt and Old Seward/Oceanview
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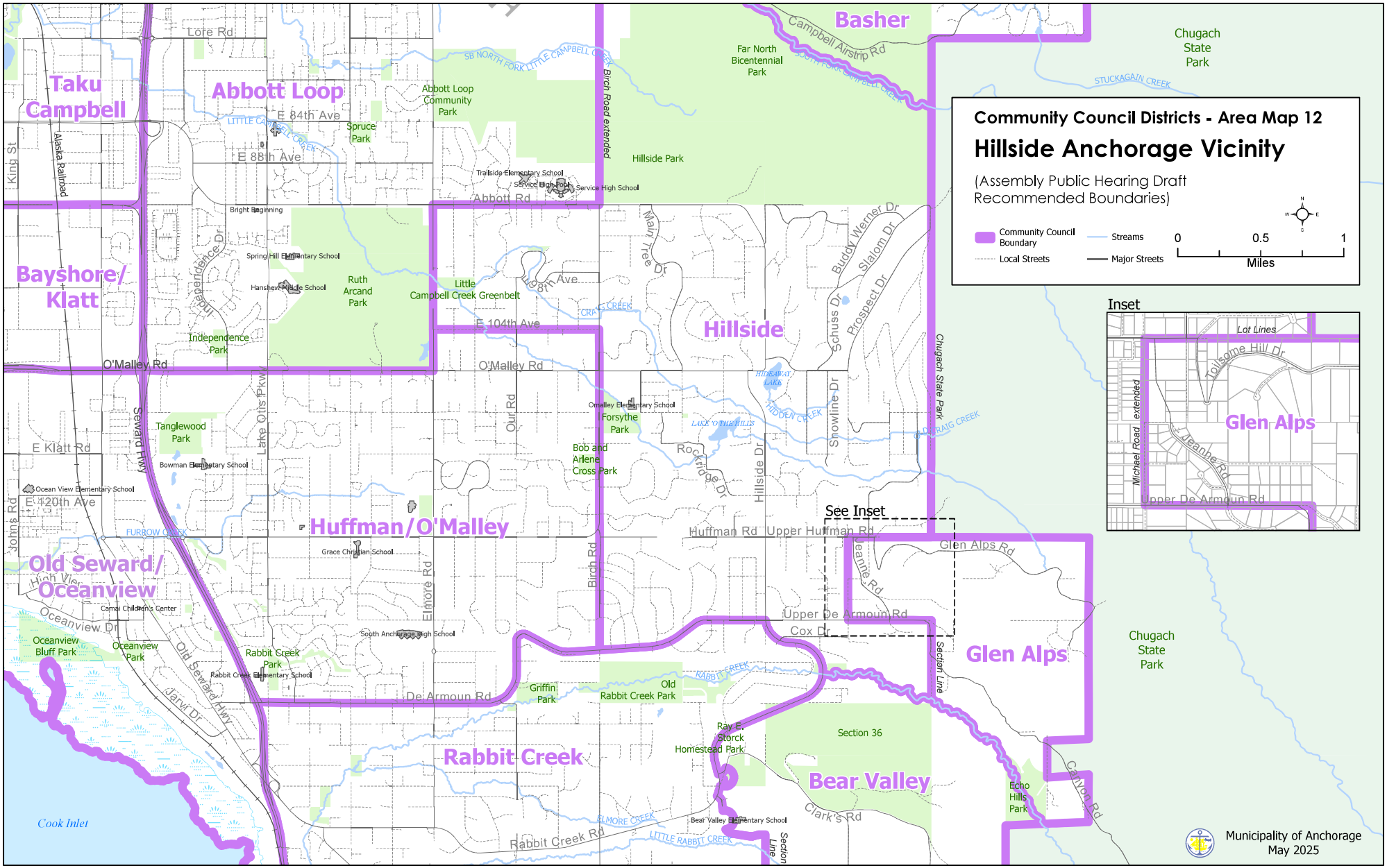
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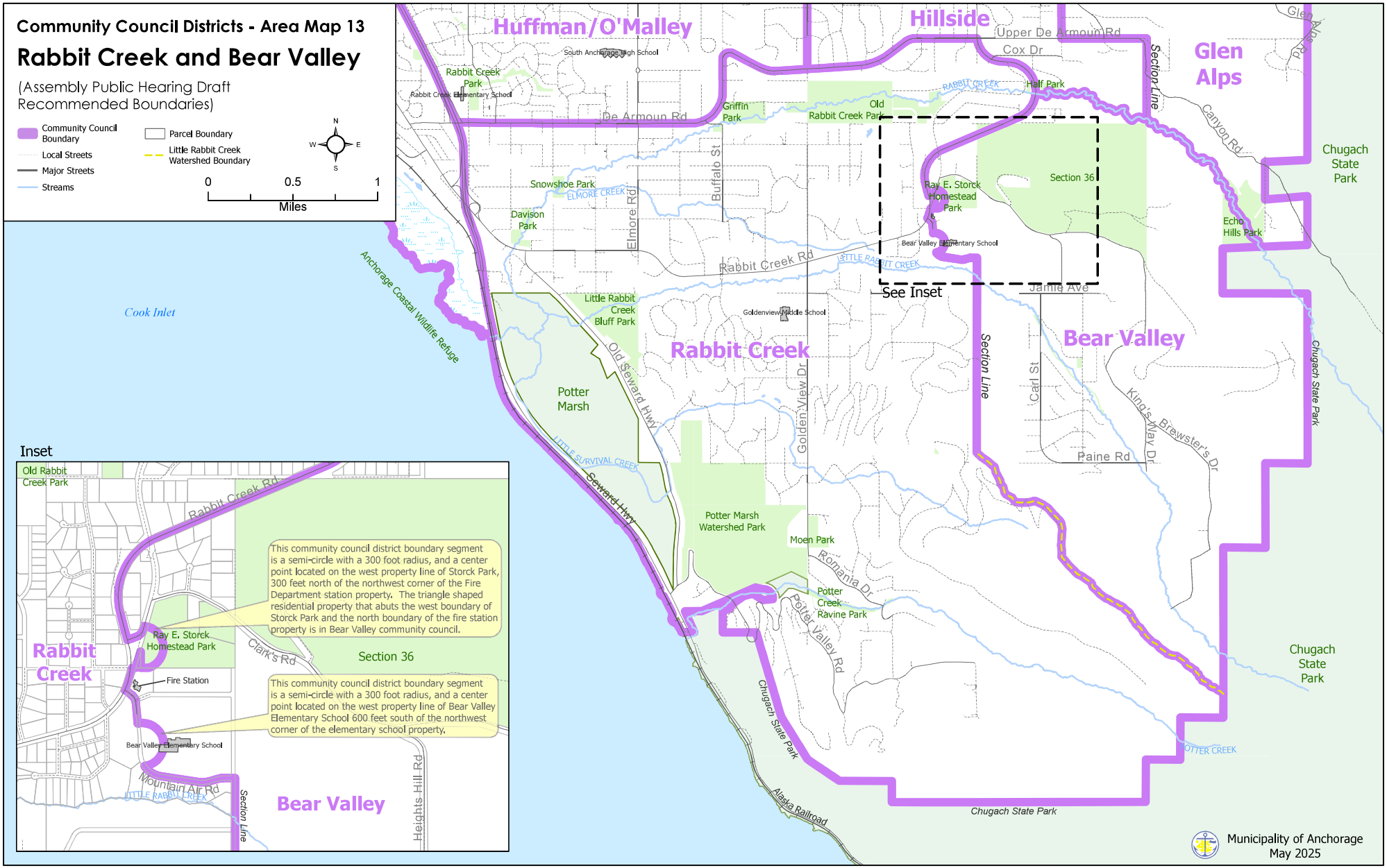
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Rabbit Creek and Bear Valley
(Assembly Public Hearing Draft Recommended Boundaries)
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Old Rabbit Creek Park
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Snowshoe Park
Davison Park
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Elmore Rd
Golden View Dr
Section Line
Carl St
King's Way Dr
Brewster's Dr
Paine Rd
Jamie Ave
Old Seward Hwy
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Potter Valley Rd
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Alaska Railroad
Chugach State Park
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LITTLE RABBIT CREEK
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RABBIT CREEK
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Municipality of Anchorage
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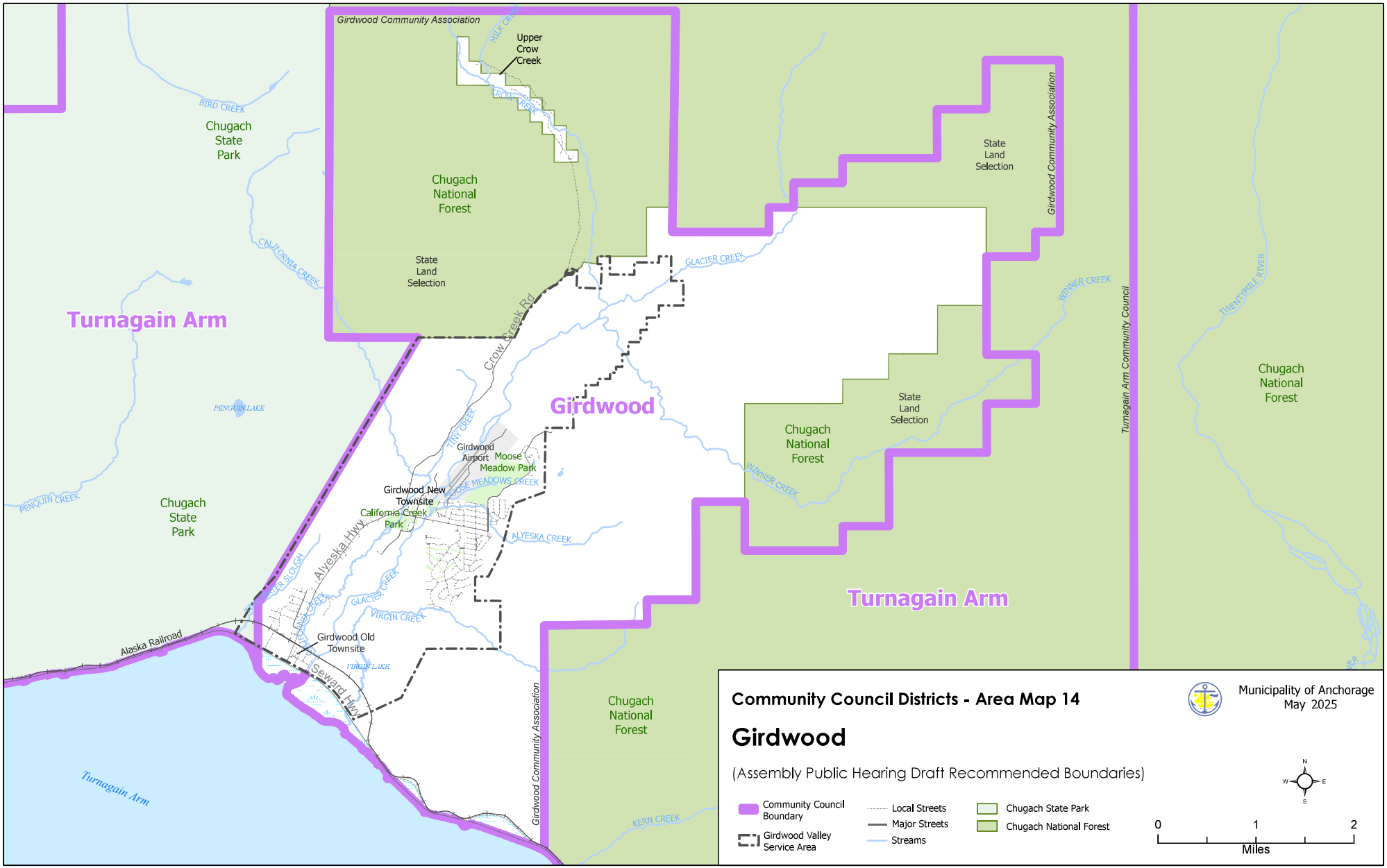
Clark's Rd
Fire Station
Section 36
Bear Valley Elementary School
Mountain Air Rd
LITTLE RABBIT CREEK
Section Line
Heights Hill Rd
Bear Valley
Rabbit Creek
This community council district boundary segment is a semi-circle with a 300 foot radius, and a center point located on the west property line of Storck Park, 300 feet north of the northwest corner of the Fire Department station property. The triangle shaped residential property that abuts the west boundary of Storck Park and the north boundary of the fire station property is in Bear Valley community council.
This community council district boundary segment is a semi-circle with a 300 foot radius, and a center point located on the west property line of Bear Valley Elementary School 600 feet south of the northwest corner of the elementary school property.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Crow Creek Rd
GLACIER CREEK
WINNER CREEK
Girdwood Community Association
Turnagain Arm Community Council
TWENTYMILE RIVER
PENGUIN LAKE
PENGUIN CREEK
TINY CREEK
Girdwood Airport
Moose Meadow Park
MOOSE MEADOWS CREEK
Girdwood New Townsite
California Creek Park
ALYESKA CREEK
Alyeska Hwy
GLACIER CREEK
VIRGIN CREEK
Alaska Railroad
Girdwood Old Townsite
VIRGIN LAKE
Seward Hwy
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10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries

Planning and Zoning Commission
Resolution No. 2025-005

May 2025

Municipality of Anchorage
Planning Department

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2025-005

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY OF THE 10-YEAR REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES.

(Case 2024-0100)

WHEREAS, the *Anchorage Municipal Charter*, at the founding of the Municipality in 1975, established community councils, granting official recognition and representation to neighborhood associations in government and local affairs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of community councils to reflect and represent actual neighborhoods, so that people have an identifiable part of the city to belong and relate to, and organize as a community; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) Sections 2.40.040, *Establishment of Community Councils*, and 2.40.090, *Community Council Maps*, establish the community council districts and boundaries recognized by the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, AMC Section 2.40.040 requires the Municipality to review community council district boundaries every 10 years and seek public input as to whether any boundaries between community council districts should be adjusted; and

WHEREAS, decennial boundary reviews are intended to ensure the geographic boundaries of community council districts evolve through the decades of neighborhood change so that they continue to reflect and represent actual neighborhood communities, and that all citizens continue to have opportunity for representation by an active, engaged community council for their area; and

WHEREAS, these boundary reviews and adjustments support the success of community councils in their function as neighborhood forums for participation and organized neighborhood advocacy and action; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality previously conducted a comprehensive boundaries review in 2003 and a 10-year review in 2014; and

WHEREAS, AMC Section 2.40.040 establishes the criteria for delineating community council districts, which include to group residents within natural communities and recognize community desires as to boundaries; and

WHEREAS, AMC Section 2.40.040 establishes an open public process for these periodic reviews, in which the municipal Planning Department must obtain public input and the participation of the community councils in considering possible changes to community council boundaries, and the Planning and Zoning Commission and Assembly must each solicit and consider the recommendations of community councils concerning changes to their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department, with the support of the Municipal Ombudsman, initiated a new decennial review of community council boundaries in 2022-2023 with outreach to the Federation of Community Councils and the officers of community councils, an online questionnaire survey distributed to the Federation's contact list of approximately 9,500 people, and the formation of a community council boundary advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department and the boundary advisory committee held six publicly noticed meetings to evaluate approximately 40 boundary study areas identified by the public, applying the municipal boundary review criteria and inviting public participation; and

WHEREAS, the October 2024 public hearing draft recommended community council boundaries to reflect the results of this public process; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing draft ordinance and accompanying exhibits were released on October 30, 2024, for five months of public review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission held an advertised work session on March 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission held two advertised public hearings on January 6 and March 10 and deliberated and took action on March 10, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission that:

A. The Commission makes the following findings of fact:

1. There has been an impressive amount of work in the public process, including the amount of dialogue and engagement, the standing up of a fully empowered boundary advisory committee, the extension of this public hearing to enable more community engagement and to receive the comments, and the thought and effort that went toward presenting all the information clearly.

2. The Planning Department has taken a careful look at the latest recommendations from the public, evaluated them, informed the Commission regarding staff's decision-making process, and has given commissioners the information necessary to support the Department's recommendations.

3. The Commission acknowledges the public hearing testimony. Turnagain Community Council put forward a compelling case around its interest in retaining its status-quo coastal boundaries out to mean low or lower water, with respect to being engaged and having what it sees as an existing premise of right to be engaged for projects in that area. However, there is a lack of definition for what low water is and the tidal flats is a dynamic area in which the intertidal zone changes a lot, giving its landscape a different look and feel from the other parts of the community council, which are above ordinary high water. For that reason, the Commission supports the Planning Department's recommendation for changing the coastal boundaries (in Boundary Study Area #40).

4. With respect to the University Area Community Council's position regarding the area between Boniface Parkway and Baxter Road (Boundary Study Area #8), the Commission appreciates University Area's interest to retain a semblance of residency within its community council, and underscores the Planning Department's position that, although it is recommending to move forward with the recommended boundary change, there will be opportunity for continued discussion at the Assembly meeting, if not before, regarding this boundary.

5. Several public parks were identified by the public to determine which community council district was the best fit. Overlapping the community council district boundaries in parks would create administrative and mapping challenges, so it makes sense to put the park in one community council district or the other. Under the applicable notice rules for public outreach regarding projects involving parks, all community councils within 1,000 feet of the park receive notice. There is a public process in place, and the Commission encourages community councils to continue to work through that process on behalf of the parks that affect them and the community.

B. The Commission recommends to the Anchorage Assembly approval of the October 2024 public hearing draft Assembly Ordinance (Attachment 1) and the Community Council District Maps (Attachment 2 - Exhibit A), including changes 1 through 6 shown on pages 1 and 2 of the March 10, 2025, staff report memorandum.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission on the 10th day of March 2025.

ADOPTED by the Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission this 20th day of March 2025.

Mélisa R. K. Babb
Secretary

Andre Spinelli
Chair

(Case No. 2024-0100)

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Exhibit C

10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries

Summary of Key Boundary Study Areas

May 2025

Municipality of Anchorage
Planning Department

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INTRODUCTION

Part 1 of Exhibit C summarizes each of the 12 boundary study areas that resulted in recommended changes to community council districts. These boundary changes are incorporated into the Assembly public hearing draft ordinance and maps (Exhibit A) for adoption.

Part 2 of Exhibit C summarizes five other boundary study areas that garnered community discussion or disagreement, but did not result in any recommended boundary change.

The summary for each boundary study area provides the *recommendation* (including who recommended it), the *rationale* for the recommendation, and *references* to further information.

- **Recommendation**: The recommendation is followed by a list of the recommending organizations. The organizations are listed in chronological order by when in the public process each organization made the recommendation.

- **Rationale**: This summarizes the reasons for the recommendation, organized by three of the most important boundary review criteria:
    - "Active Representation:" This criterion calls for providing each resident, business, and property owner with representation by an active, engaged community council for their area, and the opportunity to participate and vote in its meetings. It also addresses the objective for community councils to receive public notice and the opportunity to participate in decisions regarding nearby public lands and facilities that affect them and the community.
    - "Natural Communities:" This criterion calls for grouping neighborhood areas based on common interests, shared identities, and clear boundaries.
    - "Community Desires:" This includes references to community council resolutions. The community council resolutions are available in Exhibit D-7 in the packet.

- **References**: This provides cross-references to where more comprehensive evaluation, public comments, and maps regarding the boundary study area may be found in the Assembly packet.
    - The first reference listed is to the Assembly public hearing draft Community Council District Map in Assembly Exhibit A, which provides the recommended boundaries for adoption.
    - The remaining references are to the October 2024 *Public Hearing Draft Report and Recommendations* and March 10, 2025, *Comment-Response* memo, which provide the analysis of the boundary study area.

Exhibit C Maps. The summary of each boundary study area in this Exhibit C is accompanied by a map of the study area. Study areas are shaded in yellow. Study areas with an orange diagonal line pattern are where there are recommended changes to district boundaries. The existing community council boundaries are shown in purple. Exhibit A provides the recommended district boundaries for adoption.

Only those boundary study areas discussed in Exhibit C are shown on the Exhibit C maps. Maps that show all 40 of the boundary study areas from the October 2024 PZC Public Hearing Draft Report and Recommendations are available in Exhibit D-6, *Boundary Study Area Maps*.

PART 1: BOUNDARY STUDY AREAS WHERE BOUNDARY CHANGES ARE RECOMMENDED

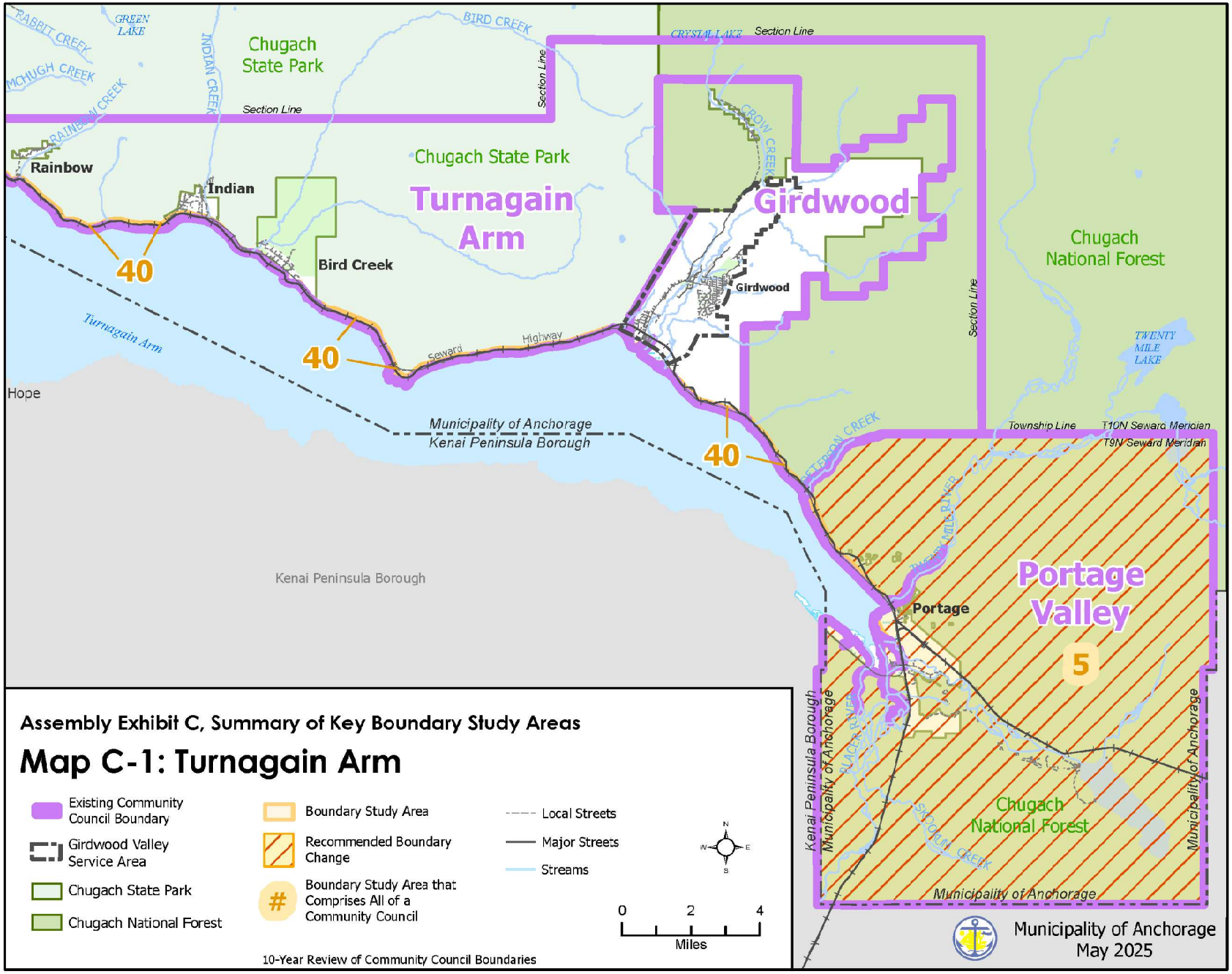
Boundary Study Area #5: Portage Valley Community Council District

(Map C-1, page 3)

Recommendation	Rationale
Merge the Portage Valley Community Council district into the Turnagain Arm Community Council district. Recommended by: • Boundary Advisory Committee • Planning Department • Turnagain Arm Community Council • Planning and Zoning Commission	*Active Representation:* 1. Portage Valley is an inactive community council. It has not submitted bylaws or met the requirements for retaining Assembly recognition for at least 10 years. 2. Turnagain Arm Community Council can provide Portage Valley residents, businesses, and property owners with representation on issues affecting Portage Valley. 3. Turnagain Arm Community Council's hybrid meeting format enables Portage Valley residents to participate remotely (online). *Natural Communities:* 4. Turnagain Arm Community Council is the adjoining community council district. 5. The Turnagain Arm communities of Bird, Indian, and Rainbow share the most characteristics and issues in common with Portage Valley. *Community Desires:* 6. Turnagain Arm Community Council supports merging (TACC Resolution dated 12-12-2024).

References

- Public Hearing Draft Assembly Ordinance (AO): Code text amendment deleting AMC subsection 2.40.040D.23., *Portage Valley.*
- Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Map: Exhibit A, Turnagain Arm Map on page 3.
- October 2024 PZC Public Hearing Draft Staff Report Assessment of Boundary Study Area #5: Exhibit D-3, pages 21-22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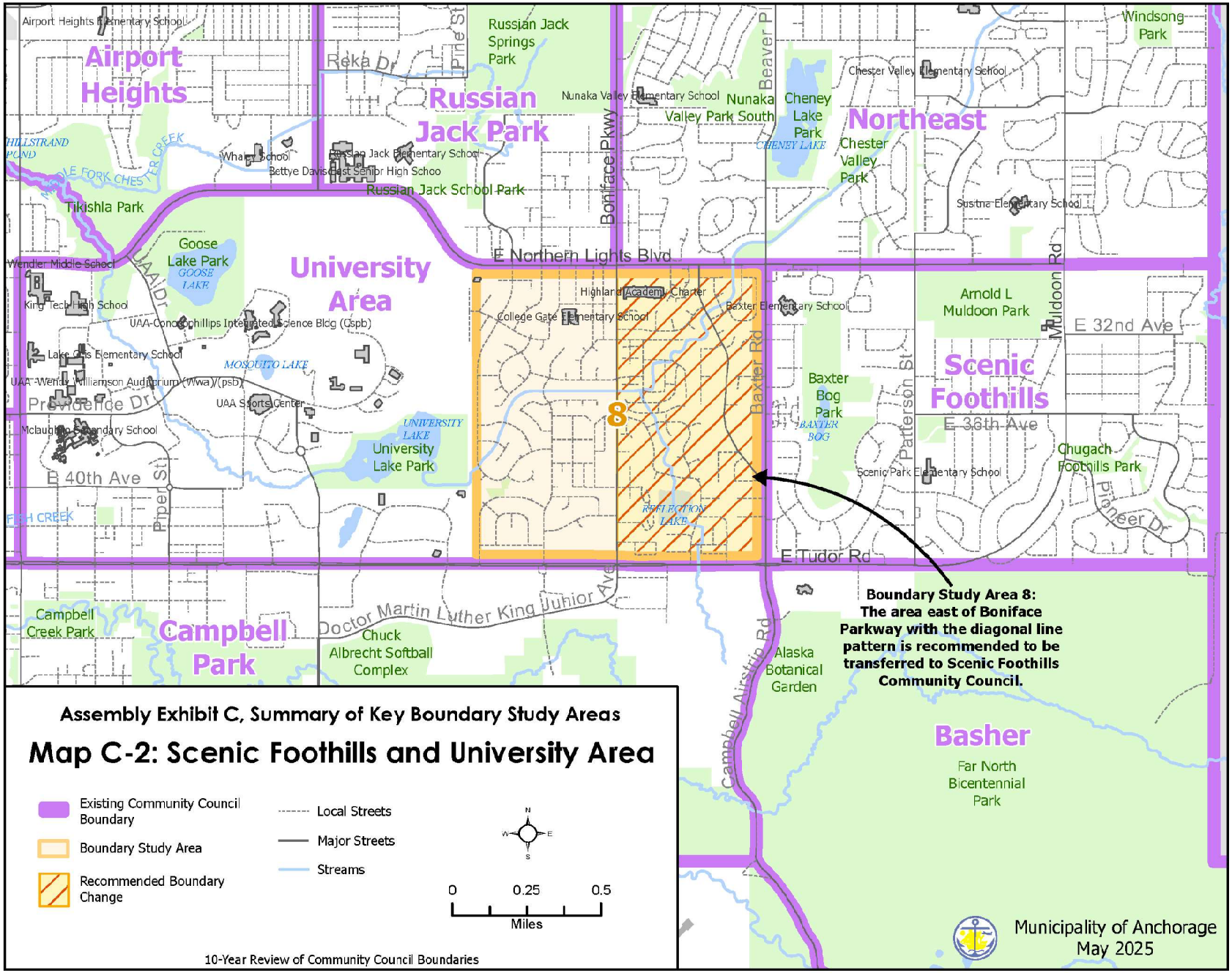
Boundary Study Area #8: West of Baxter Road South of Northern Lights Boulevard

(Map C-2, page 5)

Recommendation	Rationale
Transfer the area bounded by Boniface Parkway, E. Northern Lights Boulevard, Baxter Road, and Tudor Road, from University Area Community Council to Scenic Foothills Community Council. Recommended by: • Boundary Advisory Committee • Planning Department • Scenic Foothills Community Council • Planning and Zoning Commission Opposed by: • University Area Community Council	*Active Representation:* 1. Officers of both community councils expressed concern about having a large enough district and population to support active membership and executive committees. 2. University Area will gain active members from its merger with Tudor Area (Boundary Study Area #12). This will mitigate half its loss of residents and active members from Study Area #8. *Natural Communities:* 3. Neighborhoods east of Boniface Parkway share proximity, topography, scenic views, and physical characteristics with Scenic Foothills neighborhoods. They are somewhat distant from the UMED. 4. Boniface Parkway is a physical and traffic barrier separating the neighborhoods east and west. It is a stronger boundary than Baxter Road. *Community Desires:* 5. Nine responses to the project's initial questionnaire survey indicated that some residents east of the UMED and particularly east of Boniface Parkway identify more with the neighborhoods of Scenic Foothills. 6. Scenic Foothills Community Council supports the recommended transfer (Resolution dated 12-05-2024). 7. University Area Community Council recommends retaining the existing boundary at Baxter Road (UACC Resolution 2025-01).
References	
• Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Map: Exhibit A, Area Map 6 on page 11. • October 2024 PZC Public Hearing Draft Staff Report assessment of Boundary Study Area #8: Exhibit D-3, pages 25-26. • March 2025 Comment-Response regarding Boundary Study Area #8: Exhibit D-8, pages 1-2.	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Baxter Bog Park
Chugach Foothills Park
University Lake Park
Campbell Creek Park
Campbell Park
Chuck Albrecht Softball Complex
Alaska Botanical Garden
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Far North Bicentennial Park
Russian Jack School Park
Nunaka Valley Park South
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Beaver Pl
E Northern Lights Blvd
Muldoon Rd
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E 36th Ave
E 40th Ave
Baxter Rd
Patterson St
Piper St
Pioneer Dr
E Tudor Rd
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Providence Dr
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Whaley School
Bettye Davis East Senior High School
Nunaka Valley Elementary School
Chester Valley Elementary School
Susitna Elementary School
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UAA-ConocoPhillips Integrated Science Bldg (Cspb)
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UAA Sports Center
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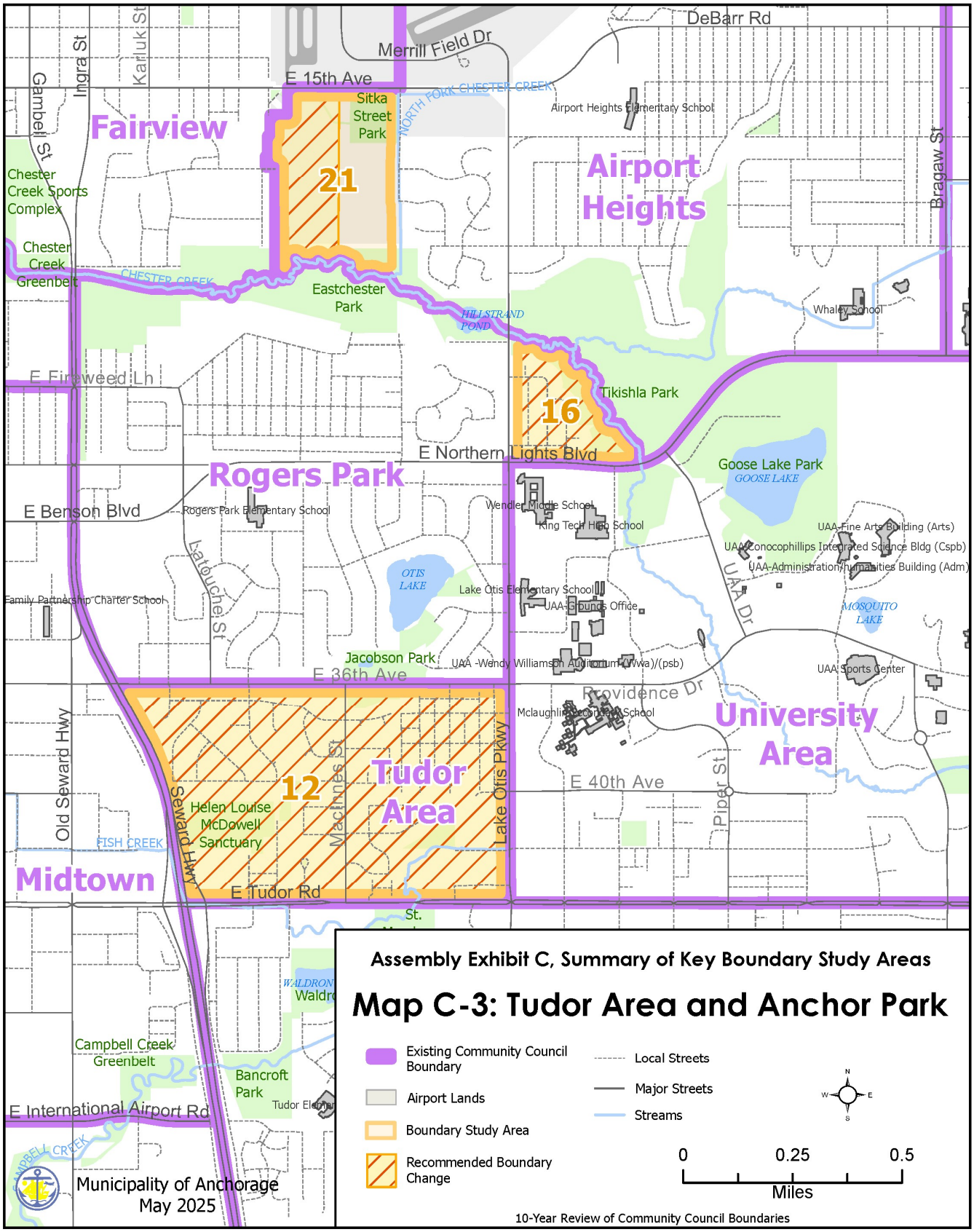
Boundary Study Area #12: Tudor Area Community Council District

(Map C-3, page 7)

Recommendation	Rationale
Merge the Tudor Area Community Council district into the University Area Community Council district. Recommended by: • Boundary Advisory Committee • Planning Department • Tudor Area Community Council • University Area Community Council • Campbell Park Community Council • Planning and Zoning Commission	*Active Representation:* 1. Tudor Area Community Council has not been active during most of the last 5 years. It has been difficult to reach quorum to meet at least once per quarter. There are not enough residents who are active members. *Natural Communities:* 2. Rogers Park and University Area Community Councils have the closest adjoining neighborhoods. 3. The eastern part of Tudor Area shares neighborhood characteristics, medical land uses, and a geographic focus in common with University Area east of Lake Otis. *Community Desires:* 4. The executive board of Rogers Park Community Council opposed merging Tudor Area into Rogers Park. 5. Tudor Area and University Area Community Councils support merging. (TACC Resolution 2025-01; UACC Resolution 2025-01.) 6. Campbell Park Community Council supports Tudor Area's merger with University Area (CPCC Resolution 2025-01)

References

- Public Hearing Draft Assembly Ordinance (AO): Text amendment deleting AMC subsection 2.40.040D.33., *Tudor Area.*
- Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Map: Exhibit A, Area Map 6 on page 11.
- October 2024 PZC Public Hearing Draft Staff Report assessment of Boundary Study Area #12: Exhibit D-3 pages 28-30.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Goose Lake Park
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Helen Louise McDowell Sanctuary
Chester Creek Sports Complex
Chester Creek Greenbelt
Campbell Creek Greenbelt
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Whaley School
Rogers Park Elementary School
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King Tech High School
Lake Otis Elementary School
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UAA-Conocophillips Integrated Science Bldg (Cspb)
UAA-Administration/Humanities Building (Adm)
UAA-Sponsors Office
UAA -Wendy Williamson Auditorium (Wwa)/(psb)
UAA Sports Center
Mclaughlin Secondary School
Family Partnership Charter School
NORTH FORK CHESTER CREEK
CHESTER CREEK
HILLSTRAND POND
OTIS LAKE
GOOSE LAKE
MOSQUITO LAKE
FISH CREEK
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Boundary Study Area #16: Anchor Park Subdivision

(Map C-3, page 7)

Recommendation	Rationale
Transfer Anchor Park Subdivision on the northeast corner of Lake Otis Parkway and E. Northern Lights Boulevard from Rogers Park Community Council to Airport Heights Community Council. Recommended by: • Boundary Advisory Committee • Planning Department • Airport Heights Community Council • Rogers Park Community Council • Planning and Zoning Commission	*Natural Communities:* 1. The Anchor Park residential subdivision with 116 homes on the northeast corner of Lake Otis Parkway and E. Northern Lights Boulevard was historically developed as part of the greater Anchor Park Subdivision forming the Airport Heights neighborhood. It shares street layout, lotting, and housing stock patterns with Airport Heights. 2. Anchor Park and Airport Heights share Davenport Fields in Chester Creek Greenbelt. 3. Lake Otis Parkway and its intersection with Northern Lights Boulevard is a physical and traffic barrier between Anchor Park and Rogers Park. *Community Desires:* 4. Four responses to the project's initial survey questionnaire indicated that Anchor Park Subdivision is more aligned with the Airports Heights neighborhood and proposed transferring it to Airport Heights. 5. Several residents of Anchor Park who have been active in Rogers Park Community Council indicated in consultations they had no objection to transferring. 6. Rogers Park and Airport Heights Community Councils support the transfer (AHCC Resolution 2024-7; 1-31-2025 email from Pete Mjos representing Rogers Park).

References

- Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Map: Exhibit A, Area Map 5 on page 9 and Area Map 6 on page 11.
- October 2024 PZC Public Hearing Draft Staff Report assessment of Boundary Study Area #16: Exhibit D-3, pages 33-34.

Boundary Study Area #21: Sitka Street Park

(Map C-4, page 12)

Recommendation	Rationale
Transfer the western half of the Merrill Field Airport open space / flight clear zone south of 15th Avenue and west of Sitka Street, from Airport Heights Community Council to Fairview Community Council. (Retain the eastern half including the Sitka Street Park playground in Airport Heights.) Recommended by: • Fairview Community Council • Planning Department • Planning and Zoning Commission Opposed by: • Boundary Advisory Committee • Airport Heights Community Council	*Active Representation:* 1. This study area is not a municipal park, so development and management projects in it may not follow the Parks and Recreation Department's public process to engage adjoining community councils that do not extend into it. 2. Including half the Merrill Field Airport open space in each community council may strengthen common cause in advocating for open space improvement projects. *Natural Communities:* 3. The western portion of the open space abuts Fairview residences and includes a loop trail used by Fairview residents. 4. Residents of Fairview and Airport Heights use this open space and advocate for park and trail improvements. 5. There is no physical barrier that creates a strong boundary between Fairview and the open space. *Community Desires:* 6. Fairview proposed the transfer (FVCC Resolution No. 2024-17). 7. Airport Heights recommends retaining the existing boundary (AHCC Resolution No. 2024-7). During the process, AHCC representatives advocated for the Sitka Street Park playground and open space areas adjoining Sitka Street to remain a part of Airport Heights.

References

- Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Map: Exhibit A, Map 5 on page 9 and Map 5b on page 10.
- October 2024 PZC Public Hearing Draft Staff Report assessment of Boundary Study Area #21: Exhibit D-3, pages 37-38.
- March 2025 Comment-Response regarding Boundary Study Area #21: Exhibit D-8, pages 3-4.

Boundary Study Area #23: West of Cordova Street from 9th to 15th Avenue

(Map C-4, page 12)

Recommendation	Rationale
Transfer the two vacant blocks between A Street and Cordova Street south of 13th Avenue (and north of Central Lutheran Church) from South Addition Community Council to Fairview Community Council. The areas north of 13th Avenue west of Cordova Street remain in South Addition. Central Lutheran Church remains in Fairview. Recommended by: • Fairview Community Council • Planning Department • Planning and Zoning Commission Opposed by: • Boundary Advisory Committee • South Addition Community Council (These recommended retaining existing boundaries.)	*Natural Communities:* 1. The vacant blocks along the south side of 13th Avenue are designated for dense, large-scale multifamily/mixed-use housing, which has more in common with Fairview. 2. The housing characteristics in the study area north of 13th Avenue have more in common with South Addition. 3. The Denali ES attendance area is primarily in Fairview; however, Denali is also an area-wide optional school. 4. A Street provides the strongest, simplest community council boundary, although Cordova Street still provides an identifiable boundary. 5. 13th Avenue would be a more identifiable boundary than the current boundary which follows the rear lot line of Central Lutheran Church (at 14th Avenue extended). *Community Desires:* 1. Residents in the boundary study area desire to remain a part of South Addition. 2. South of 13th Avenue, Central Lutheran Church historically advocated to remain in Fairview. 3. Fairview Community Council and four respondents to the project's initial survey questionnaire recommended transferring all or part of the area east of A Street from South Addition to Fairview. Fairview's highest priorities for transfer are the area south of 13th Avenue and Denali Elementary School. (FVCC Resolution 2024-17.) 4. South Addition supports retaining existing boundaries in this study area (SACC Resolution 2025-002).
References	
• Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Map: Exhibit A, Map 5 on page 9 and Map 5b on page 10. • October 2024 PZC Public Hearing Draft Staff Report assessment of Boundary Study Area #23: Exhibit D-3, pages 39-41. • March 2025 Comment-Response regarding Boundary Study Area #23: Exhibit D-8, pages 5-6.	

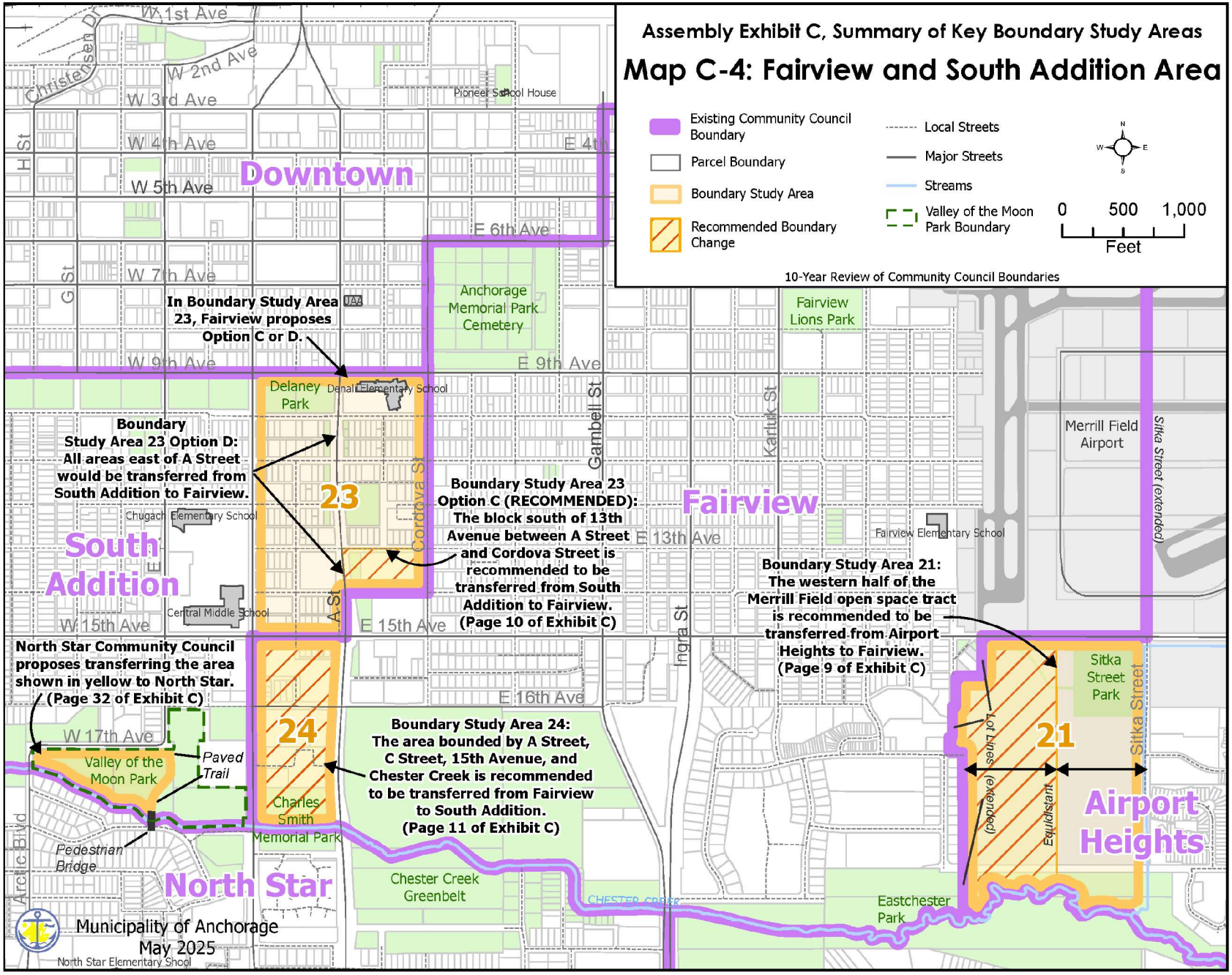
Boundary Study Area #24: A and C Street Corridor South of 15th Avenue

(Map C-4, page 12)

Recommendation	Rationale
Transfer the area bounded by A and C Streets, 15th Avenue, and Chester Creek from Fairview Community Council to South Addition Community Council. Recommended by: • Boundary Advisory Committee • Planning Department • South Addition Community Council • Planning and Zoning Commission Fairview Community Council non-objection depends in part on the outcome of Boundary Study Area #23 (previous page).	*Natural Communities:* 1. This boundary study area is separated from Fairview neighborhoods by Chester Creek Sports Complex (Mulcahy Stadum area). It is peripheral to Fairview Community Council's focus area. 2. The residents and establishments in this study area do not interact much with Fairview Community Council. 3. South Addition neighborhoods are impacted by issues in this area and Chester Creek Sports Complex across A Street. 4. The only residential households in the study area are along 15th Avenue across from South Addition's neighborhood. The remaining uses are offices, Salvation Army supportive housing, and parking lots. 5. A Street would be a stronger, simpler boundary than the current combination of A Street/15th Avenue/C Street. *Community Desires:* 6. A questionnaire respondent and a South Addition Community Council board member proposed this transfer. 7. South Addition supports the transfer (SACC Resolution No. 2025-002). 8. Fairview indicates that it would not object to the transfer if areas east of A Street are transferred to Fairview—at the very least the area south of 13th Avenue. (FVCC Resolution 2024-17).

References

- Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Map: Exhibit A, Area Map 5 on page 9 and Map 5b on page 10.
- October 2024 PZC Public Hearing Draft Staff Report assessment of Boundary Study Area #24: Exhibit D-3, page 41.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In Boundary Study Area 23, Fairview proposes Option C or D.
Boundary Study Area 23 Option D: All areas east of A Street would be transferred from South Addition to Fairview.
Boundary Study Area 23 Option C (RECOMMENDED): The block south of 13th Avenue between A Street and Cordova Street is recommended to be transferred from South Addition to Fairview. (Page 10 of Exhibit C)
Boundary Study Area 21: The western half of the Merrill Field open space tract is recommended to be transferred from Airport Heights to Fairview. (Page 9 of Exhibit C)
North Star Community Council proposes transferring the area shown in yellow to North Star. (Page 32 of Exhibit C)
Boundary Study Area 24: The area bounded by A Street, C Street, 15th Avenue, and Chester Creek is recommended to be transferred from Fairview to South Addition. (Page 11 of Exhibit C)
Municipality of Anchorage
May 2025
W 1st Ave
W 2nd Ave
W 3rd Ave
W 4th Ave
W 5th Ave
W 7th Ave
W 9th Ave
W 15th Ave
W 17th Ave
E 4th Ave
E 6th Ave
E 9th Ave
E 13th Ave
E 15th Ave
E 16th Ave
Christensen Dr
H St
G St
E St
A St
Cordova St
Gambell St
Karluk St
Ingra St
Arctic Blvd
Sitka Street (extended)
Sitka Street
Lot Lines (extended)
Equidistant
Pioneer School House
Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery
Fairview Lions Park
Delaney Park
Denali Elementary School
Chugach Elementary School
Central Middle School
Fairview Elementary School
Merrill Field Airport
Sitka Street Park
Valley of the Moon Park
Paved Trail
Pedestrian Bridge
Charles Smith Memorial Park
Chester Creek Greenbelt
CHESTER CREEK
Eastchester Park
North Star Elementary School

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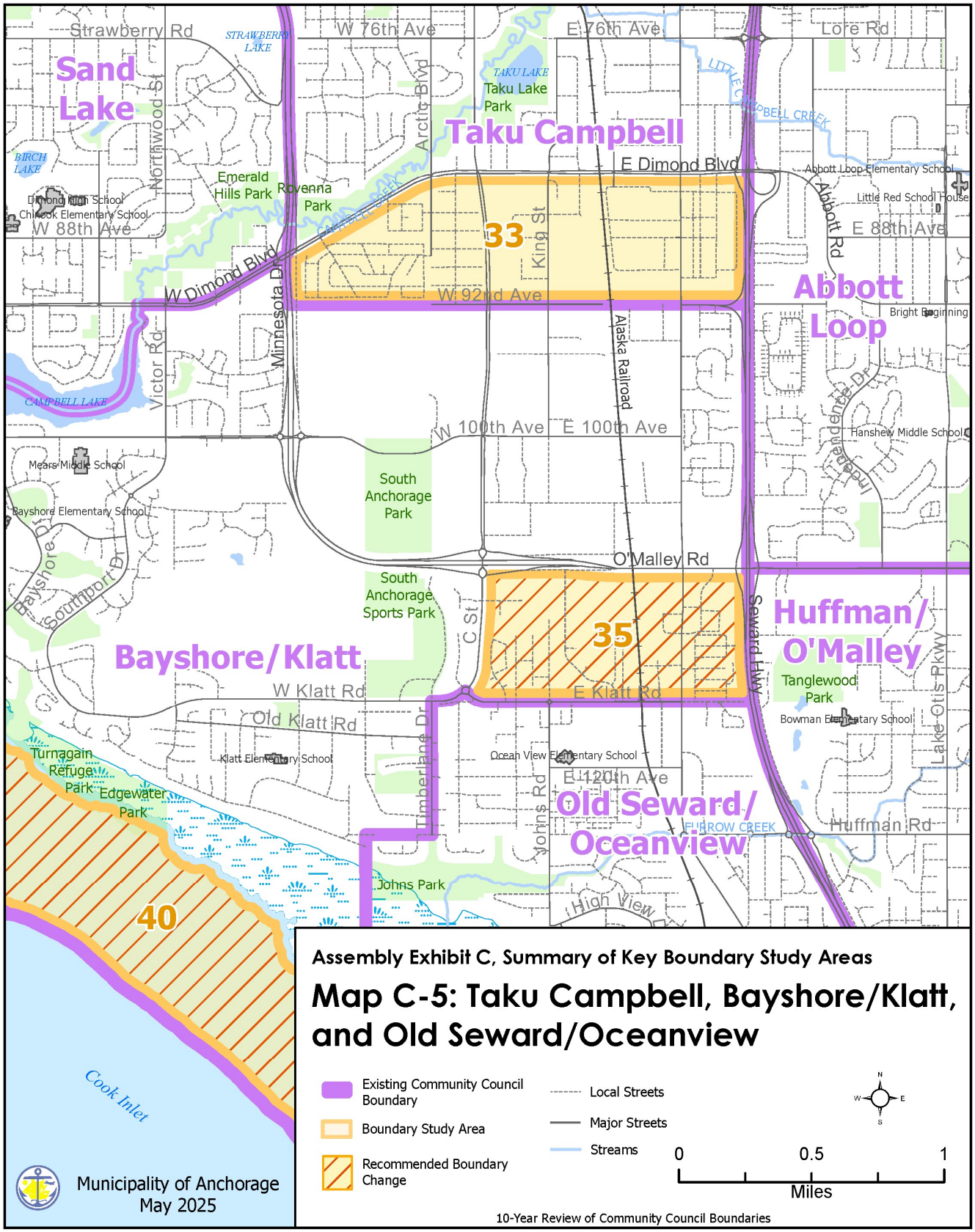
Boundary Study Area #35: South of O'Malley Road to Klatt Road, East of C Street

(Map C-5, page 15)

Recommendation	Rationale
Transfer the area bounded by C Street on the west, O'Malley Road on the north, Seward Highway on the east, and Klatt Road on the south, from Bayshore/Klatt Community Council to Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council. Recommended by: • Boundary Advisory Committee • Planning Department • Old Seward/ Oceanview Community Council • Planning and Zoning Commission	*Natural Communities:* 1. The boundary study area shares a geographic focus on the Old Seward Highway commercial corridor and Huffman Town Center with Old Seward/Oceanview. 2. The boundary study area's neighborhood has local street connectivity and proximity to the neighborhoods of Old Seward/Oceanview just south of Klatt Road. 3. The boundary study area's neighborhood development pattern and household characteristics share more in common with the neighborhoods south of Klatt Road. 4. O'Malley Road and C Street would provide stronger, more identifiable boundaries than Klatt Road does. *Community Desires:* 5. 3 responses to the project's initial questionnaire survey recommended the transfer. 6. Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council supports the transfer (OSOV Resolution No. 2025-01). 7. The president of Bayshore/Klatt Community Council supported the transfer in consultations with Planning staff and Old Seward/Oceanview. 8. The Municipality did not receive a resolution from Bayshore/Klatt Community Council or further comments from its board.

References
• Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Map: Exhibit A, Area Map 11 on page 17. • October 2024 PZC Public Hearing Draft Staff Report assessment of Boundary Study Area #35: Exhibit D-3, pages 53-54.


Sand Lake
Taku Campbell
Abbott Loop
Bayshore/Klatt
Huffman/ O'Malley
Old Seward/ Oceanview
33
35
40
Strawberry Rd
W 76th Ave
E 76th Ave
Lore Rd
E Dimond Blvd
W Dimond Blvd
W 92nd Ave
E 88th Ave
W 88th Ave
W 100th Ave
E 100th Ave
O'Malley Rd
W Klatt Rd
E Klatt Rd
Old Klatt Rd
E 120th Ave
Huffman Rd
Northwood St
Arctic Blvd
King St
Alaska Railroad
Abbott Rd
Victor Rd
Minnesota Dr
C St
Seward Hwy
Lake Otis Pkwy
Timberlane Dr
Johns Rd
Taku Lake Park
Emerald Hills Park
Rovenna Park
South Anchorage Park
South Anchorage Sports Park
Tanglewood Park
Turnagain Refuge Park
Edgewater Park
Johns Park
Dimond High School
Chinook Elementary School
Mears Middle School
Bayshore Elementary School
Klatt Elementary School
Ocean View Elementary School
Bowman Elementary School
Abbott Loop Elementary School
Little Red School House
Hanshew Middle School
Bright Beginning
Cook Inlet
Municipality of Anchorage
May 2025
Assembly Exhibit C, Summary of Key Boundary Study Areas
Map C-5: Taku Campbell, Bayshore/Klatt, and Old Seward/Oceanview
Existing Community Council Boundary
Boundary Study Area
Recommended Boundary Change
Local Streets
Major Streets
Streams
0
0.5
1
Miles
10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries

Boundary Study Area #40: in Chugach State Park

(Boundary Study Area Maps 4, 9, and 13, on pages 8, 15, and 19 of Exhibit D-6.)

(Also: Map C-6 on page 21 of this Exhibit C)

Recommendation	Rationale
In Anchorage, remove three parcels of Chugach State Park which were once privately owned and are now part of Chugach State Park, from the Basher, Glen Alps, and Rabbit Creek Community Council districts. In Chugiak-Eagle River, transfer Heritage Land Bank Parcels 1-079 and 1-080 plus the adjoining BLM parcel, which are not in Chugach State Park, into Eagle River Valley Community Council. Recommended by: • Planning Department • Glen Alps Community Council • Rabbit Creek Community Council • Eagle River Valley Community Council • Planning and Zoning Commission Opposed by: • Basher Community Council	*Active Representation:* 1. Consultations with Wendy Sailors, public outreach coordinator of the State of Alaska DNR; Monic Alvarez, DNR Section Chief for Resource Assessment and Development (and former parks planner for Chugach State Park); and Ben Corwin, Superintendent of Chugach State Park (CSP) indicate that removing the 3 tracts in CSP from the Basher, Glen Alps, and Rabbit Creek Community Council districts will not impact the public notice, comment, and participation opportunities for these community councils regarding CSP planning, development, or management. 2. The State of Alaska DNR and Chugach State Park (CSP) public engagement procedures ensure that Basher, Glen Alps, Rabbit Creek, and all other community councils next to Chugach State Park (CSP), have the same public notice and involvement opportunities (and influence) without needing to extend their districts into the state park. CSP public outreach and engagement efforts reflect the understanding that those communities have an interest in what is going on in CSP regardless of whether the community council district abuts or extends into CSP. *Natural Communities:* 3. CSP is outside the populated, urbanized area of the Municipality and is managed by the State of Alaska for natural resource and outdoor recreation purposes. 4. The CSP boundary delineates the developed, populated areas of the Municipality from the wilderness. Since their establishment, community council districts in Chugiak-Eagle River and the Anchorage Bowl have not intentionally included CSP parkland. 5. There are no physical features to distinguish between the three formerly private tracts and the rest of Chugach State Park of which they are now a part.

	6. In Eagle River, HLB Parcels 1-079 and 1-080 and the adjoining BLM parcel are outside the CSP boundary. *Community Desires:* 7. Glen Alps (Resolution dated 12-12-2024) and Rabbit Creek (Resolution 2024-15) support removing the CSP parcels from their districts. 8. Basher opposes removing the 40-acre tract of Chugach State Park from its district (Basher Resolution 2024-04), because Basher is concerned it could lose public notice or influence regarding actions in CSP.

References

- Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Maps: Exhibit A, Area Map 4 (page 8), Area Map 9 (page15), and Area Map 13 (page 19).
- October 2024 PZC Public Hearing Draft Staff Report assessment of Boundary Study Area #40: Exhibit D-3, pages 56-59.
- March 2025 Comment-Response March 2025 Comment-Response regarding Boundary Study Area #40 in Chugach State Park: Exhibit D-8, pages 10-11.

Boundary Study Area #40: in Cook Inlet Tidal Flats

(Boundary Study Area Maps 1, 2, 5, 5a, 7, 10, 11, 13, and 14 of Exhibit D-6.)

(Also: Map C-1 on p. 3, Map C-5 on p. 15, and Map C-10 on p. 35 of this Exhibit C)

Recommendation	Rationale
Adjust the coastal boundaries of community councils along Cook Inlet (including Knik Arm and Turnagain Arm) from "*mean low or lower water*" to "*mean high water*". In other words, shift the coastal boundaries from *mean low tide* line to *mean high tide* line, so that the tidal mudflats underwater for part of each day are no longer in community council districts. This adjustment includes a code text amendment to AMC Section 21.07.090. Recommended by: • Planning Department • Downtown, South Addition, Girdwood, Rabbit Creek, Sand Lake, and Turnagain Arm Community Councils • Planning and Zoning Commission Opposed by: • Birchwood, Government Hill, Old Seward/Oceanview, and Turnagain Community Councils	*Active Representation:* 1. The State of Alaska DNR manages and issues permits and leases for near-shore activities in the coastal waters (including tidal flats) of Cook Inlet. DNR's notice to the public is through the state's online public notice system (i.e., posted online and rather than sent to organizations such as community councils). Removal of the tidal mudflats from community council districts will not affect public notice or advocacy opportunities for community councils regarding planning, permits, or leases in the tidal flats, or affect their right to be engaged in that area. 2. Community councils will have public involvement opportunities for projects that affect coastlands, such as a relocation of the Coastal Trail, mitigation of Point Woronzof bluff erosion, or extension of airport runways, regardless of whether community council districts extend into tidal mudflats. *Natural Communities:* 3. The location of mean low water is unknown to the Municipality or State of Alaska DNR. It may be beyond the boundary of the Municipality in places. Mean low water has no discernable feature in the mudflats. Mudflats are simply a part of the muddy bottom of Cook Inlet when submerged at least part of each day. 4. The existing community council maps do not accurately depict the location of mean low water for the coastal boundaries. The coastal boundaries shown on the maps are based on inaccurate information. 5. Mean high water (i.e., mean high tide) is the shoreline boundary between the marine waters (including tidal mudflats) and coastlands (upper beaches, sand dunes, vegetated estuaries, wetlands, and uplands). It is a discernable physical feature delineating land vs. sea. 6. Community councils are intended to be neighborhoods with residents, property owners, and establishments. The tidal flats are a dynamic, unpopulated, wild area in

	which the intertidal zone of Cook Inlet changes a lot. It has a different look and feel from areas above high tide. *Community Desires:* 7. Five coastal community councils support adjusting the boundaries to "mean high water:" • Downtown - Resolution 2024-11 • South Addition - Resolution 2025-002 • Girdwood (GBOS) - Resolution 2024-15 • Sand Lake - Resolution 2025-02 (see Exhibit E) • Turnagain Arm - Resolution dated 12-12-2024 8. Four coastal community councils recommend retaining the existing boundaries at "mean low or lower water:" • Birchwood - Resolution dated 12-01-2024 • Government Hill - Resolution 2025-001 • Old Seward/Oceanview - Resolution 2025-01 • Turnagain - Resolution 2025-01 9. Two coastal community councils (Chugiak and Bayshore/ Klatt) did not submit comments. 10. Rabbit Creek Community Council, which would gain coastline in front of Potter Marsh to become the twelfth coastal community council as part of the adjustment to "mean high water," supports the recommendation (RCCC Resolution 2024-15).

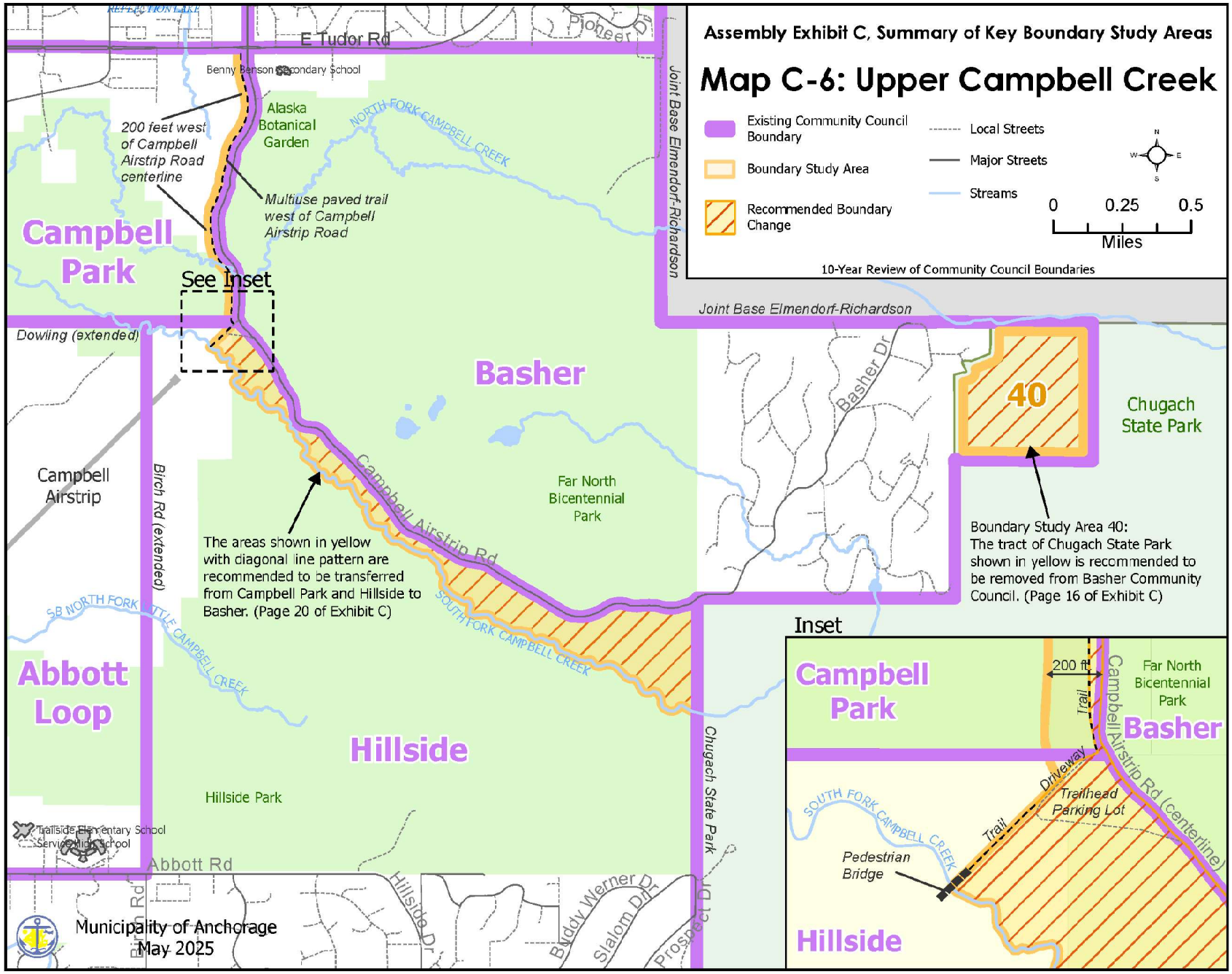
References

- Public Hearing Draft Assembly Ordinance (AO): Text amendment to AMC subsection 2.40.090B.5., *Map Interpretations.*
- Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Maps in Exhibit A:
  - Anchorage Bowl Map (page 1)
  - Chugiak-Eagle River Map (page 2)
  - Turnagain Arm Map (page 3)
  - Area Maps 1, 2, 5, 5a, 7, 10, 11, 13, and 14 (pp. 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 16, 17, 19, 20)
- October 2024 PZC Public Hearing Draft Staff Report assessment of Boundary Study Area #40: Exhibit D-3, pages 56-59.
- March 2025 Comment-Response regarding Boundary Study Area #40 in the Tidal Flats: Exhibit D-8, pages 12-13.

Additional Boundary Study Area: Campbell Airstrip Road and Upper Campbell Creek

(Map C-6, page 21)

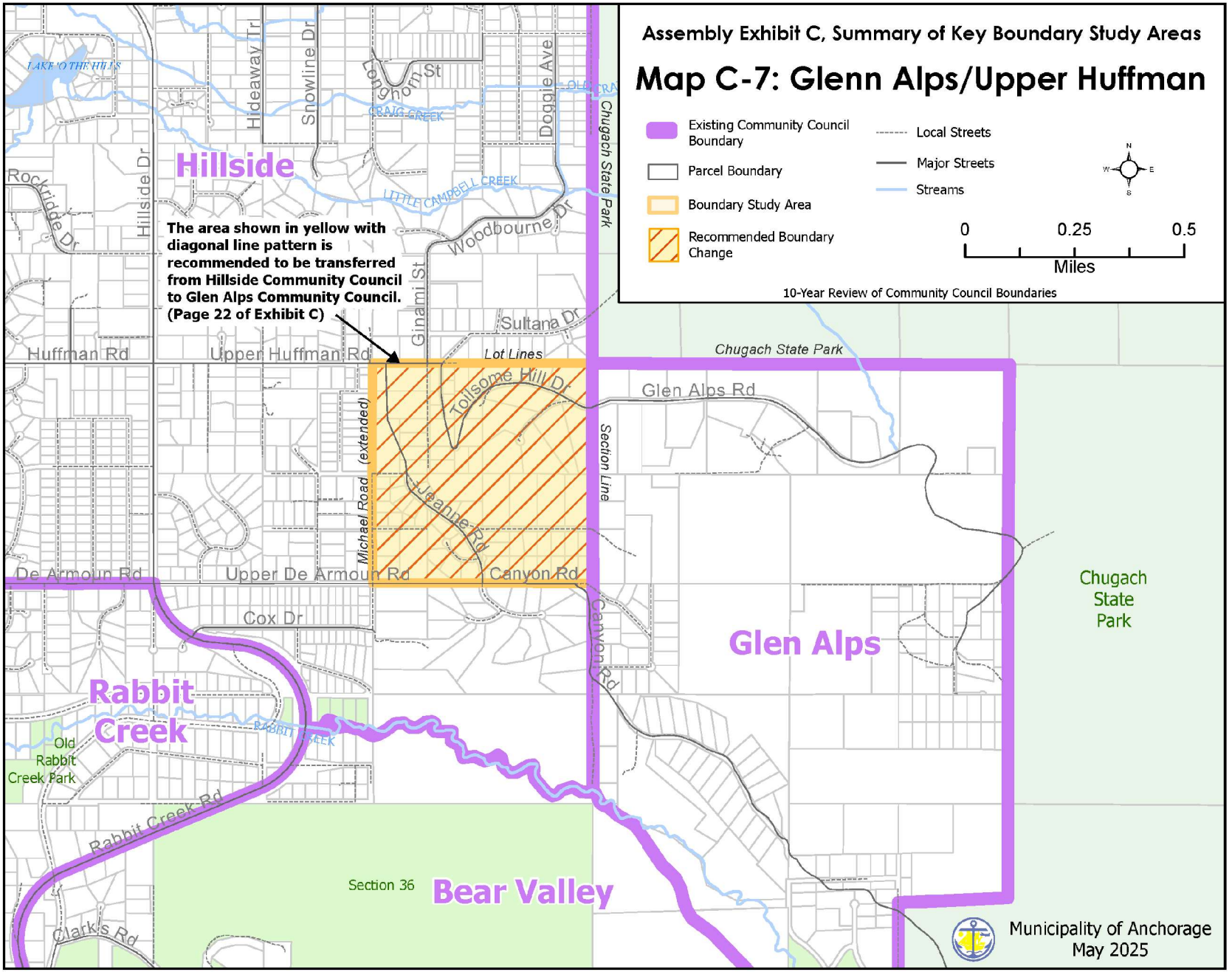
Recommendation	Rationale
Transfer the portion of Far North Bicentennial Park southeast of Campbell Airstrip Trailhead between Campbell Airstrip Road and South Fork Campbell Creek, from Hillside Community Council to Basher Community Council. From Campbell Airstrip Trailhead northward to Tudor Road, shift the western boundary of Basher Community Council with Hillside and Campbell Park Community Councils to become a combination of the trail connecting from the pedestrian bridge over Campbell Creek to Campbell Airstrip Trailhead, and the paved multi-use trail that runs along the west side of Campbell Airstrip Road. Recommended by: • Basher Community Council • Campbell Park Community Council • Planning Department • Planning and Zoning Commission	*Active Representation:* 1. The transfer does not affect public notice or participation opportunities in Far North Bicentennial Park wildfire and trail management for any of the Community Councils. *Natural Communities:* 2. The parklands on the south side of Campbell Airstrip Road are of greater interest to Basher than to Hillside. 3. The paved, multi-use trail running along the west side of Campbell Airstrip Road is of greater interest to Basher than to Campbell Park Community Council. 4. Basher has a strong interest in wildfire hazard mitigation along Campbell Airstrip Road as its evacuation route. 5. South Fork Campbell Creek can serve a strong and identifiable boundary. 6. North of Campbell Airstrip Trailhead, the paved, multi-use trail is the most identifiable feature positioned to serve as a boundary west of Campbell Airstrip Road. *Community Desires:* 7. Basher Community Council proposed this study area and its transfer of lands in November 2024. Its proposal included transferring a 200-foot-wide strip of forestland along the west side of Campbell Airstrip Road (Basher Resolution 2024-04). 8. Campbell Park Community Council supports Basher's proposed boundary change (Resolution 2025-01). 9. Hillside Community Council seems to have no objection.
References	
• Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Map: Exhibit A, Area Map 9 on page 15. • March 2025 Comment-Response regarding the Campbell Airstrip Road Boundary Study Area: Exhibit D-8, pages 18-20.	


Assembly Exhibit C, Summary of Key Boundary Study Areas
Map C-6: Upper Campbell Creek
Existing Community Council Boundary
Boundary Study Area
Recommended Boundary Change
Local Streets
Major Streets
Streams
0 0.25 0.5
Miles
10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries
E Tudor Rd
Benny Benson Secondary School
Alaska Botanical Garden
NORTH FORK CAMPBELL CREEK
200 feet west of Campbell Airstrip Road centerline
Multiuse paved trail west of Campbell Airstrip Road
Campbell Park
See Inset
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
Dowling (extended)
Basher
Basher Dr
40
Chugach State Park
Campbell Airstrip
Birch Rd (extended)
Campbell Airstrip Rd
Far North Bicentennial Park
The areas shown in yellow with diagonal line pattern are recommended to be transferred from Campbell Park and Hillside to Basher. (Page 20 of Exhibit C)
Boundary Study Area 40: The tract of Chugach State Park shown in yellow is recommended to be removed from Basher Community Council. (Page 16 of Exhibit C)
SB NORTH FORK LITTLE CAMPBELL CREEK
SOUTH FORK CAMPBELL CREEK
Abbott Loop
Hillside
Hillside Park
Trailside Elementary School
Service High School
Abbott Rd
Hillside Dr
Buddy Werner Dr
Slalom Dr
Prospect Dr
Chugach State Park
Inset
Campbell Park
200 ft
Trail
Far North Bicentennial Park
Basher
Campbell Airstrip Rd (centerline)
Driveway
Trailhead Parking Lot
SOUTH FORK CAMPBELL CREEK
Trail
Pedestrian Bridge
Hillside
Municipality of Anchorage
May 2025

Additional Boundary Study Area: Glen Alps/Upper Huffman

(Map C-7, page 23)

Recommendation	Rationale
Transfer the 40-acre quarter-section comprising approximately 80 residential properties east of Michael Road between Upper Huffman Road and Upper De Armoun Road/Canyon Road from Hillside Community Council to Glen Alps Community Council. Recommended by: • Glen Alps Community Council • Planning Department • Planning and Zoning Commission • Hillside Community Council	*Natural Communities:* 1. The properties in the 40-acre quarter-section adjoin Glen Alps and share its topography, weather, steep slopes, lot sizes, and proximity to the Glen Alps Trailhead of Chugach State Park. 2. The quarter-section is in the Glen Alps Road Service Area, sharing interest in road maintenance, funding, and allocation of associated tax revenue with Glen Alps. 3. The residential subdivision that developed from the historical Spendlove homestead is split between the two community council districts. The properties along Spendlove Drive and Jeanne Road east of Michael Road were a part of greater Glen Alps since the 1950s. 4. The current boundary between Glen Alps and Hillside Community Councils was drawn on a section line boundary in the 1970s and does not reflect how the neighborhood developed. It is not easily identifiable, as it follows property lines between residences. *Community Desires:* 5. Glen Alps Community Council proposed the transfer in February 2025 (Glen Alps Resolution dated 2-20-25). 6. In a questionnaire survey regarding the proposal, 21 out of 24 respondents who live in the quarter-section support the transfer. 2 are indifferent and 1 is opposed. 7. Hillside Community Council supports the transfer. (Hillside Resolution dated 4-2-2025, in Exhibit E)
References	
• Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Map: Exhibit A, Area Map 12 on page 18. • March 2025 Comment-Response regarding the Glen Alps/Upper Huffman Study Area: Exhibit D-8, pages 21-22.	


Assembly Exhibit C, Summary of Key Boundary Study Areas
Map C-7: Glenn Alps/Upper Huffman
Existing Community Council Boundary
Parcel Boundary
Boundary Study Area
Recommended Boundary Change
Local Streets
Major Streets
Streams
0
0.25
0.5
Miles
10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries
The area shown in yellow with diagonal line pattern is recommended to be transferred from Hillside Community Council to Glen Alps Community Council. (Page 22 of Exhibit C)
Hillside
Glen Alps
Rabbit Creek
Bear Valley
Chugach State Park
Lot Lines
Section Line
Section 36
Municipality of Anchorage
May 2025

Additional Boundary Study Area: JBER Boundaries

(Map C-8, page 27; Map C-10, page 35)

Recommendation	Rationale
Adjust community councils' boundaries with Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) in several places where the existing council boundaries do not follow the management area boundary between JBER and civilian areas of the Municipality. The largest correction is to Government Hill Community Council's boundary where the Port of Alaska adjoins JBER (see Map C-11). Other corrections include to more accurately follow the management area boundary fence lines at Mountain View Elementary and Bartlett High School (Map C-8), and where the Glenn Highway crosses Eagle River. Recommended by: • Planning Department • Planning and Zoning Commission	*Natural Communities:* 1. The community council boundaries are intended to follow JBER's management area boundary, which is typically marked by its base perimeter security fence. 2. Government Hill Community Council's boundary where the Port of Alaska adjoins JBER needs to be adjusted to more accurately follow the management area boundary fence line between the Port and JBER. 3. JBER properties under Anchorage School District management include the campuses of Government Hill and Mountain View Elementary Schools and a part of the campus of Bartlett High School. These ASD campuses lie outside the JBER security fence and are intended to be a part of the community council districts. 4. Davis Park and the Federal Aviation Administration Traffic Control Center in Mountain View are also JBER lands under civilian management and outside the JBER security fence line.

References

- Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Map: Exhibit A, Area Map 3 on page 7, Area Map 5a on page 10, and Area Map 6 on page 11.
- March 2025 Comment-Response: Exhibit D-8, page 23.

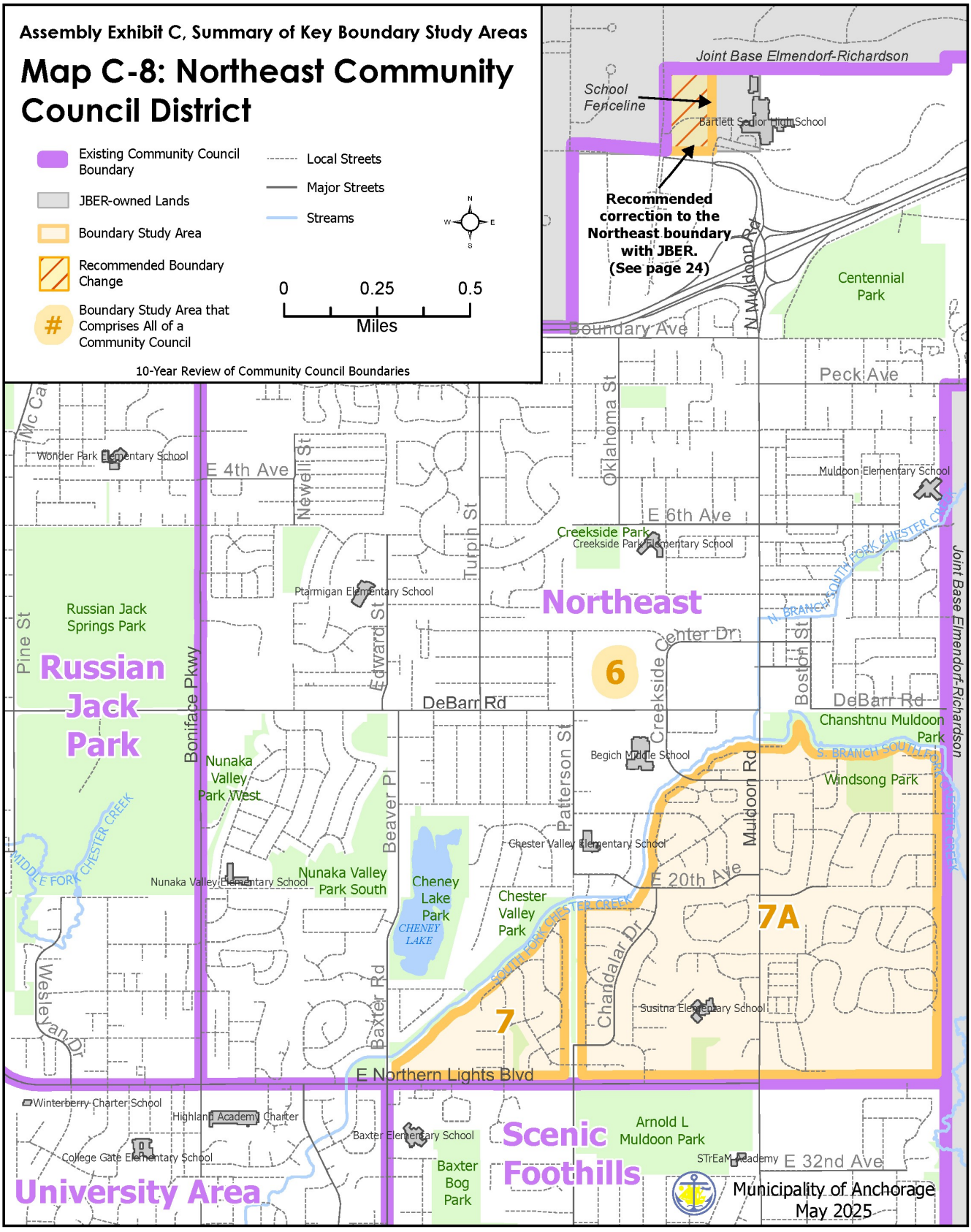
PART 2:

OTHER BOUNDARY STUDY AREAS WITH DISCUSSION OR DISAGREEMENT, BUT THAT DID NOT RESULT IN RECOMMENDED BOUNDARY CHANGES

Boundary Study Areas #6 and #7: Northeast Community Council District

(Map C-8, page 27)

Recommendation	Rationale
No change to boundaries. Retain the existing Northeast Community Council district. Support the establishment of a separate community council to serve the neighborhoods south of DeBarr Road, once a voluntary association from that area meeting the requirements of AMC 2.40.030B. requests recognition by the Assembly. Recommended by: • Boundary Advisory Committee • Planning Department • Northeast Community Council (supports the first paragraph above) • Planning and Zoning Commission	*Active Representation:* 1. 16 responses to the project's initial questionnaire survey indicated that Northeast's district is too large to afford all its members the opportunity for participation and representation. *Natural Communities:* 2. Northern Lights Boulevard and Boniface Parkway provide strong, identifiable district boundaries. 3. DeBarr Road would be the strongest boundary option for dividing the district. 4. Chester Creek would be an identifiable boundary, but it is not a major barrier or divider in Northeast. *Community Desires:* 5. The 16 survey responses supported dividing it or transferring part of it to adjacent community councils. 6. Northeast Community Council advocates retaining its existing district boundaries (Resolution No. 2025-01). 7. No association from within Northeast has come forward seeking recognition to be a separate community council. 8. Russian Jack Community Council wants to retain its existing boundary with Northeast at Boniface Parkway. 9. Scenic Foothills Community Council's executive board proposed in 2023 that neighborhoods south and east of Chester Creek be transferred from Northeast to Scenic Foothills. Northeast objected and Scenic Foothills did not pursue the idea further.
References	
• Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Map: Exhibit A, page 11. • October 2024 PZC Public Hearing Draft Staff Report assessment of Boundary Study Areas #6 and #7: Exhibit D-3, pages 23-25.	


Assembly Exhibit C, Summary of Key Boundary Study Areas
Map C-8: Northeast Community Council District
Existing Community Council Boundary
JBER-owned Lands
Boundary Study Area
Recommended Boundary Change
Boundary Study Area that Comprises All of a Community Council
Local Streets
Major Streets
Streams
0 0.25 0.5
Miles
10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
School Fenceline
Bartlett Senior High School
Recommended correction to the Northeast boundary with JBER. (See page 24)
N Muldoon Rd
Centennial Park
Boundary Ave
Peck Ave
Mc Ca
Wonder Park Elementary School
E 4th Ave
Newell St
Oklahoma St
Muldoon Elementary School
E 6th Ave
Creekside Park
Creekside Park Elementary School
Turpin St
Ptarmigan Elementary School
Northeast
6
Russian Jack Springs Park
Russian Jack Park
Pine St
Boniface Pkwy
Edward St
Center Dr
Creekside Center
Boston St
DeBarr Rd
Chanshtnu Muldoon Park
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
Nunaka Valley Park West
Begich Middle School
Windsong Park
Patterson St
Muldoon Rd
Beaver Pl
Chester Valley Elementary School
MIDDLE FORK CHESTER CREEK
Nunaka Valley Elementary School
Nunaka Valley Park South
Cheney Lake Park
CHENEY LAKE
Chester Valley Park
E 20th Ave
7A
SOUTH FORK CHESTER CREEK
Chandalar Dr
Wesleyan Dr
Baxter Rd
7
Susitna Elementary School
E Northern Lights Blvd
Winterberry Charter School
Highland Academy Charter
Baxter Elementary School
Scenic Foothills
Arnold L Muldoon Park
College Gate Elementary School
STrEaM Academy
E 32nd Ave
Baxter Bog Park
University Area
Municipality of Anchorage
May 2025

Boundary Study Area #32: Spenard Beach Park

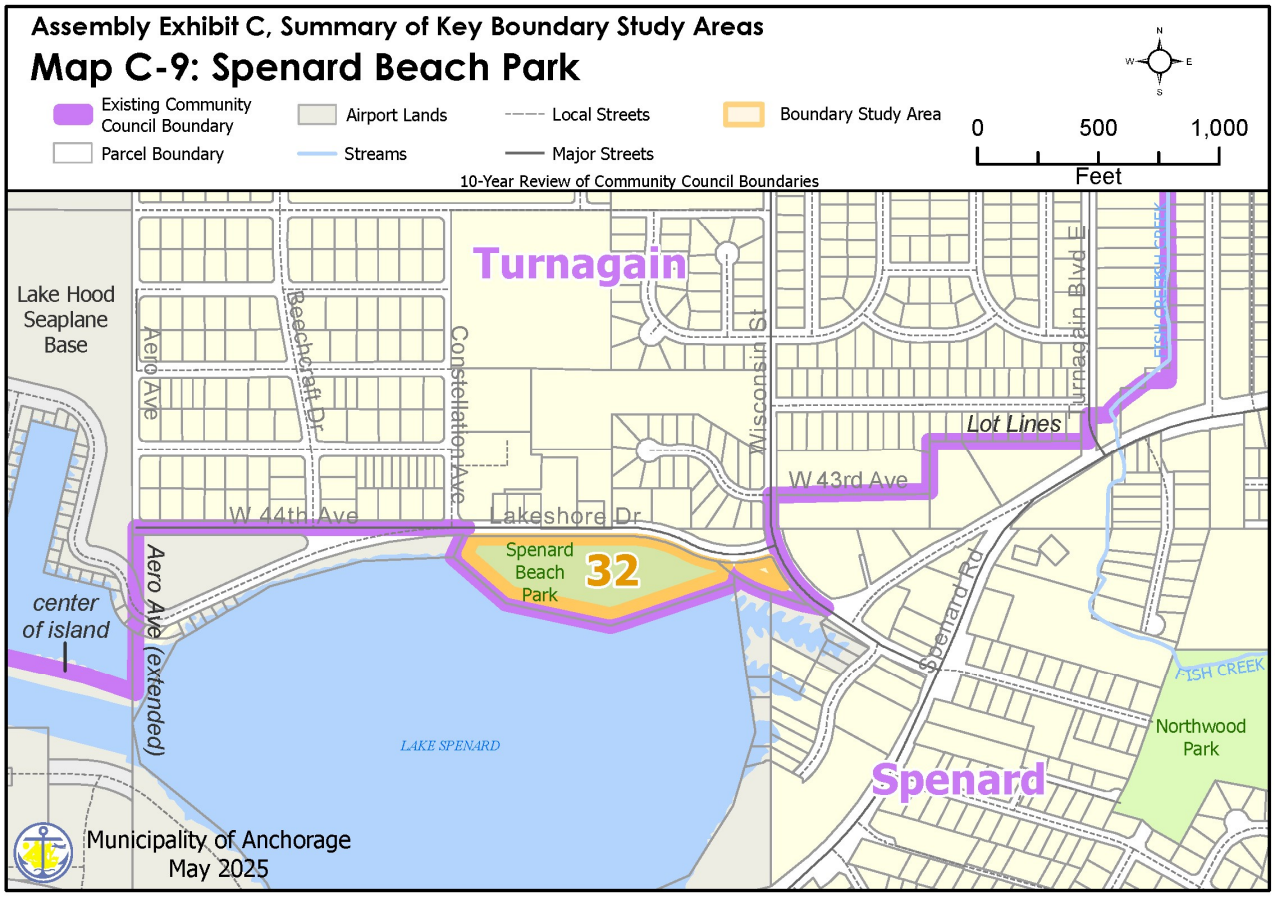
(Map C-9, page 29)

Recommendation	Rationale
No change. Retain existing boundaries. (Spenard Beach Park stays in Turnagain Community Council.) Recommended by: • Planning Department • Turnagain Community Council • Planning and Zoning Commission Opposed by: • Boundary Advisory Committee • Spenard Community Council (These recommended sharing Spenard Beach Park between Turnagain and Spenard, by overlapping the two community council districts in the park.)	*Active Representation:* 1. Turnagain Community Council has been active in representing community interests in Spenard Beach Park and recently led efforts to improve the park, with the participation of Spenard Community Council. 2. AMC 2.40 ensures that all community councils within 1,000 feet of a park receive equal public notice regarding plans, projects, or management activities in a park. The municipal Parks and Recreation Department has a public involvement process in place to engage all community councils near a park equally. Community councils can work through that process on behalf of nearby parks that affect them and the community. Changing or overlapping the community council districts in Spenard Beach Park would not improve public comment or stewardship opportunities for Spenard. 3. The Parks and Recreation Department's public process reflects that communities near a park use and care for the park regardless of community council boundaries. Examples of recent planning projects that involved all nearby councils include: *Russian Jack Springs Park Master Plan* (Russian Jack; Northeast) and the *Eastchester Park Master Plan* (Airport Heights; Rogers Park; Fairview). *Natural Communities:* 4. Spenard Beach Park is used by residents of both Turnagain and Spenard but is closer and more accessible to Turnagain residential neighborhoods. 5. The municipal boundary review criteria do not support overlapping community council districts. As a rule, community councils are delineated as "*natural communities.*" AMC 2.40 defines natural communities as "*areas divided one from another by physical or traffic barriers*." These criteria seek clear, identifiable boundaries that separate districts into discreet areas. Overlapping boundaries in parks would create administrative and mapping challenges likely to result in lost resources and public confusion.

	Community Desires: 6. Spenard Community Council originally requested Spenard Beach Park be transferred from Turnagain Community Council to Spenard. The two discussed sharing the park in 2023. The Boundary Advisory Committee supported that compromise. Spenard Community Council supports sharing the park. (SCC Resolution No. 2024-04). 7. Turnagain Community Council prefers to retain the park wholly in its district (TCC Resolution No. 2025-01).

References

- Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Map: Exhibit A, Area Map 7 on page 12 and Area Map 7a on page 13.
- October 2024 PZC Public Hearing Draft Staff Report assessment of Boundary Study Area #32: Exhibit D-3, pages 50-51.
- March 2025 Comment-Response: Exhibit D-8, pages 7-8.



Boundary Study Area #33: South of Dimond Boulevard to 92nd Avenue

(Map C-5, page 15)

Recommendation	Rationale
No change. Retain the existing boundary between Taku Campbell and Bayshore/Klatt Community Councils at 92nd Avenue. Recommended by: • Taku Campbell Community Council • Planning Department • Planning and Zoning Commission Opposed by: • The Boundary Advisory Committee in 2023 supported Taku Campbell's proposal at the time to transfer the areas south of Dimond Boulevard to Bayshore/Klatt.	*Natural Communities:* 1. Dimond Estates Mobile Home Park and the Mt. Vernon residential neighborhood south of Dimond Boulevard are closer to Taku Cambell neighborhoods north of Dimond than to Bayshore/Klatt neighborhoods. 2. The Dimond Center Mall south of Dimond Boulevard is a part of a regional commercial district that spans both sides of Dimond and extends south to 92nd Avenue. 3. Dimond Boulevard would be a stronger, more identifiable boundary than 92nd Avenue, which is mostly not constructed. However, undeveloped and industrial areas south of 92nd Avenue form a barrier to the south. *Community Desires:* 4. In 2023 Taku Campbell Community Council's executive board proposed transferring its areas south of Dimond Boulevard to Bayshore/Klatt Community Council. The chair of Bayshore/Klatt supported this proposal. 5. Taku Campbell in 2025 no longer supports the recommendation to transfer this area to Bayshore/Klatt. It now advocates to retain its existing boundaries (Taku Campbell Resolution dated 01-09-2025). 6. 3 of 5 Taku Campbell members who responded to the project's initial survey questionnaire agreed its current boundaries align with natural communities; 1 was neutral and 1 disagreed. 7. Bayshore/Klatt Community Council has not submitted a resolution or comments from its executive board.
References	
• Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Map: Exhibit A, Area Maps 9, 10, and 11 on pages 15-17. • October 2024 PZC Public Hearing Draft Staff Report assessment of Boundary Study Area #33: Exhibit D-3, pages 51-52. • March 2025 Comment-Response regarding Boundary Study Area #33: Exhibit D-8, page 9.	

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Additional Study Area: Valley of the Moon Park

(Map C-4, page 12)

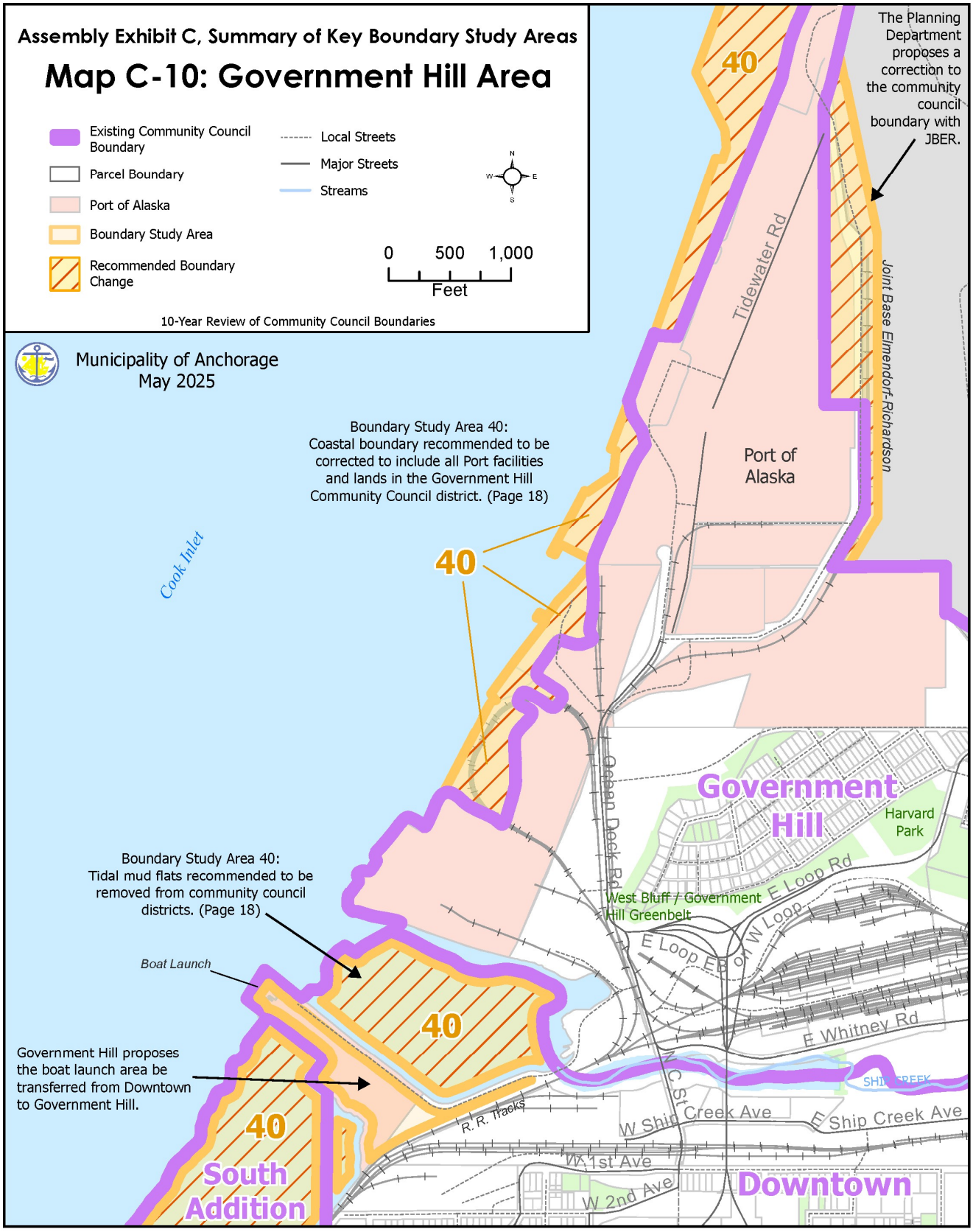
Recommendation	Rationale
No change. Retain the existing boundary at Chester Creek. (Valley of the Moon Park stays in South Addition Community Council.) Recommended by: • Planning Department • South Addition Community Council • Planning and Zoning Commission Opposed by: • North Star Community Council (proposed this study area and advocates for the transfer of Valley of the Moon from South Addition to North Star)	*Active Representation:* 1. South Addition and North Star Community Councils have a history of collaboration on advocacy for Valley of the Moon Park. Public involvement opportunities have not been impacted by the park lying exclusively in the South Addition district. Changing the boundary would not improve comment or stewardship opportunities for North Star. 2. AMC 2.40 ensures all community councils within 1,000 feet of a park receive equal public notice regarding plans, projects, or management activities in a park. The municipal Parks and Recreation Department has a public involvement process in place to engage all community councils near a park equally. Community councils can work through that process on behalf of nearby parks that affect them and the community. This process was created to end disputes over parks located at borders between community council districts. 3. Recent examples of planning projects that involved all nearby councils include the *Russian Jack Springs Park Master Plan* (Russian Jack; Northeast) and the *Eastchester Park Master Plan* (Airport Heights; Rogers Park; Fairview). For park master plans and major park improvements, Parks and Recreation puts together Community Advisory Groups that include all relevant councils and user groups. In all these instances, all councils have equal opportunity to weigh in. Parks and Recreation staff attends all council meetings and earns resolutions of support from each individual council. *Natural Communities:* 4. The Municipality categorizes Valley of the Moon Park as a Community Use park (rather than a Neighborhood Park), as it serves a broader area of the Anchorage community than South Addition and North Star. 5. Valley of the Moon Park is across Chester Creek from the central portion of North Star neighborhood between Arctic and C Streets. It is also adjacent across 17th Avenue to homes and residential areas in southern South Addition.

	6. Valley of the Moon Park serves as a recreational and social hub for North Star residents and as a symbol of the neighborhood. 7. Chester Creek forms the long-time boundary between South Addition and North Star and provides the strongest, simplest, most identifiable boundary between the community council districts. 8. Using a combination of secondary streets and a pedestrian trail to transfer the Valley of the Moon segment of the Chester Creek Greenbelt north of Chester Creek would complicate the community council district boundary and make it less clear. The proposed area of transfer does not match the boundaries of Valley of the Moon Park. *Community Desires:* 9. North Star Community Council proposed to the PZC in 2025 that Valley of the Moon Park be transferred from South Addition Community Council to North Star. North Star passed a resolution in favor of its proposal with 10 votes in favor, 1 opposed, and 3 abstaining (NSCC Resolution No. 2025-03). 10. South Addition Community Council, in response to North Star's resolution, passed a motion supporting retaining the existing boundary, by unanimous consent (SACC motion dated 02-27-2025).
References	
• Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Map: Exhibit A, Area Map 5 on page 9. • March 2025 Comment-Response: Exhibit D-8, pages 16-17.	

Additional Boundary Study Area: Small Boat Launch

(Map C-10, page 35)

Recommendation	Rationale
No change to boundaries. Retain the existing boundary between Government Hill and Downtown Community Councils at Ship Creek, such that the Small Boat Launch, located south of the mouth of Ship Creek, remains in the Downtown Community Council district. Recommended by: • Planning Department • Downtown Community Council • Planning and Zoning Commission Opposed by: • Government Hill Community Council (proposed this study area and the transfer of the Small Boat Launch area)	*Natural Communities:* 1. Ship Creek is the longtime boundary between Downtown and Government Hill. Areas south of Ship Creek including the Small Boat Launch have been a part of Downtown Community Council since the 1970s. 2. Ship Creek provides the strongest, simplest, most recognizable district boundary. 3. The Small Boat Launch is within the *Our Downtown: Downtown District Plan* area. This element of the Comprehensive Plan sets forth the future development vision for areas south of Ship Creek. It envisions integrating the Small Boat Launch area into mixed-use redevelopment oriented towards Downtown. 4. All areas north of Ship Creek are industrial and port facilities and in the *Government Hill Neighborhood Plan*. 5. The Small Boat Launch is managed by the Port of Alaska, and has access only through Government Hill. 6. Planned trail connections will remove the barrier to direct access between the Small Boat Launch and the rest of the mixed-use redevelopment area. *Community Desires:* 7. Government Hill Community Council proposed to the Planning and Zoning Commission that the Small Boat Launch area be transferred from Downtown Community Council to Government Hill (GHCC Resolution 2025-001). 8. Downtown Community Council expressed its desire to retain the Small Boat Launch in its district (Resolution No 2024-11).
References	
• Assembly Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary Map: Exhibit A, Area Map 5a on page 10. • March 2025 Comment-Response: Exhibit D-8, pages 14-15.	


Assembly Exhibit C, Summary of Key Boundary Study Areas
Map C-10: Government Hill Area
Existing Community Council Boundary
Parcel Boundary
Port of Alaska
Boundary Study Area
Recommended Boundary Change
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Major Streets
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The Planning Department proposes a correction to the community council boundary with JBER.
Boundary Study Area 40: Coastal boundary recommended to be corrected to include all Port facilities and lands in the Government Hill Community Council district. (Page 18)
Boundary Study Area 40: Tidal mud flats recommended to be removed from community council districts. (Page 18)
Government Hill proposes the boat launch area be transferred from Downtown to Government Hill.
Boat Launch
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Cook Inlet
Tidewater Rd
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
Port of Alaska
Ocean Dock Rd
Government Hill
Harvard Park
West Bluff / Government Hill Greenbelt
E Loop Rd
E Loop EB or W Loop
E Whitney Rd
C St
R.R. Tracks
W Ship Creek Ave
E Ship Creek Ave
W 1st Ave
W 2nd Ave
South Addition
Downtown

Exhibit D
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10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries

Planning and Zoning Commission Case No. 2025-0100 Staff Packet and Meeting Minutes

May 2025

Municipality of Anchorage
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Municipality of Anchorage

Planning Department

Memorandum

Date: March 10, 2025

To: Planning and Zoning Commission

Thru: Mélisa Babb, Director

From: Tom Davis, AICP, Senior Planner/Urban Designer

Subject: PZC Case No. 2024-0100, 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries – Staff Report Memo and Updated Public Comments for March 10 Public Hearing

This memorandum provides staff recommendations in response to the public comments that have been received since November 1, 2024, regarding the 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries and the public hearing draft recommended boundaries. The Planning Department recommends six changes to the public hearing draft in response to the public comments. The recommendations are followed by a brief summary of:

- The public hearing draft materials, which include Attachments 1-6 that the Commission received on January 6, 2025;
- Attachment 7 (updated) and Attachment 8 (new) that supplement this memo;
- The public review period and comments received; and
- Comments from the public and from staff that propose changes to the public hearing draft.

Community council districts are established in Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) Section 2.40, *Community Councils*. This project, the *10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries*, fulfills a requirement set forth in AMC 2.40.040 for the Municipality to review the community council boundaries every 10 years to determine if any boundaries should be adjusted, and include a public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission. The public hearing for this case was opened on January 6, 2025. The findings and recommendations from the Commission will be forwarded to the Assembly, which will also hold a public hearing before taking final action.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Department requests the Planning and Zoning Commission to make its recommendations to the Anchorage Assembly regarding proposed amendments to community council district boundaries. The Planning Department recommends that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend to the Assembly APPROVAL of the October 2024 Public Hearing Draft Assembly Ordinance (Attachment 1) and its Exhibit A Community Council District Maps (in Attachment 2), with the following changes[1]:

1. In Boundary Study Area #21, regarding Sitka Street Park, change the recommendation to Option B, to transfer the western half of the Merrill Field Airport open space south of 15th Avenue from Airport Heights Community Council to Fairview Community Council, as shown on the map on page 4 of Attachment 8, *Comment-Response*. Retain the eastern half including the Sitka Street Park playground in Airport Heights.

[1] The numbered Boundary Study Areas referenced in the recommended changes are described in Attachment 3, *Report and Recommendations*, which the Commission received on January 6.

2. In Boundary Study Area #23, change the recommendation for the boundary between Fairview and South Addition Community Councils west of Cordova Street to Option C, to transfer the vacant blocks south of 13th Avenue between A Street and Cordova Street, north of Central Lutheran Church, from South Addition to Fairview, as shown on the map on page 4 of Attachment 8, *Comment-Response*.

3. In Boundary Study Area #33, change the recommendation regarding the boundary between Taku Campbell and Bayshore/Klatt Community Councils to Option A, to retain the existing boundary at 92nd Avenue between Minnesota Drive and Seward Highway. The existing boundary to be retained is shown in Attachment 6, Boundary Study Area Map 11.

4. Transfer the portion of Far North Bicentennial Park south of Campbell Airstrip Road, east of the Campbell Airstrip Trailhead, and north of the South Fork of Campbell Creek, from Hillside Community Council to Basher Community Council. Additionally, shift the western boundary of Basher Community Council with Hillside and Campbell Park Community Councils to become a combination of the trail connecting from the pedestrian bridge over Campbell Creek to the Campbell Airstrip Trailhead and the trail that runs along the west side Campbell Airstrip Road between the Campbell Airstrip Trailhead and Tudor Road. These landmarks are depicted on the map on page 20 of Attachment 8, *Comment-Response*.

5. Transfer the 40-acre quarter-section east of Michael Road between Upper Huffman Road and Upper De Armoun Road/Canyon Road, from Hillside Community Council to Glen Alps Community Council, as shown on the map on page 22 of Attachment 8, *Comment-Response*.

6. Adjust the Government Hill Community Council boundary where the Port of Alaska adjoins Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, to follow the management boundary between the two facilities, as shown on the map on page 15 of Attachment 8, *Comment Response*.

PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT MATERIALS

The October 2024 public hearing draft recommendations were provided to the Commission on January 6, 2025, and are listed as follows. Attachments 7 and 8 are new with this packet.

- Attachments 1 and 2, public hearing draft Assembly ordinance.
    - Attachment 1: Text of the draft ordinance amending the list of recognized community council districts and the list of district maps in AMC Section 2.40.
    - Attachment 2: “Exhibit A” of the ordinance, providing recommended maps of the amended community council boundaries to replace the existing maps in AMC Section 2.40.

- Attachment 3, the public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations,* documents the public process and provides the analysis and recommendations for the 40 Boundary Study Areas identified during the project. The analysis and recommendations of this report provide the basis for the public hearing draft code and map amendments in Attachments 1 and 2 above.

- Attachments 4, 5, and 6, are Appendices A, B, and C of the *Report and Recommendations*.
    - Appendices A and B document public comments and meetings.
    - Appendix C (Attachment 6) provides the "Boundary Study Area Maps." The Boundary Study Area Maps in Attachment 6 show all 40 Boundary Study Areas in relation to existing community council boundaries and highlights the areas where boundary changes are recommended.

- Attachment 7, *Updated*, attached to this memo, are public comments received regarding the public hearing draft. It is updated to include all comments that have been received as of March 7, 2025.

- Attachment 8, a *new attachment,* is a Comment-Response to provide staff answers to public comments that proposed changes to the public hearing draft recommended boundaries. Attachment 8 is attached.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND COMMENTS RECEIVED

The public hearing draft materials were released for public review on the project webpage on October 30, 2024.

- Notification of the release and public hearing schedule was emailed to the officers of all community councils and the Federation of Community Councils on November 1, 2024.

- The public hearing draft materials were then posted on the Planning Department's *Planning Cases Online* website, distributed for agency and public review on November 15, 2024, and scheduled for the January 6 Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing.

- The public hearing schedule was announced on the Municipality of Anchorage Public Notices webpages.

- Since the release, staff has been appearing at community council meetings upon request and providing technical assistance.

The Planning and Zoning Commission opened the public hearing for Case 2024-0100 on January 6 and continued the public hearing to February 3, 2025.

The February 3 continued hearing was postponed to March 10 to give community councils enough time to deliberate and submit resolutions for the Commission's consideration.

All written comments from reviewing agencies and the public that have been received as of March 7 are provided in the Updated Attachment 7 (attached).

- 6 agencies responded indicating they have no objections or comments.

- 2 members of the public submitted comments supporting specific boundary changes.

- 1 community council president submitted comments expressing no objections.

- 1 community council president submitted results of a questionnaire survey of residents' preferences.

- 22 community councils submitted comments in the form of resolutions adopted by their membership stating their positions concerning their boundaries.

Any additional public comments that the Planning Department receives after March 7 will be provided to the Planning and Zoning Commission in a supplemental packet by the March 10 public hearing.

COMMENTS THAT PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT

Most of the public comments received (updated Attachment 7) support the public hearing draft recommended boundaries. However, 9 community councils and 2 members of the public submitted comments that recommend changes to the public hearing draft recommended boundaries.

Following is a summary of the 11 proposals and the staff recommendation in response to each. In addition, staff recommends a boundary correction, which is listed as a twelfth proposal. Attachment 8, *Comment-Response*, provides a detailed staff response to each proposal, with references to the public comments in Attachment 7.

1. In Boundary Study Area #8 (Area Map 6 in Attachment 6), University Area Community Council does not support the public hearing draft recommendation for Option B, to transfer the area east of Boniface Parkway to Baxter Road from University Area to Scenic Foothills Community Council. University Area instead recommends Option A, to retain its existing boundary with Scenic Foothills at Baxter Road.
   The Planning Department recommends moving forward to the Assembly with the public hearing draft recommendation for Option B, for further discussion regarding community preferences.

2. In Boundary Study Area #21 (Map on page 4 of Attachment 8), Fairview Community Council does not support the public hearing draft recommendation for Option A, to retain existing boundaries with Airport Heights. Fairview instead recommends Option B, to transfer the western half of the Merrill Field Airport open space south of 15th Avenue from Airport Heights Community Council to Fairview.
   The Planning Department supports this change.

3. In Boundary Study Area #23 (Map on page 4 of Attachment 8), Fairview Community Council does not support the public hearing draft recommendation for Option A, to retain its existing boundaries with South Addition west of Cordova Street. Fairview instead recommends either Option C, to transfer all areas east of A Street (between A and Cordova Streets) from South Addition to Fairview; or Option D, to transfer the vacant block south of 13th Avenue between A Street and Cordova Street (north of Central Lutheran Church) from South Addition Community Council to Fairview.
   The Planning Department supports changing the public hearing draft recommendation to Option D.

4. In Boundary Study Area #32 (Area Maps 7 and 7a in Attachment 6), Spenard Community Council does not support the Department's public hearing draft recommendation for Option A, to retain Spenard Beach Park within Turnagain. Spenard instead recommends

Option C, to share Spenard Beach Park between Turnagain and Spenard by including it in both community councils, overlapping their districts.
The Planning Department does not support this change and recommends moving forward with Option A, to retain existing boundaries.

5. In Boundary Study Area #33 (Area Maps 10 and 11 in Attachment 6), Taku Campbell Community Council no longer supports the public hearing draft recommendation to transfer the area south of Dimond Boulevard to 92nd Avenue, between Minnesota Drive and Seward Highway, from Taku Campbell to Bayshore/Klatt Community Council. Taku Campbell now recommends Option A, to retain its existing southern boundary with Bayshore/Klatt at 92nd Avenue.
The Planning Department supports this change to the public hearing draft recommendation.

6. In Boundary Study Area #40 (Area Map 9 in Attachment 6), Basher Community Council does not support the public hearing draft recommendation for Option B, to remove a 40-acre Chugach State Park tract which was once a private inholding and is now a part of Chugach State Park, from the Basher Community Council district. Basher recommends Option A, to retain this 40-acre tract of Chugach State Park in Basher's boundaries.
The Planning Department does not support this change and recommends moving forward with Option B, to remove all the several parcels of Chugach State Park in Basher, Glen Alps, and Rabbit Creek Community Councils from those districts.

7. In Boundary Study Area #40 (Area Maps 2, 5, 7, 11, and 13 of Attachment 6), the coastal community councils of Birchwood, Government Hill, Old Seward/Oceanview, and Turnagain do not support the public hearing draft recommendation for Option C, to adjust the coastal boundaries of all community councils along Cook Inlet from "mean low or lower water" to "mean high water" (i.e., to mean high tide so that the tidal mudflats are no longer in the community council districts). The four community councils recommend Option A, to retain their coastal boundaries at "mean low or lower water," so that the tidal flats remain in the community council districts.
The Planning Department does not support this change and recommends moving forward with Option C, to adjust the coastal boundaries of community councils along Cook Inlet to follow "mean high water."

In addition to comments about the Boundary Study Areas in the public hearing draft, several community councils and individuals submitted new proposals for boundary changes, as follows:

8. Government Hill Community Council recommends that the Small Boat Launch pier area south of the mouth of Ship Creek and seaward of the Alaska Railroad tracks be transferred from Downtown Community Council to Government Hill, as depicted on the map on page 15 of Attachment 8.
The Planning Department does not support this change and recommends retaining the existing boundary.

9. North Star Community Council recommends that Valley of the Moon Park be transferred from South Addition Community Council to North Star, as depicted on the map on page 4 of Attachment 8, or that the two community councils share the park.
The Planning Department does not support this change and recommends retaining the existing boundary.

10. Basher Community Council proposes that Far North Bicentennial Park south of Campbell Airstrip Road to South Fork Campbell Creek, and the park and public lands for 200 feet west of Campbell Airstrip Road, be transferred from Hillside and Campbell Park Community Councils to Basher, as depicted on the map on page 20 of Attachment 8.
The Planning Department supports this change with a modification to use the trail along the west side of Campbell Airstrip Road as Basher's western boundary.

11. Glen Alps Community Council proposes that the 40-acre township quarter-section east of Michael Road between Upper Huffman Road and Upper De Armoun Road/Canyon Road be transferred from Hillside Community Council to Glen Alps, as depicted on the map on page 22 of Attachment 8.
The Planning Department supports this change.

12. Lastly, the Planning Department and chair of Government Hill Community Council identified a needed correction to Government Hill Community Council's boundary where the Port of Alaska adjoins Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. The community council boundary should be adjusted to more accurately follow their management boundary, as depicted on the map on page 15 of Attachment 8.
The Planning Department supports this change.

Attachments: Attachment 7, Updated, *Comments Received* (updated from January 6 version)
Attachment 8, *Comment-Response* (new)

(Note: Attachments 1 through 6 were provided on January 6, 2025.)

Attachment 1

Draft Assembly Ordinance

Amendment to AMC Chapter 2.40, *Community Councils*, Regarding the 10-Year Review and Adjustment of Community Council Boundaries

Public Hearing Draft

PZC Case No. 2024-0100

October 2024

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Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Planning Department
For reading: _____

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2024-___

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 2 SECTIONS 2.40.035: RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS; 2.40.040: ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS; AND 2.40.090: COMMUNITY COUNCIL MAPS, IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE 10-YEAR REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

(Planning and Zoning Commission Case No. 2024-0100)

WHEREAS, Anchorage's community council districts are recognized by the Municipality in the Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC), Section 2.40.040, *Establishment of Community Councils*, and their boundaries are set forth in AMC Section 2.40.090, *Community Council Maps*; and

WHEREAS, AMC Section 2.40.040, *Establishment of Community Councils*, requires the Municipality to review all community council district boundaries every 10 years and seek public input as to whether any boundaries between community council districts should be adjusted; and

WHEREAS, these decennial boundary reviews are required to ensure that the geographic boundaries of community council districts adjust through the decades of neighborhood change to continue to reflect and represent actual neighborhood communities, and that all citizens continue to have opportunity to be represented by an active, engaged community council for their area; and

WHEREAS, AMC Section 2.40.040 establishes the criteria for delineating community council districts, which include to define community council districts so as to group residents within natural communities and recognize community desires as to boundaries; and

WHEREAS, AMC Section 2.40.040 establishes an open public process for these periodic reviews, in which the municipal Planning Department must obtain public input and the participation of the community councils in considering possible changes to community council district boundaries, and the Planning and Zoning Commission and Assembly each must solicit and consider the recommendations of community councils concerning changes to their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, these periodic boundary reviews and adjustments support the success of community councils in their function as neighborhood forums for participation and organized neighborhood advocacy and action; and

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WHEREAS, the Municipality previously conducted comprehensive community council boundary reviews in 2003 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department, with the support of the Municipal Ombudsman, initiated a new decennial review of community council boundaries in 2022 and 2023 with outreach to the Federation of Community Councils and the officers of community councils, a widely distributed online questionnaire survey, and the formation of a *community councils boundary advisory committee*; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department and boundary advisory committee held six publicly noticed meetings to evaluate approximately 40 boundary study areas identified by the public, applying the municipal boundary review criteria and inviting public participation; and

WHEREAS, the recommended community council districts and boundaries in this ordinance and accompanying maps in Exhibit A reflect the results of this public process; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance and accompanying exhibits were released on October 1 for two months of public review and comment and a public hearing at the Planning and Zoning Commission was scheduled for December 2, 2024; now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 2.40, Community Councils, is hereby amended to read as follows (*the remainder of the chapter is not affected and therefore not set out*):

2.40.035 Recognition of community councils; special ex officio community council recognition for Girdwood Board of Supervisors.

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B. *Girdwood recognized; special provision.* The municipality recognizes the Girdwood Board of Supervisors as the community council, ex-officio, which serves the Girdwood Community Association/Land Use Committee boundary area depicted on Map 14[10] located in section 2.40.090.

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(GAAB 5.75.020; AO No. 88-85, § 1, 7-19-88; AO No. 2003-75, § 1, 7-22-03; AO No. 2003-113, § 1, 8-12-03; AO No. 2005-1(S-1), § 1, 4-12-05; AO No. 2009-134, § 1, 1-12-10; AO No. 2014-3(S), § 1, 2-11-14)

2.40.040 Establishment of community council districts.

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D. *Districts recognized.* The municipality recognizes the following community council districts, which serve areas depicted on maps located in section 2.40.090.

1. Abbott Loop;

2. Airport Heights;

3. Basher;

4. Bayshore/Klatt;

5. Bear Valley;

6. Birchwood;

7. Campbell Park;

8. Chugiak;

9. Downtown;

10. Eagle River;

11. Eagle River Valley;

12. Eklutna Valley;

13. Fairview;

14. Glen Alps;

15. Government Hill;

16. Hillside;

17. Huffman/O'Malley;

18. Mountain View;

19. Midtown;

20. Northeast;

21. North Star;

22. Old Seward/Oceanview;

23. [PORTAGE VALLEY;]

[24.]Rabbit Creek;

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24[25].Rogers Park;

25[26].Russian Jack Park;

26[27].Sand Lake;

27[28].Scenic Foothills;

28[29].South Addition;

29[30].South Fork;

30[31].Spenard;

31[32].Taku_[/]Campbell;

[33. TUDOR AREA;]

32[34].Turnagain;

33[35].Turnagain Arm;

34[36].University Area.

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(GAAB 5.75.030; AO No. 2003-15, § 2, 7-22-03; AO No. 2014-3(S), § 1, 2-11-14; AO No. 2016-80, §§ 2—4, 7-26-16)

2.40.090 Community Council Maps.

A. *Purpose*. The community council maps of this chapter have the following purposes:

1. Provide residents of the municipality with a clear and accurate set of descriptions for all community council districts and their boundaries, together in one accessible document, and in a consistent format;

2. Ensure that residents can easily read, understand, and define their community council district boundaries; and

3. Document future changes to community council district boundaries in this section.

B. *Map Interpretations*. The community council maps in this chapter shall be interpreted as follows:

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1. A community council district boundary line on the map that follows a street, highway, or railroad or the meanderings of a river or creek on the map shall be interpreted as following the centerline of the street, highway, railroad, river, or creek.

2. A community council district boundary line on the map that follows a property line or section line on the map shall be interpreted as falling on that property or section line as it existed on *[date of adoption]*[THE 22ND DAY OF JULY, 2003].

3. A community council district boundary line on the map that follows the boundary of a public land or facility that is shaded on the map shall be interpreted as falling on the boundary of that public land or facility.

4. Where a community council district boundary line on the map does not follow a road, stream, property boundary, or section line, and instead follows some other prominent physical feature such as a ridgeline between watershed valleys, the community council district boundary shall be interpreted as falling on the feature that is labeled alongside the boundary line.

5. The boundary of a community council that abuts, adjoins or is adjacent to either Turnagain Arm or Knik Arm of Cook Inlet extends seaward to mean high[LOW OR LOWER] water.

C. *Specific Community Council Maps Adopted*.

1. The community council district maps adopted by the assembly on [*date of adoption*][PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, DATED JUNE 17, 2003, EMBODYING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS' BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE, DATED JUNE 4, 2003, FOR MAP NOS. 1—12, MODIFYING THE MAPS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ANCHORAGE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, DECEMBER 9, 2002, ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY ON JULY 22, 2003,] and subsequently with the date of the most recent adjustment on a map to community council district boundaries by assembly action noted:

a. Anchorage Bowl;

b. Chugiak-Eagle River;

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c. Turnagain Arm;

d. Area Map 1 — Eklutna Vicinity;

e. Area Map 2 — Northern Chugiak-Eagle River;

f. Area Map 3 — Eagle River;

g. Area Map 4 — Eagle River Valley and South Fork;

h. Area Map 5 — Northwest Anchorage Bowl;

i. Inset Map 5a — Government Hill, Ship Creek, and Downtown;

j. Inset Map 5b — Fairview;

k. Area Map 6 — Northeast Anchorage Bowl;

l. Area Map 7 — Turnagain and Spenard

m. Inset Map 7a — Spenard Lake;

n. Inset Map 7b — West Fireweed Lane;

o. Area Map 8 — Midtown Vicinity;

p. Area Map 9 — Campbell Creek Vicinity;

q. Area Map 10 — Sand Lake and Taku Campbell;

r. Area Map 11 — Bayshore/Klatt and Old Seward/Oceanview;

s. Area Map 12 — Hillside Anchorage Vicinity;

t. Area Map 13 — Rabbit Creek and Bear Valley; and

u. Area Map 14 — Girdwood.

[A. MAP 1 — NORTHERN CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER;

B. MAP 2 — CENTRAL CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER;

C. MAP 3 — NORTHEAST ANCHORAGE BOWL;

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D. MAP 4 — EAST-CENTRAL ANCHORAGE BOWL (JULY 26, 2016);

E. MAP 5 — NORTHWEST ANCHORAGE BOWL (JULY 22, 2014);

MAP 5A — NORTHWEST ANCHORAGE BOWL: BOOTLEGGERS COVE VICINITY;

MAP 5B — NORTHWEST ANCHORAGE BOWL EAST DOWNTOWN VICINITY;

F. MAP 6 — MIDTOWN ANCHORAGE;

MAP 6A — MIDTOWN ANCHORAGE: SPENARD LAKE VICINITY;

MAP 6B — MIDTOWN ANCHORAGE: WEST FIREWEED LANE VICINITY;

G. MAP 7 — SAND LAKE AND TAKU/CAMPBELL;

H. MAP 8 — SOUTHWEST ANCHORAGE BOWL;

I. MAP 9 — HILLSIDE ANCHORAGE (JULY 26, 2016);

MAP 9A — HILLSIDE ANCHORAGE SECTION 36/BEAR VALLEY ELEMENTARY VICINITY (JULY 26, 2016);

J. MAP 10 — TURNAGAIN ARM;

K. MAP 11 — CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER;

L. MAP 12 — ANCHORAGE BOWL (JULY 26, 2016).]

2. The planning department shall maintain, for inspection by the public, maps showing the community council district boundaries.

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(AO No. 2003-75, § 4, 7-22-03; AO No. 2004-27, § 2, 2-17-04; AO No. 2014-3(S), § 1, 2-11-14; AO No. 2014-89, § 2, 7-22-14; AO No. 2016-80, § 4, 7-26-16)

Editor's note — Section 2 of AO No. 2014-3(S) adopted February 11, 2014 states, "To implement this ordinance, each community council shall file with the Municipal Clerk's Office new or amended bylaws in conformity with the requirements of chapter 2.40, as amended by this ordinance, for

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acceptance by the Assembly. Bylaws submitted to the Municipal Clerk's Office will be reviewed by the Ombudsman for conformity with this chapter 2.40 prior to the Municipal Clerk's submission to the Assembly. To facilitate Assembly acceptance, the Ombudsman will notify a community council of any nonconformity requiring correction. Bylaws deemed by the Ombudsman in conformity with Chapter 2.40 will be presented by assembly information memorandum from the Municipal Clerk at the next assembly meeting following notification from the Ombudsman, or as soon as practicable."

Section 3 of AO No. 2014-3(S) states, "The filing period for new or amended bylaws is 120 days from the effective date of this ordinance, subject to an automatic extension for up to 90 additional days upon the community council filing written notice to the Municipal Clerk. In the absence of new or amended bylaws timely filed with the Municipal Clerk, the bylaws in Exhibit A shall be deemed in effect until acceptance of new or amended bylaws by the Assembly. In place of a provision not accepted by the Assembly, a comparable bylaw provision in Exhibit A may be substituted by the Assembly in the acceptance."

***(Editor's note** — Insert Exhibit A maps here, to replace the maps existing in AMC Section 2.40.090 prior to adoption of this ordinance.)*

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2025.

_____
Chair

ATTEST:

_____
Municipal Clerk

(Planning and Zoning Commission Case No. 2024-0100)

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Attachment 2

Exhibit A

10-Year Review of
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Public Hearing Draft Community Council District Maps

Municipality of Anchorage
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Anchorage Bowl

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Little Rabbit Creek Watershed Boundary
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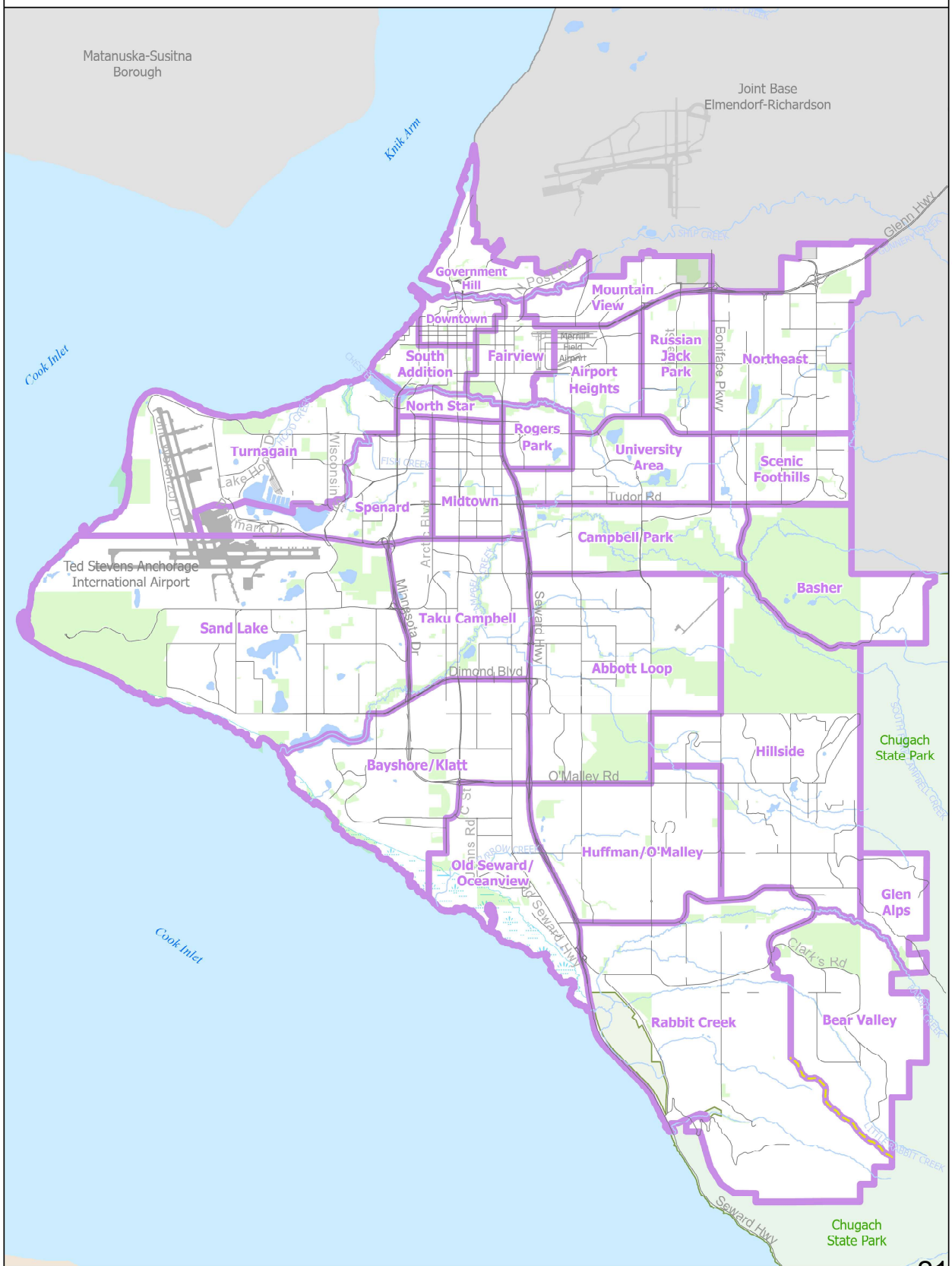

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Chugiak-Eagle River

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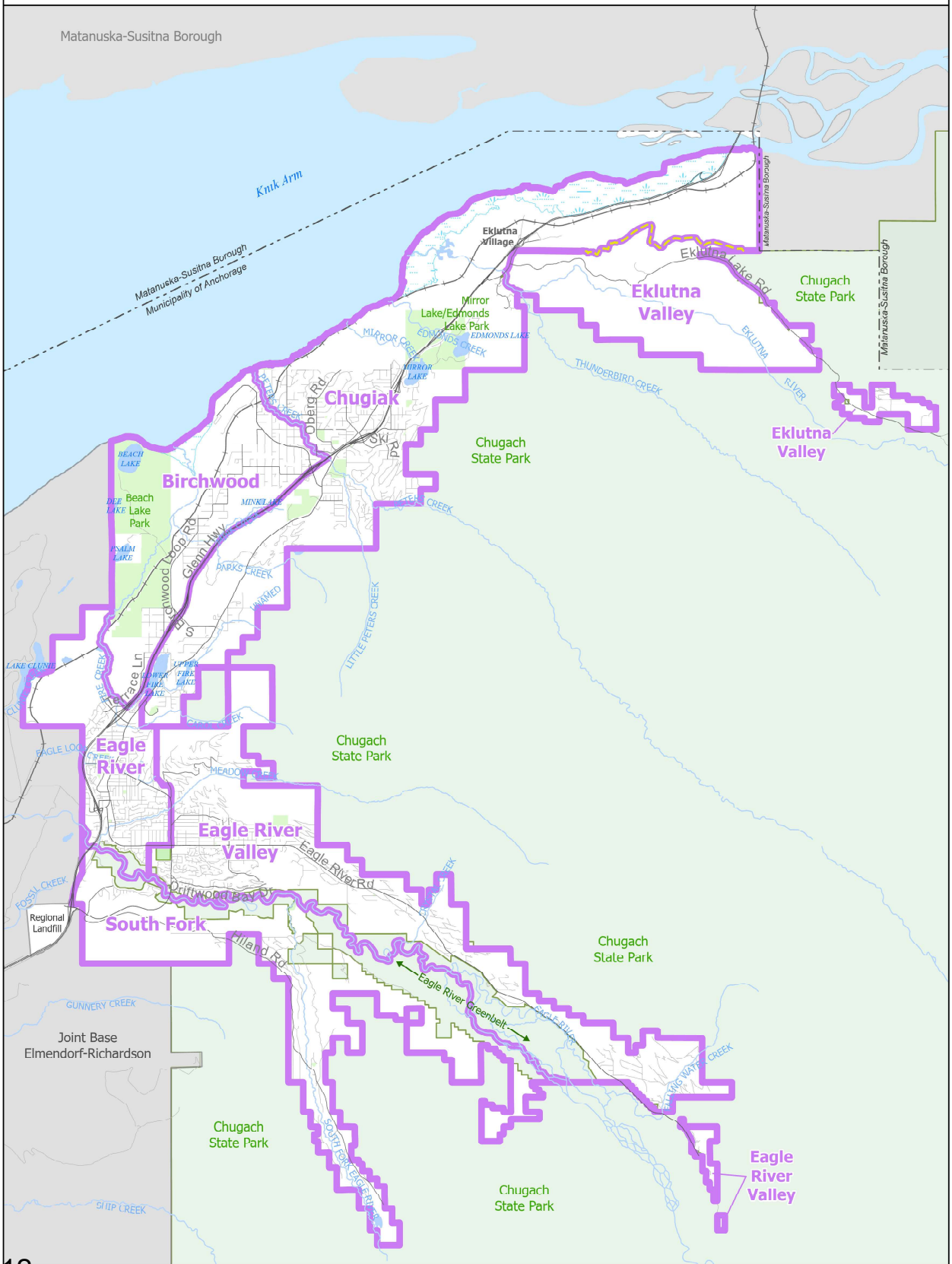

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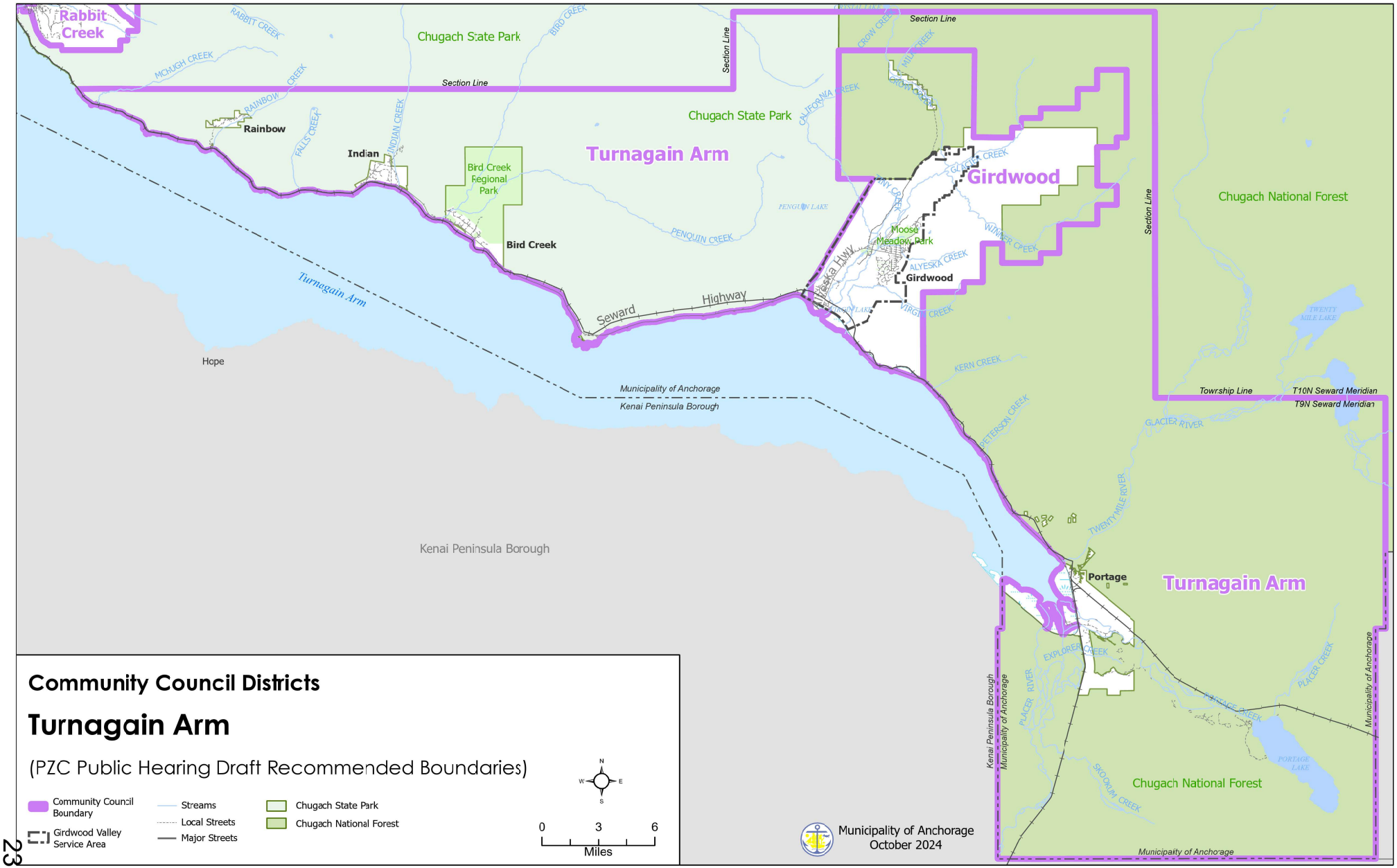
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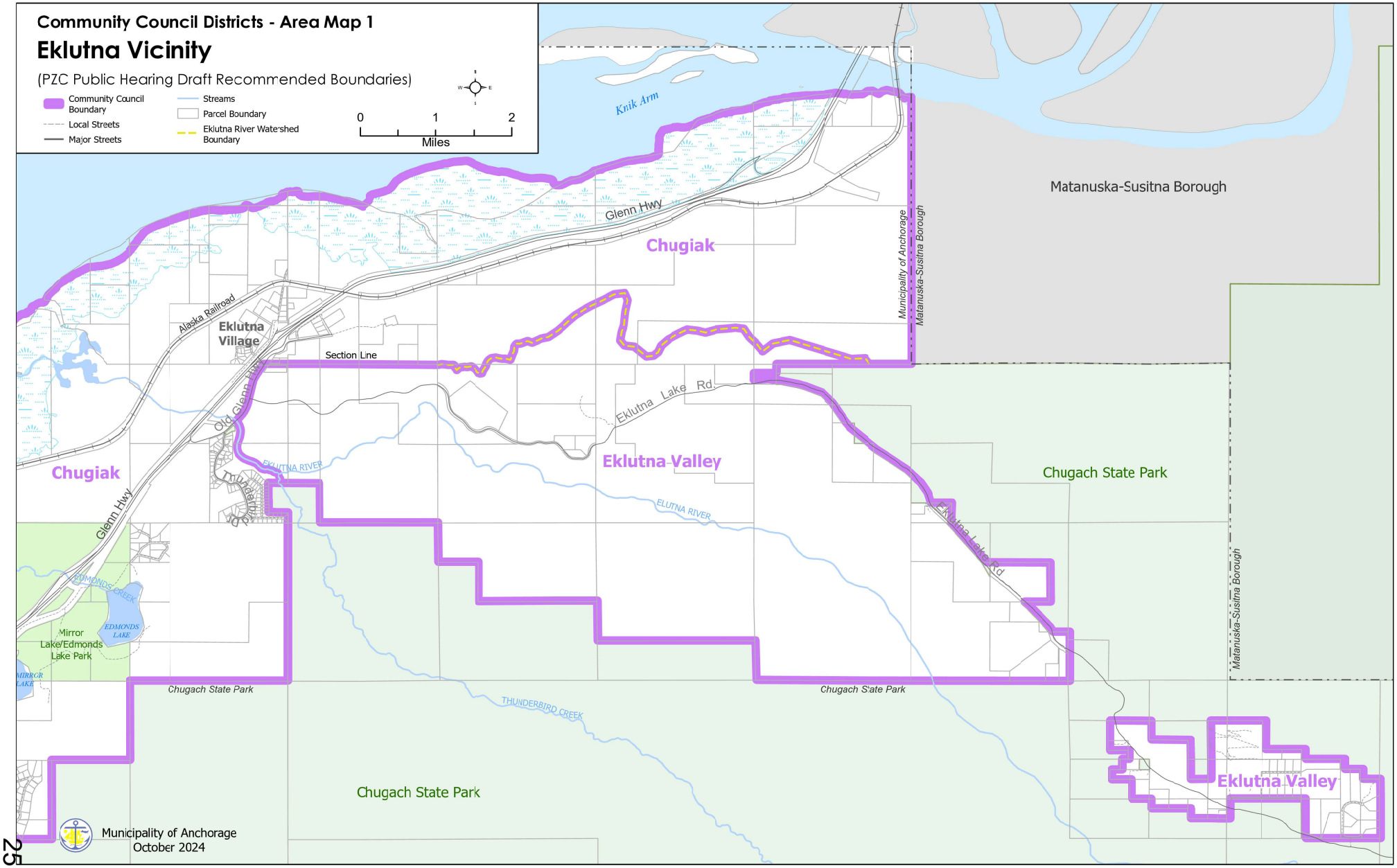
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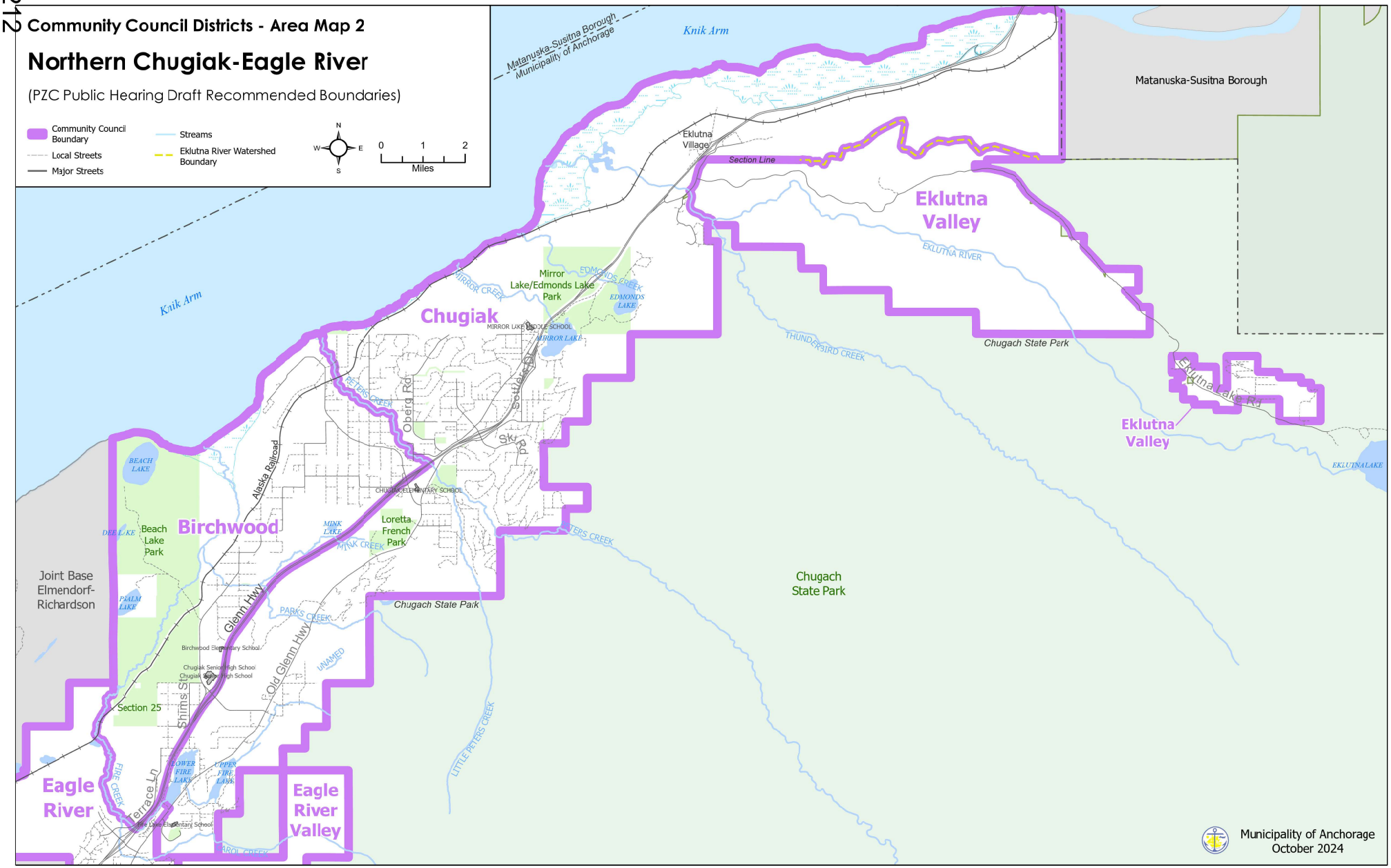
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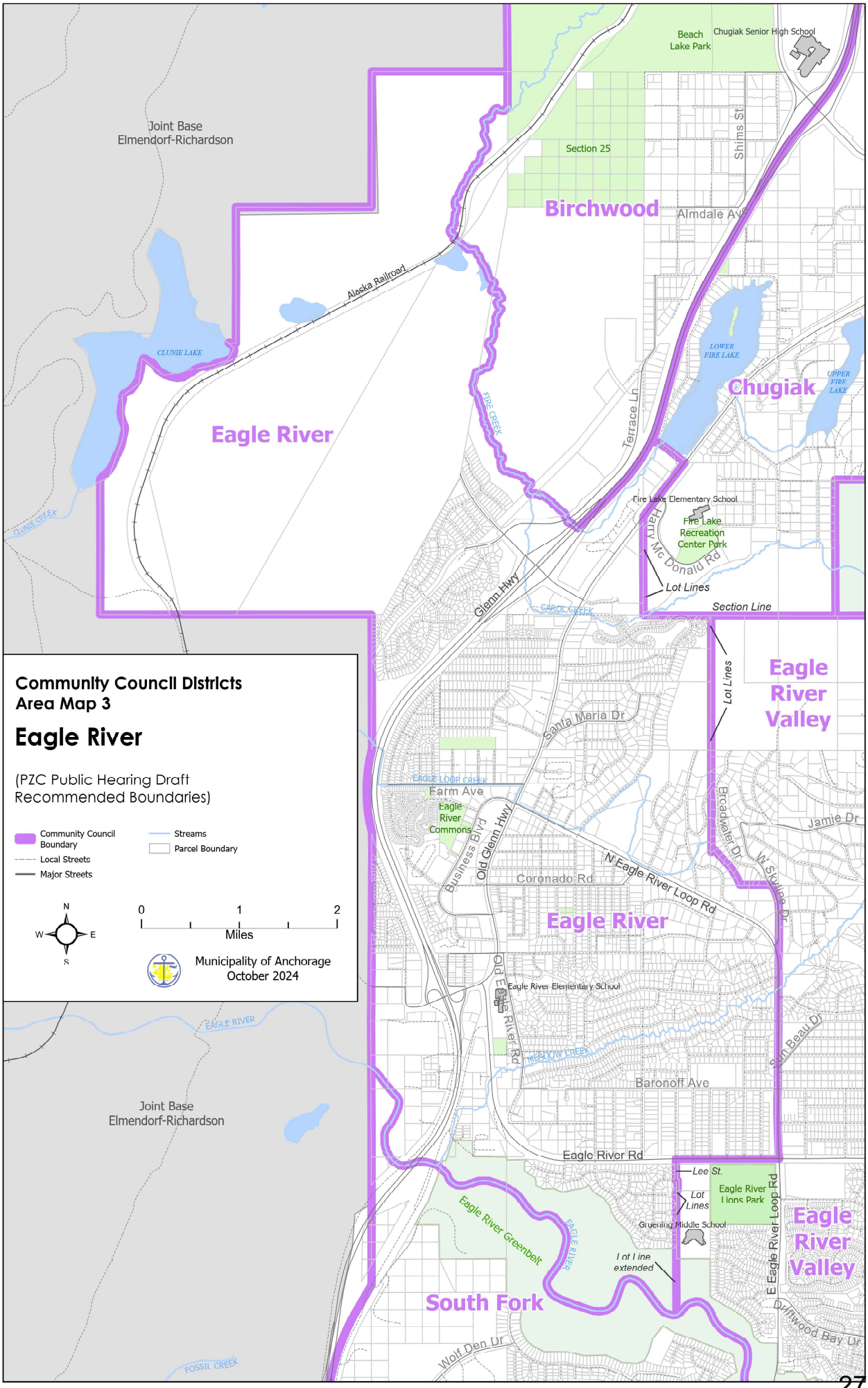
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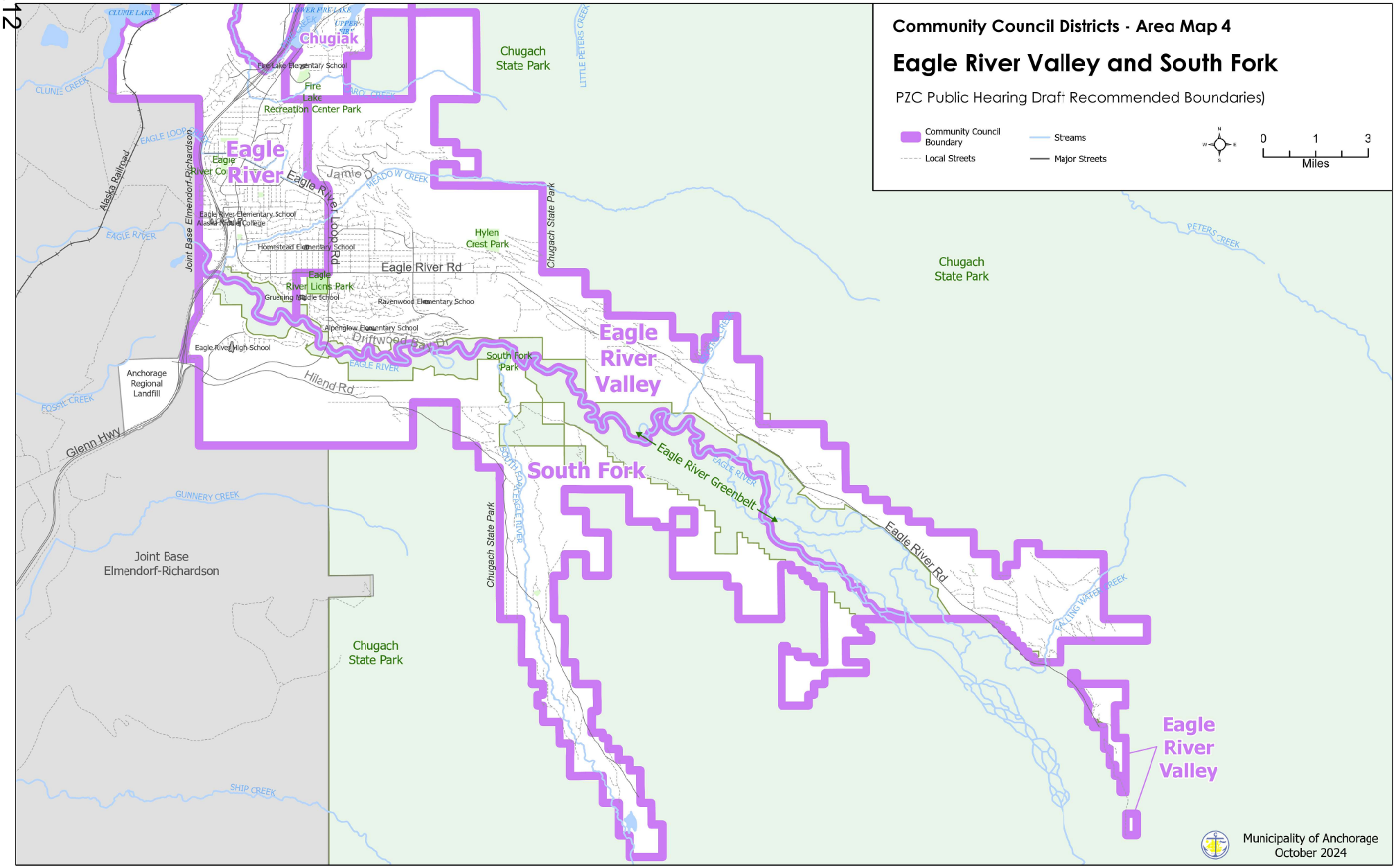
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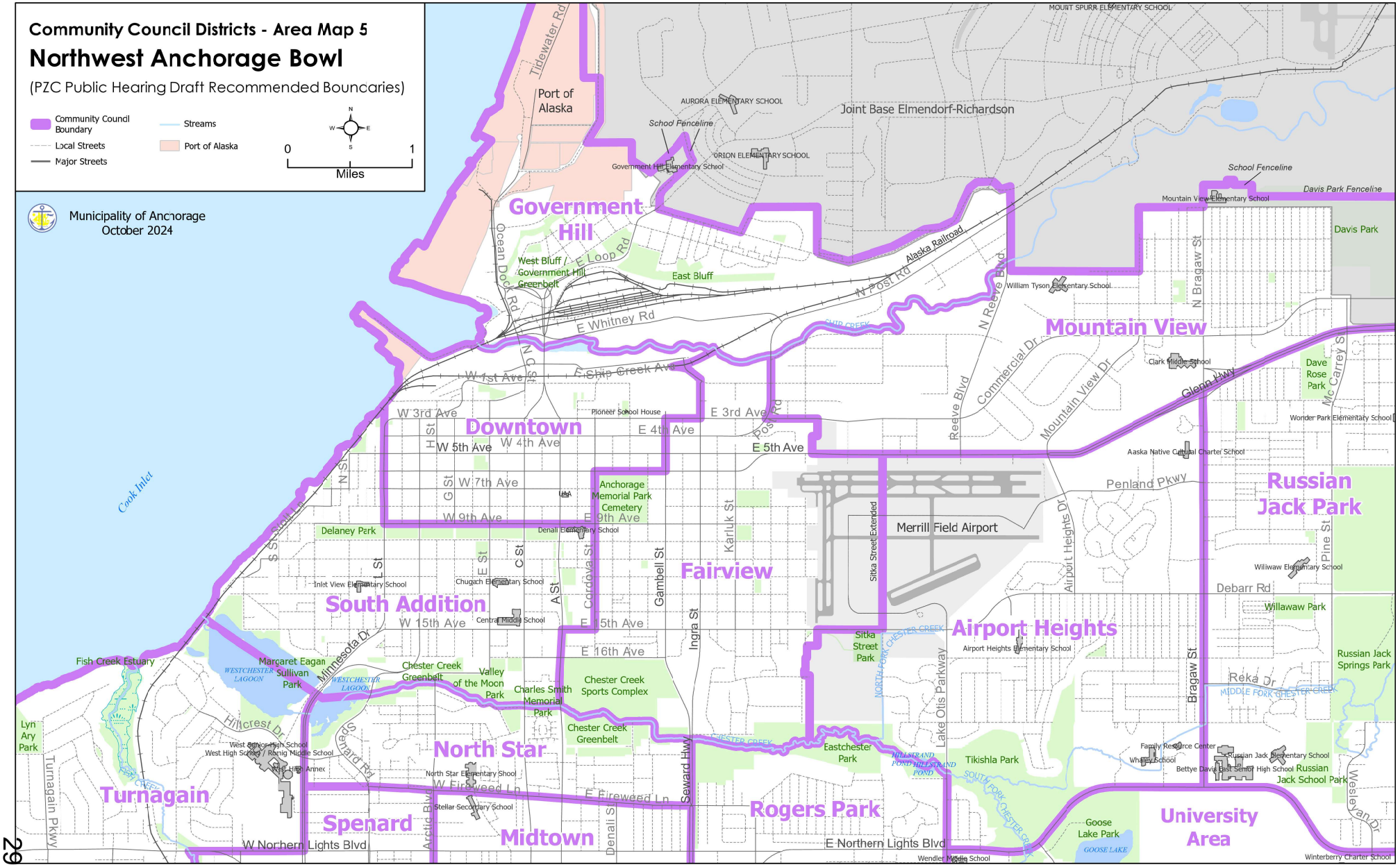
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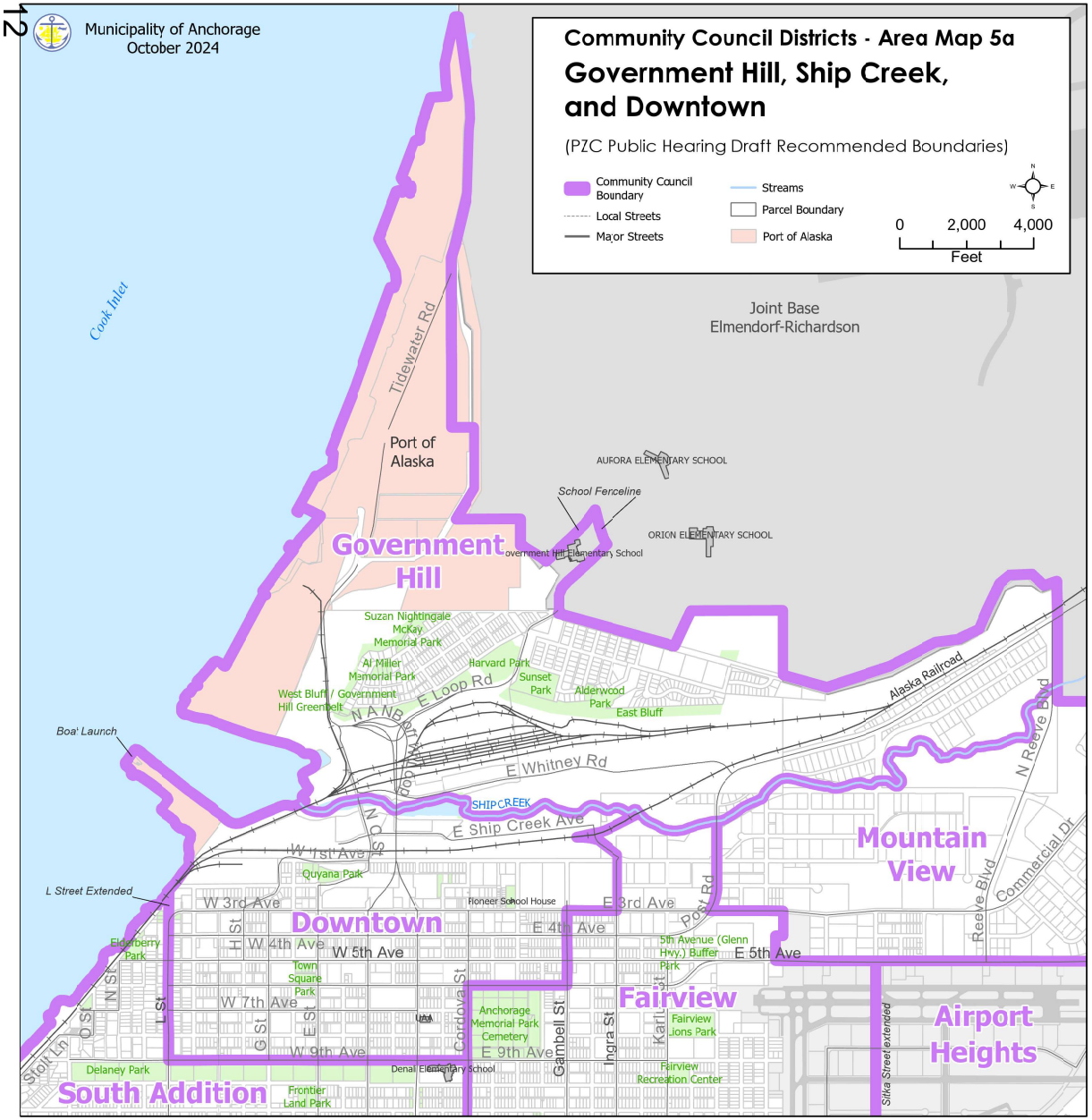
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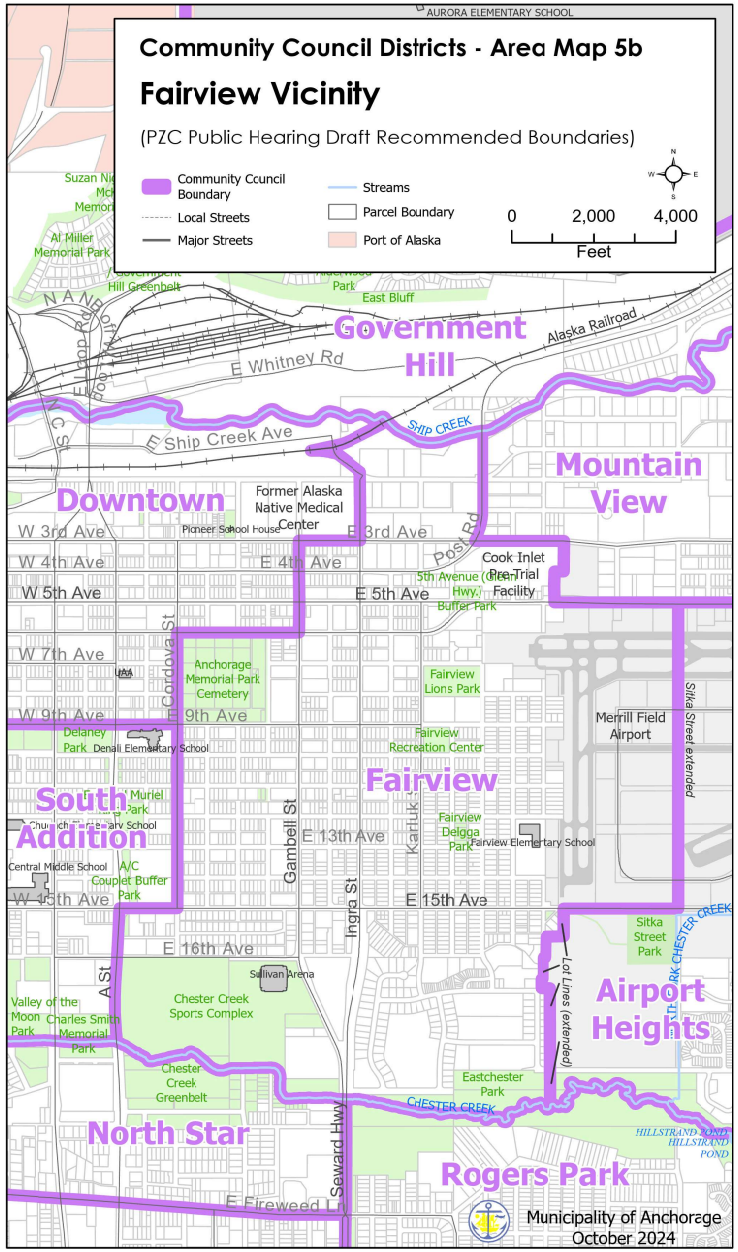
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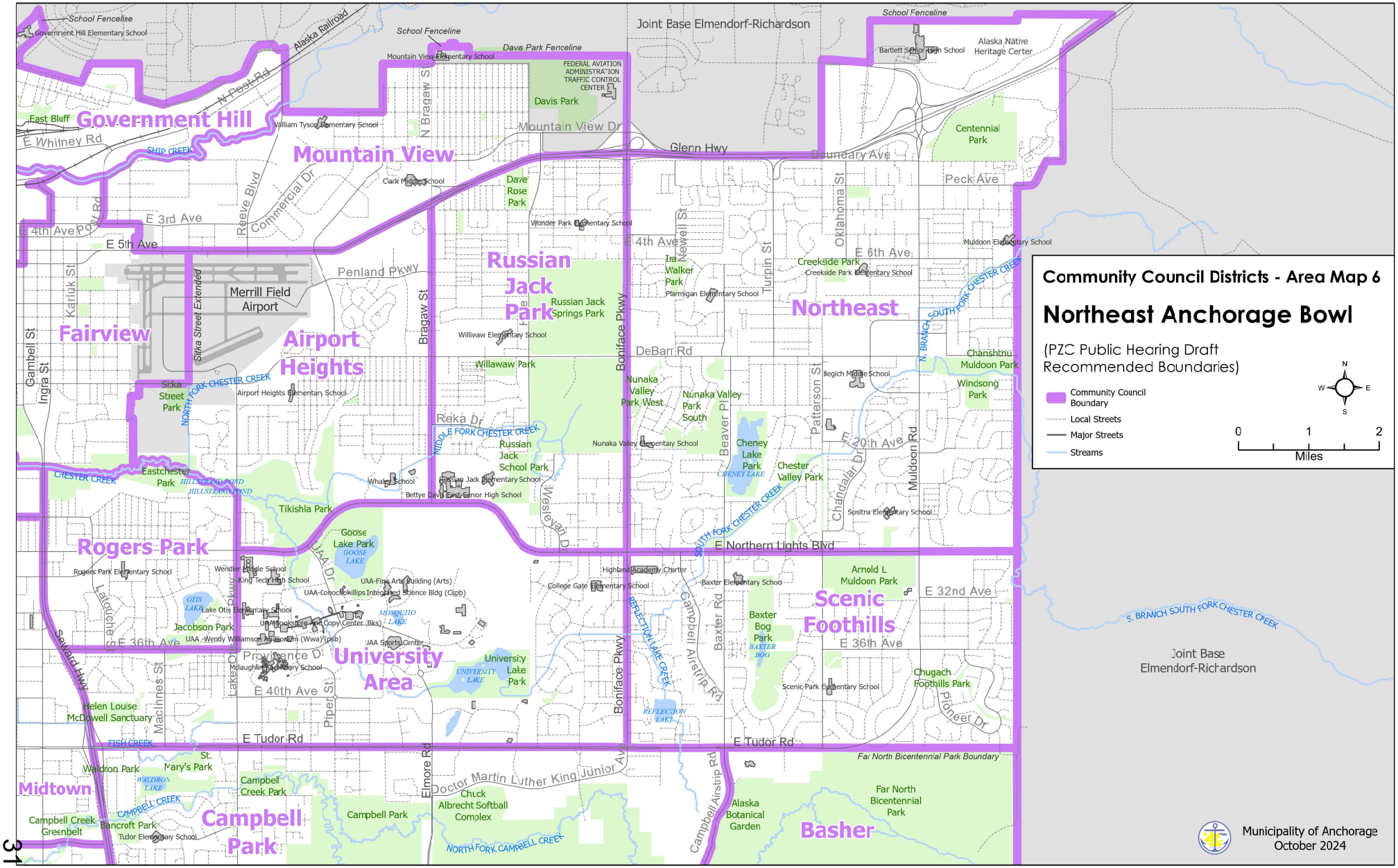
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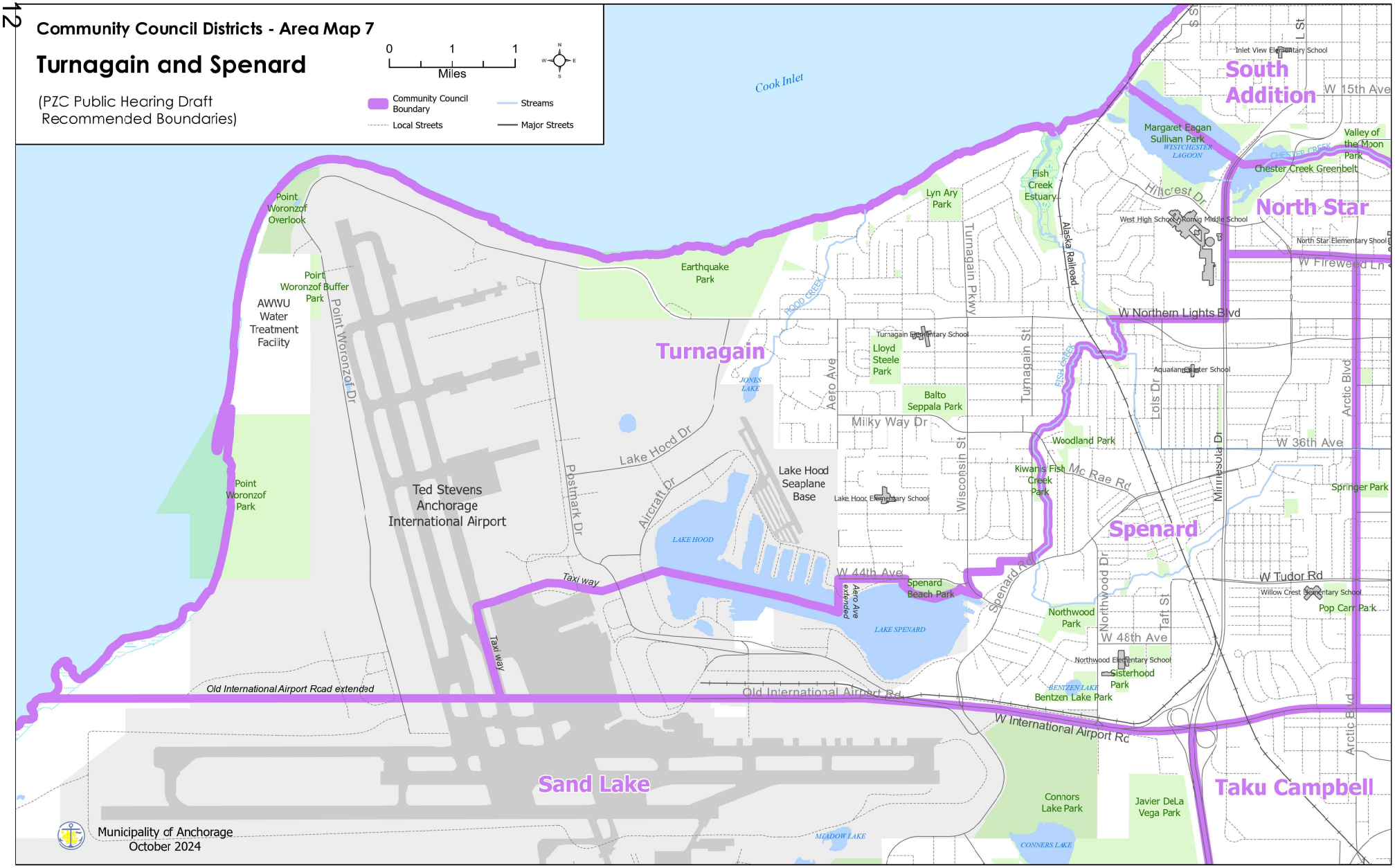
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Springer Park
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Lake Hood Elementary School
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Northwood Dr
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Willow Crest Elementary School
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Community Council Districts - Area Map 7a

Lake Spenard Vicinity

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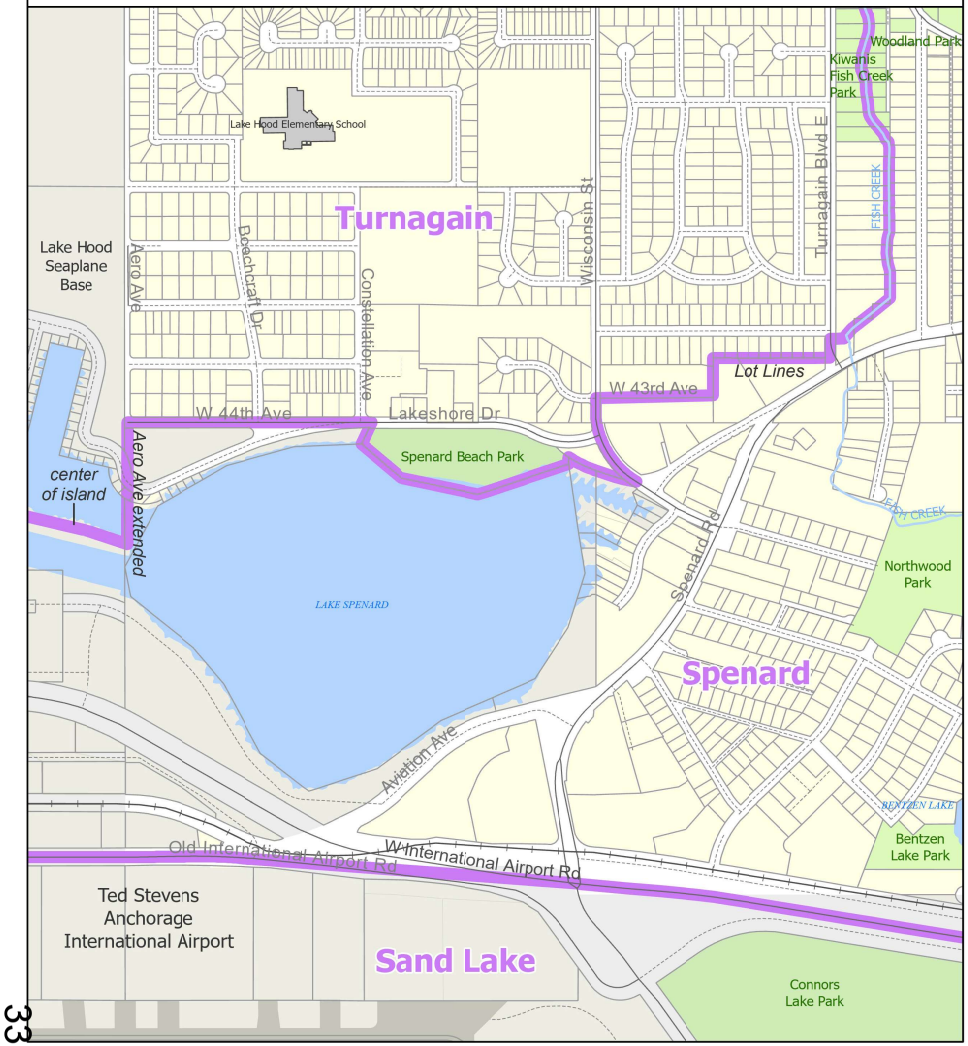

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West Fireweed Lane Vicinity

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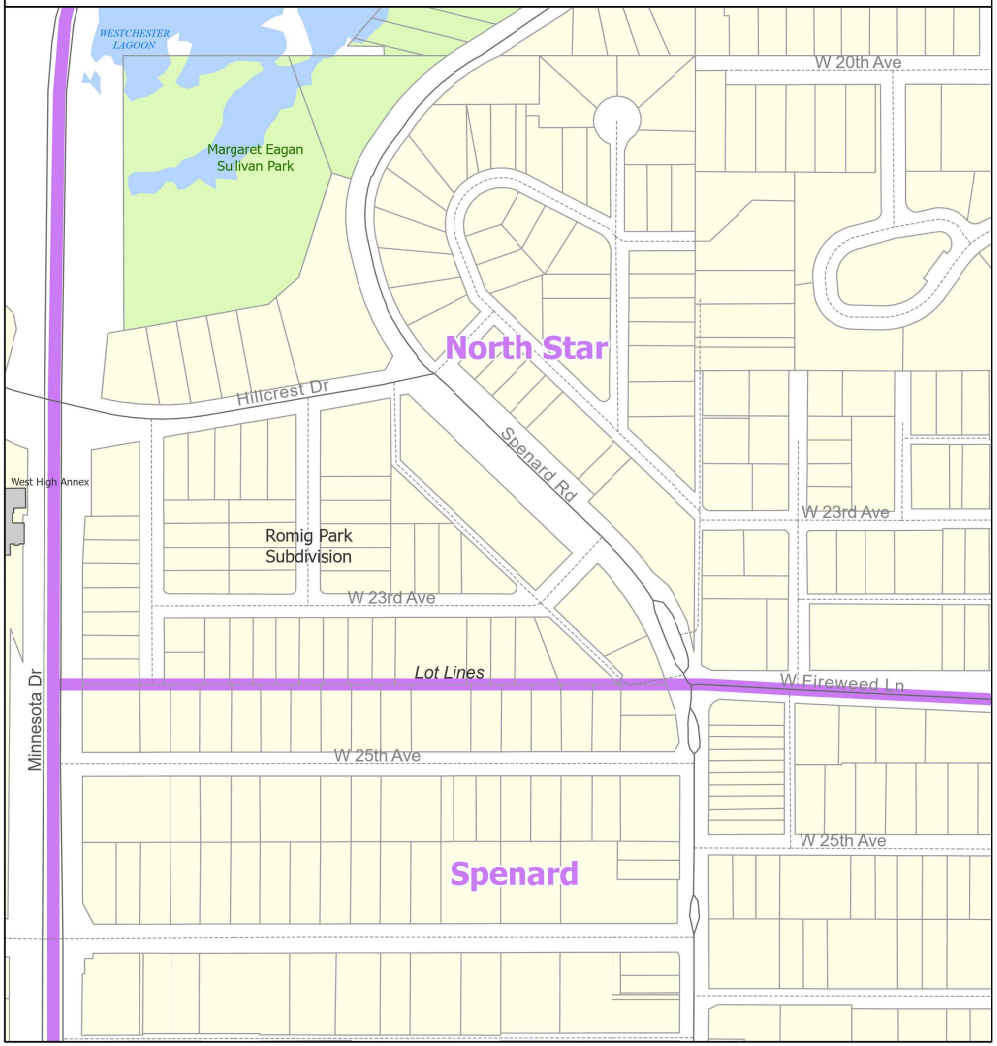

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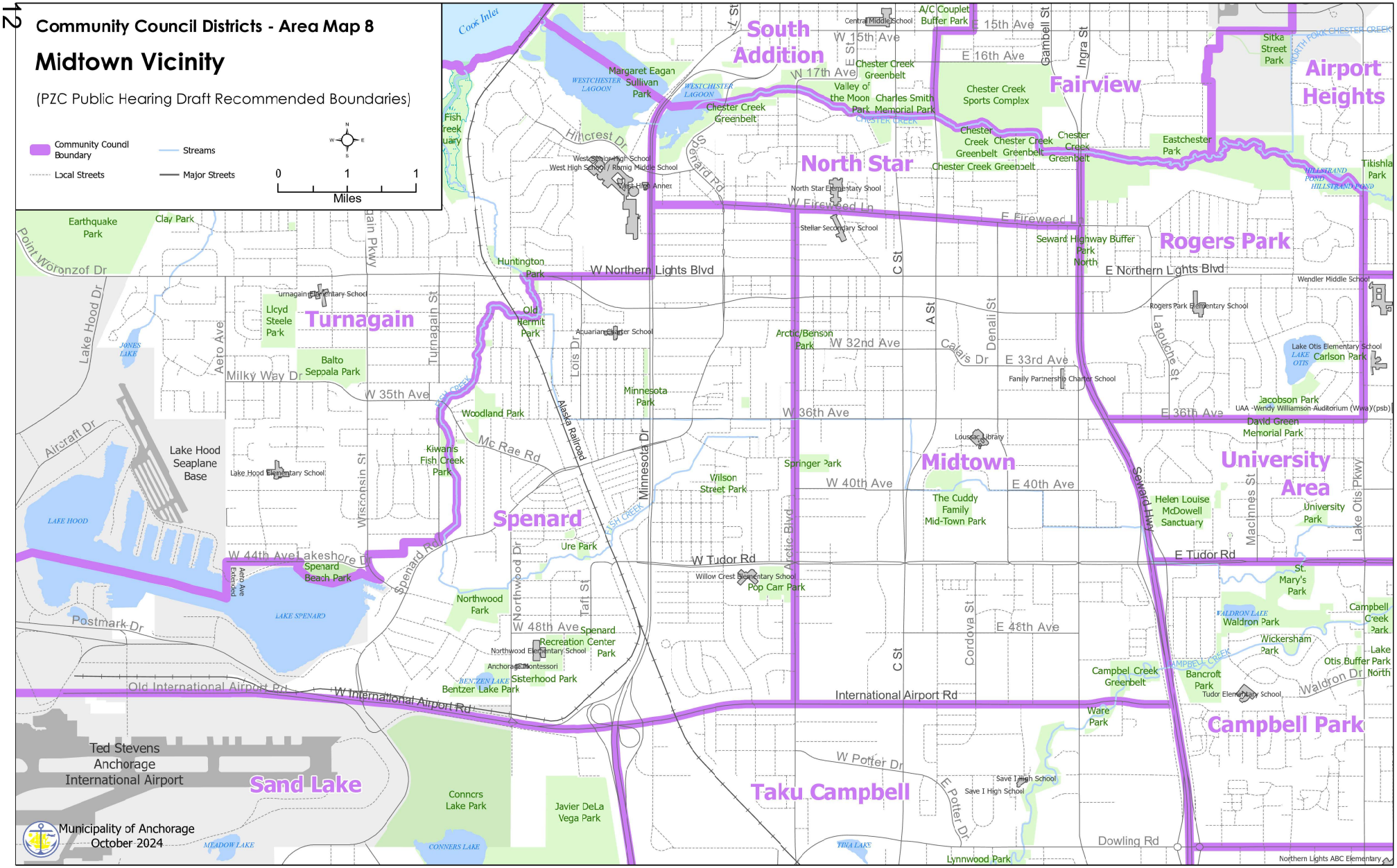
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Eastchester Park
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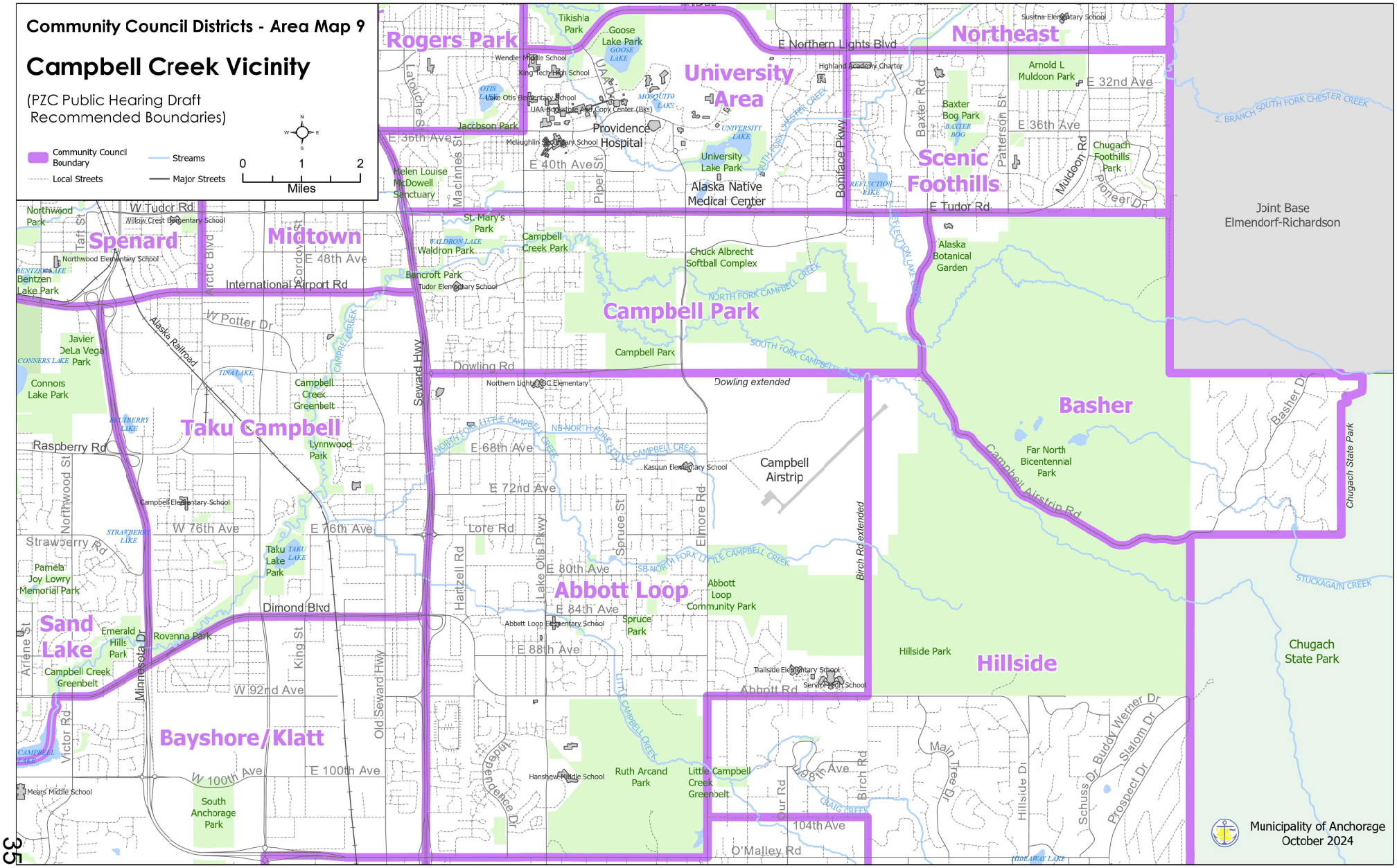
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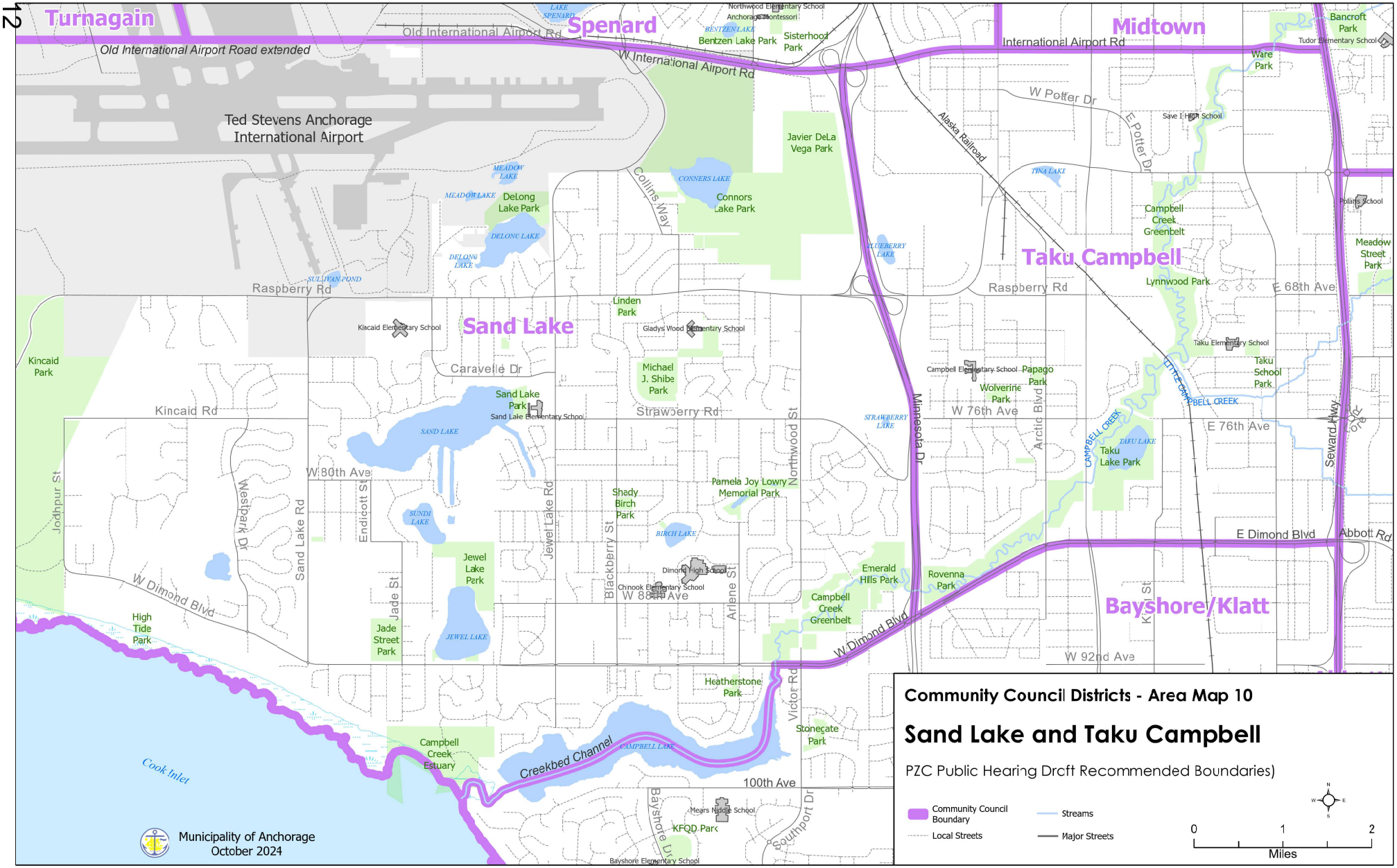
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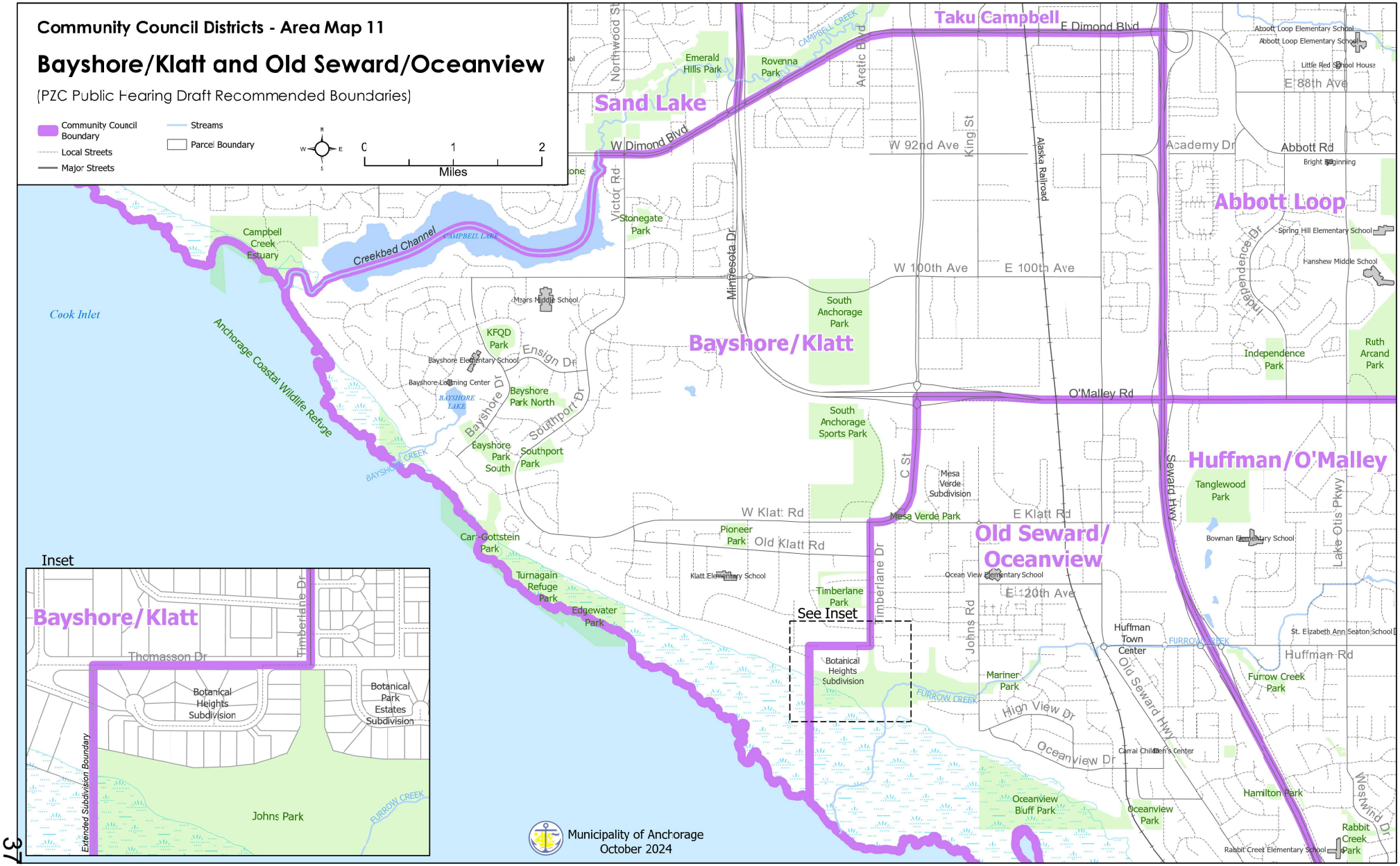
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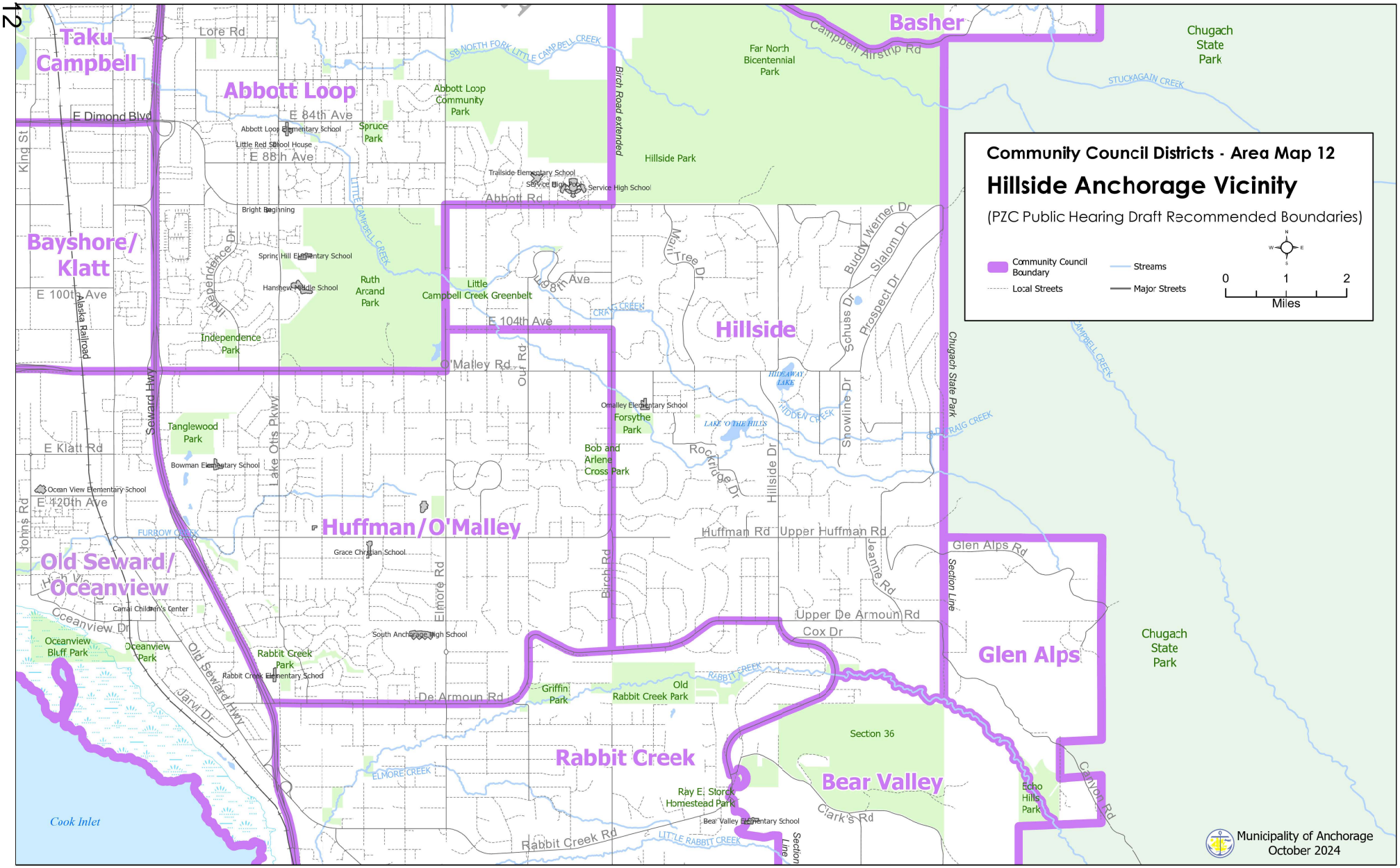
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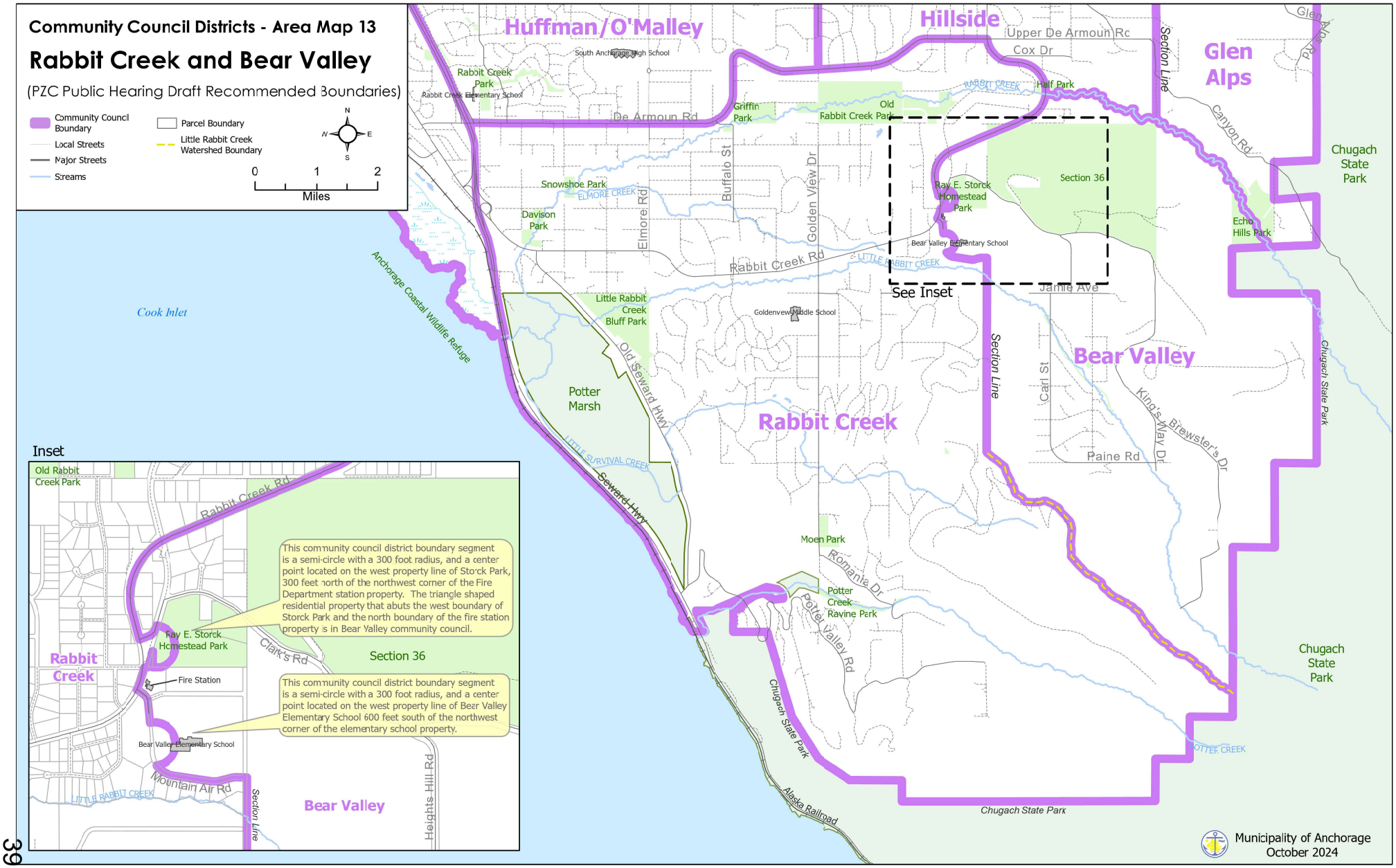
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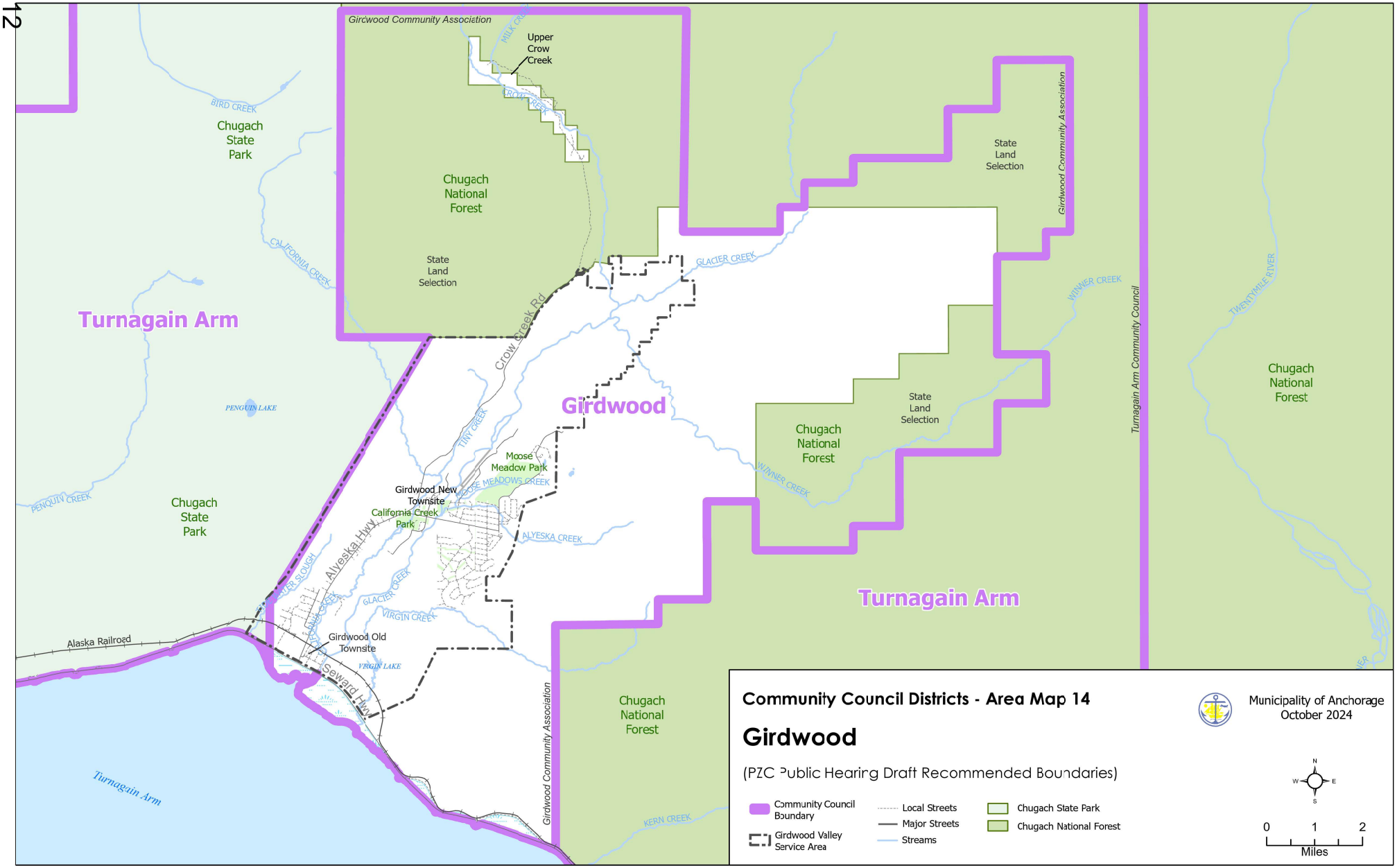
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10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries

White Paper:
Report and Recommendations

Public Hearing Draft

PZC Case No. 2024-0100

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Dear Commissioners,

I am pleased to present for your review and recommendation the *10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries White Paper* report, which includes the recommendations of the Community Council Boundaries Advisory Committee and the municipal Planning Department regarding potential modifications to Community Council districts.

Every 10 years the Municipality must review and potentially modify the Community Council districts to ensure that the Community Councils will continue to reflect and represent Anchorage's actual neighborhoods as our community evolves. Consulting with the Federation of Community Councils, the municipal Planning Department initiated the 10-year review cycle by distributing a survey questionnaire regarding Community Council boundaries, from November 2022 to February 2023. In response, the public identified about 40 boundary issues to address.

A Boundary Advisory Committee made up of a geographically representative group of 12 volunteers from the Community Councils was organized in February 2023 to provide feedback to the Planning Department and Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the boundary issues identified by the public. The Committee included the following volunteers:

Member Name	Area of Representation or Other Committee Position	Home Community Council or Other Organization
Matt Burkholder	At-Large Member	Huffman/O'Malley
Mark Butler	Northwest Anchorage	North Star; Community Councils Center
Care Clift	Northeast Anchorage	Scenic Foothills
Melinda Gant	Northwest Anchorage	Government Hill
Darrel Hess	Ex Officio Member	Municipality of Anchorage Ombudsman
Karl von Luhrte	Chugiak-Eagle River	South Fork
Al Milspaugh	Northeast Anchorage	University Area
Stan Moll	Southwest Anchorage	Old Seward/Oceanview
Michael Packard	Turnagain Arm and Girdwood	Turnagain Arm
Carolyn Ramsey	Northeast Anchorage	Airport Heights
Carmela Warfield	Southeast Anchorage	Hillside
Emily Weiser	At-Large Member	Airport Heights
Charlie Welch	Northeast Anchorage	Mountain View

At its organizational meeting on February 27, 2023, the Boundary Advisory Committee discussed its advisory role, the list of boundary issues that had been identified by the public, and the criteria it would apply to evaluate potential boundary modifications. These criteria are based on the municipal code requirements for establishing Community Council district boundaries and are provided in the White Paper.

Subsequently, the Committee held four publicly noticed meetings to evaluate the boundary study areas identified and provide its recommendations, on April 3 and 24; May 1; and June 12. At each meeting, there was public comment opportunity and the Committee invited members of the public and representatives of Community Councils as guests to provide input. The Boundary Advisory Committee held one more public meeting, on September 26, 2023, to approve the record of its discussions and recommendations made on each boundary study area in the previous meetings.

The survey questionnaire responses, meeting discussions, and research resulting in the attached *10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries White Paper* report represent of hundreds of hours of effort by the public, volunteer Committee members, and staff. The Committee assessed numerous boundary issues raised by the public in relation to the boundary review criteria set in code and many site-specific factors, and benefited from the participation of meeting guests include Community Council representatives. An **Action Summary** a summary of actions documenting the Committee's essential recommendations the Boundary Advisory Committee and the approved minutes is meetings are provided as attachments to the White Paper.

I greatly appreciate the Planning and Zoning Commission's attention to this important project and look forward to discussing the recommendations of the *Community Council Boundaries 10-Year Review* with the Commission.

Sincerely,

Melinda Gant

Melinda Gant, Chair,
Community Council Boundaries Advisory Committee

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Executive Summary

This report provides the analysis and recommendations of the Planning Department and the Boundary Advisory Committee for the 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries project. It addresses 40 *Boundary Study Areas* identified for evaluation based on public feedback. The recommendations are the basis for the October 2024 public hearing draft ordinance and its accompanying maps of the recommended revised community council districts, which have been released for public review and comment.

Following is a summary of the 10-Year Review project and its key recommendations regarding the boundary study areas. The rest of this report, in Parts 1 and 2 and its Appendices A through C, provides full documentation of the process, analyses, and recommendations.

10-YEAR REVIEW OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES

Every 10 years the Municipality reviews all community council boundaries and seeks input on whether any boundaries between neighborhood community council areas should be adjusted, as required by the Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC). These 10-year reviews are intended to ensure the geographic boundaries of community council districts continue to reflect their neighborhoods, and all citizens have the opportunity to participate in and be represented by an active, engaged community council for their area.

AMC Chapter 2.40 establishes that all reviews of community council district boundaries must obtain public input and the participation of community councils on possible changes to boundaries. The Planning Department submits its recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Anchorage Assembly, each of whom must solicit and consider the recommendations of community councils concerning changes in boundaries. The Assembly makes the final decision. Changes must be made by ordinance as an amendment to Anchorage Municipal Code.

AMC Chapter 2.40 also establishes the standards for delineating community council districts. In summary, the Assembly must define community council districts to (1) group residents within natural communities and (2) recognize community desires regarding boundaries. Population is not to be used as a criterion for establishing boundaries. To assist in the 10-year boundary reviews, Part 1 of this report translates these generalized municipal code standards for establishing community council districts into 7 guiding principles, or *boundary review criteria*, that are more easily, equitably applied to the evaluation of individual boundary study areas.

The current 10-year boundary review process began in October 2022 with outreach to the Federation of Community Councils and community councils' executive boards. An online questionnaire regarding community council boundaries was posted online for four months and emailed to approximately 9,500 recipients. In response, members of the public identified a range of boundary issues. These became the 40 boundary study areas evaluated in this project.

The process continued in 2023 with individual community council consultations and six public meetings with the *Community Councils Boundary Advisory Committee*. The Boundary Advisory Committee assisted Planning staff in evaluating the boundary study areas and selected recommended alternative options for addressing the boundary issues to make a recommendation.

In most boundary study areas, after applying the boundary review criteria and considering the public feedback, the Planning Department and Boundary Advisory Committee recommended "no change"—i.e., to retain existing boundaries. However, in 9 cases, changes to district boundaries are recommended.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES

Following is a list of the community council district boundary changes that the Boundary Advisory Committee and Planning Department recommend in this report. These changes are reflected in the October 2024 public hearing draft ordinance and its Exhibit A maps.

- ***Boundary Study Area #5***: Merge the Portage Valley Community Council district into Turnagain Arm Community Council.

- ***Boundary Study Area #8:*** Transfer the areas east of Boniface Parkway from University Area Community Council to Scenic Foothills Community Council.
- ***Boundary Study Area #12:*** Merge the Tudor Area Community Council district into the University Area Community Council.
- ***Boundary Study Area #16***: Transfer Anchor Park Subdivision on the northeast corner of Lake Otis Parkway and E. Northern Lights Boulevard from Rogers Park Community Council to Airport Heights Community Council.
- ***Boundary Study Area #24***: Transfer the area between A and C Street, 15th Avenue and Chester Creek, from Fairview Community Council to South Addition Community Council.
- ***Boundary Study Area #33:*** Transfer all areas south of Dimond Boulevard from Taku Campbell Community Council to Bayshore/Klatt Community Council.
- ***Boundary Study Area #35:*** Transfer the area bounded by C Street, O'Malley Road, Seward Highway, and Klatt Road, from Bayshore/Klatt Community Council to Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council.

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends the following additional district boundary change:

- ***Boundary Study Area #32:*** Include Spenard Beach Park in both Turnagain and Spenard Community Councils, by overlapping the community council districts so that each includes the entire park.
  (Note: The Planning Department recommends retaining Spenard Beach Park entirely in Turnagain Community Council. However, if the Municipality decides to share the park between the two districts, Planning recommends sharing by dividing it to avoid overlapping community council districts.)

The Planning Department recommends the following additional district boundary changes:

- ***Boundary Study Area #40:*** In the Anchorage Bowl, remove three parcels of Chugach State Park, which were once private inholdings, from the Basher, Glen Alps, and Rabbit Creek Community Council districts. In Chugiak-Eagle River, transfer HLB Parcels 1-079 and 1-080 plus an adjoining BLM parcel into Eagle River Valley Community Council, as these parcels are not in Chugach State Park. Finally, for community councils with shorelines along the Knik Arm or Turnagain Arm of the Cook Inlet, adjust their coastal district boundaries to follow "mean high water" instead of "mean low or lower water."
  (Note: Because the issues comprising Boundary Study Area #40 became evident only during the mapping work to prepare the public hearing draft, there was not an opportunity for the Boundary Advisory Committee to address this study area.)

Details about these recommended district boundary changes are provided in Part 2 of this report. These recommended boundary changes are reflected in the October 2024 public hearing draft ordinance, including its "Exhibit A" maps of the recommended revised community council districts for adoption by the Assembly.

In all other boundary study areas, the Planning Department and Boundary Advisory Committee recommend that there be no changes to district boundaries at this time—i.e., to retain existing districts and boundaries. The Committee and Planning Department recommend a potential future change in Northeast, as follows:

- ***Boundary Study Area #6:*** Adopt an Assembly Resolution in support of the establishment of a separate community council to serve the Northeast Community Council neighborhoods south of DeBarr Road, once a voluntary association from that area meeting the requirements of AMC Section 2.40 requests recognition by the Assembly. Until such an association receives recognition from the Assembly, Northeast Community Council will continue to represent its entire existing district.

INDEX OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The table on the next page is a cross-reference between each community council and the boundary study areas which involve that community council, and are addressed in Part 2.

Table 1. Index of Boundary Study Areas, by Community Council

Community Council District	Boundary Study Areas Involving that Community Council
Abbott Loop	#33
Airport Heights	#15, #16, #17, #18, #21
Basher	#9, #40
Bayshore/Klatt	#33, #34, #35, #40
Bear Valley	#38
Birchwood	#40
Campbell Park	#12, #13
Chugiak	#1, #40
Downtown	#19, #22, #25, #40
Eagle River	#2, #3
Eagle River Valley	#2, #40
Eklutna Valley	none
Fairview	#14, #19, #20, #21, #22, #23, #24
Girdwood	#4, #5
Glen Alps	#40
Government Hill	#14, #40
Hillside	#37
Huffman/O'Malley	#36, #37
Midtown	#26, #28, #29
Mountain View	#14, #15, #19
North Star	#26, #27, #28, #29
Northeast	#6, #7
Old Seward/Oceanview	#33, #34, #35, #36, #40
Portage Valley	#5
Rabbit Creek	#38, #40
Rogers Park	#11, #12, #16, #17, #18
Russian Jack	#6, #15
Sand Lake	#40
Scenic Foothills	#6, #7, #8, #9
South Addition	#22, #23, #24, #25, #40
South Fork	#3
Spenard	#26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32
Taku Campbell	#33
Tudor Area	#11, #12
Turnagain	#30, #31, #32, #40
Turnagain Arm	#4, #5, #40
University Area	#8, #9, #10, #12, #13

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Part 1:
Boundary Review Process and Criteria

10-YEAR REVIEW OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES

In 2022 the Municipality initiated a 10-year review of community council district boundaries. This is the analysis and results from the review process.

Every 10 years the Municipality reviews all community council boundaries and seeks input as to whether any boundaries between neighborhood community council areas should be adjusted. These 10-year reviews are required by the Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) in Section 2.40.040., *Establishment of Community Councils*, to ensure the geographic boundaries of community councils continue to reflect their neighborhoods, and all citizens continue to have the opportunity to participate in and be represented by an active, engaged community council for their area.

Community council boundaries underwent a comprehensive redistricting in 2003. The Municipality facilitated a 10-year boundary review in 2014. Boundary changes to several individual districts have been approved during the interim between these decennial reviews. These individual boundary changes include the creation of Midtown Community Council in 2004, the incorporation of "Tract J" near the Port of Alaska into Government Hill Community Council in 2014, and the merger of Mid-Hillside and Upper Hillside Community Councils to become the Hillside Community Council in 2016.

In early 2022, the Municipal Ombudsman reminded the Planning Department that it had been a decade since the Planning Department had carried out its responsibility to facilitate a 10-year review. In April 2022, the Planning Department informed the Anchorage Assembly and public of its planned work program to carry out a boundary review project (Assembly Information Memorandum No. AIM 70-2022) beginning in fall 2022.

The 10-year review process began in October 2022 with outreach to the Federation of Community Councils and executive boards of community councils. An online questionnaire regarding community council boundaries was posted from November 2022 through February 2023 and emailed to approximately 9,500 people. In response, the public identified approximately 40 boundary issues to address.

The process continued in 2023 with individual community council consultations and six meetings of the *Community Councils Boundary Advisory Committee*. The Boundary Advisory Committee assisted staff in applying boundary review criteria based on municipal code to assess each boundary study area and selected among alternative options for addressing the boundary issues to make a recommendation.

Overview of this Report. The boundary study area analyses and recommendations in this report reflect the outcomes of the 2023 public process. Although most of the boundaries studied are recommended to remain as they are, this report does identify 9 boundary study areas recommended to have changes—including two community councils to be merged into neighboring community councils.

This report has two main sections:

- *Part 1* introduces the requirements to carry out community council boundary reviews, the public participation process, and the boundary review criteria for this project.
- *Part 2* summarizes the survey questionnaire responses and other public comments that are the basis for the 40 boundary study areas evaluated in this project. *Part 2* also provides the assessment of each boundary study area, applying the boundary review criteria from *Part 1*. For each study area, it identifies alternative options to address the boundary issue and recommends a preferred option.

Appendices and Boundary Study Area Maps. The survey questionnaire responses and other initial public comments that identified the boundary issues that became the basis for the boundary study areas are provided in Appendix A. Appendix B provides minutes of Boundary Advisory Committee meetings. The **maps** of the boundary study areas superimposed over the existing, adopted community council district boundaries are provided in Appendix C.

COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN RELATION TO NEIGHBORHOODS

Neighborhoods. Anchorage is a city composed of neighborhoods. The *Anchorage Municipal Charter* established community councils at the founding of the Municipality in 1975—granting official recognition and representation to neighborhood associations in government and local affairs. Article VIII. of the *Municipal Charter* provides for community councils "to afford citizens an opportunity for maximum community involvement and self-determination."

The word "neighborhood" describes the social and physical building blocks of Anchorage. The *Municipal Charter* reflects that Anchorage is naturally broken into a mosaic of neighborhoods, each with its own identity, character, and appeal. People benefit from belonging to their identifiable part of the city. Residents, businesses, and property owners should be able to relate to their neighborhood and understand its boundaries.

The goals and policies in the Municipality's *Comprehensive Plan* promote neighborhoods, developments and public investments that build on each neighborhood's strengths, along with *neighborhood and district plans* that guide the future uses and characteristics in each part of the city. Creating and carrying out these area-specific plans and participating in the development process requires sustained, long-term neighborhood commitment and efforts.

Therefore, strong communities are prerequisite to neighborhood planning and development. They are also essential to resilient neighborhoods by enabling groups of residents, businesses, and property owners solve problems and realize opportunities for their areas.

Community Councils. Chapter 2.40 of Anchorage's Municipal Code establishes the functions of community councils. Community councils serve as forums for neighborhood residents, property owners, and business owners to work together for expression and discussion of opinions and needs—and to do so in a way that will impact their community's development.

The Municipality is currently divided into 38 community council districts recognized by the Municipality. There are 6 in Chugiak-Eagle River, 29 in the Anchorage Bowl, and 3 in the Turnagain Arm, which includes Girdwood.

Community councils are established through being recognized by ordinance of the Anchorage Assembly. Upon request of one or more voluntary associations and after public notice and hearing, the Assembly may recognize any one voluntary association as the community council for a given area. To qualify, an association must establish that it meets a set of criteria set forth in AMC 2.40.035 to ensure inclusive membership practices and maximum opportunity for community involvement and representation.

Community councils are independent, nonprofit, voluntary, self-governing associations. Their membership is composed of residents, property owners, business owners, nonprofits, and other organizations located within geographical areas (districts). Community councils serve an advisory function to the Anchorage Assembly, the Mayor, and other public officials. The purpose of community councils is to provide a direct and continuing means of participating in the government process and local affairs.

Although community councils are not part of municipal government, they are an important part of the local government process. Public agencies and officials rely on community councils for public input. In Anchorage, community councils are recognized by code as a primary means for community member participation in the planning and development of neighborhoods.

Community councils that reflect and represent Anchorage's natural, geographic communities are essential to strong neighborhood communities. 10-year boundary reviews support the success of community councils as forums for participation and organized neighborhood advocacy.

Federation of Community Councils. The Federation of Community Councils (FCC) is an independent 501(c)3 organization that provides services to the community councils. The FCC is governed by a Board of Delegates composed of representatives of each community council. The FCC is not recognized in the charter or municipal code and has no statutory relationship with the Municipality or the community councils. However, it is granted most of its operating revenue by the Assembly, to provide services to the community councils. This includes the Community Councils Center that provides staff support to the FCC and community councils.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR REVIEWING BOUNDARIES

Public Process Requirement. AMC Section 2.40.040 establishes that, for any review of community council district boundaries, the municipal Planning Department must first obtain public input and the participation of community councils on possible changes to community council district boundaries. It then must submit a report and recommendations on district boundaries to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Anchorage Assembly.

The Planning and Zoning Commission reviews the report and, after conducting a public hearing, forwards its recommendations to the Assembly. Upon receipt of the recommendation, the Assembly conducts a public hearing and by ordinance may adjust community council district boundaries. The Assembly and the Planning and Zoning Commission must each solicit and consider the recommendations of community councils concerning changes in community council district boundaries.

The Assembly reviews all proposed community council district boundary changes and makes the final decision. Any changes to community council districts or district boundaries must be made by ordinance as an amendment to Anchorage Municipal Code.

Public Process for the Current 10-Year Review Project. The Planning Department kicked off the project in October 2022 with a project web page, outreach to the Federation of Community Councils, and a letter to Community Council executive committees soliciting their initial feedback regarding any boundary issues. Other inquiries were made to help identify any boundary study areas for consideration.

The Department posted an online survey questionnaire in November 2022 regarding community council boundaries and with the assistance of the Community Councils Center twice emailed the questionnaire to approximately 9,500 recipients. The questionnaire was posted until February 2023 and received 420 responses. These responses and other forms of initial public feedback are documented in Appendix A-1.

Some of the questionnaire respondents, community councils, and other members of the public identified a variety of boundary issues of concern to them. That public feedback taken from Appendix A-1 is highlighted in Appendix A-2 and formed the basis for identifying 39 "Boundary Study Areas" in the first quarter of 2023.

A "Boundary Study Area" means that a community council boundary was identified for further evaluation as part of this project. Boundary study areas typically comprise a part of a community council district or certain boundary segments where the public comments suggested consideration for changes. Planning staff reached out to the executive officers of the community councils where boundary study areas were identified to get their initial feedback.

Boundary Advisory Committee. With the assistance of the Federation of Community Councils, the Planning Department organized a *Community Council Boundary Advisory Committee* in February 2023 to help evaluate the boundary study areas that had been identified by the public. The *Boundary Advisory Committee* was formed as a geographically representative group of 12 volunteers from among community councils' membership and officers. In addition, the Municipal Ombudsman participated as an ex officio (non-voting) member of the committee. This Boundary Advisory Committee served as a sounding board to discuss and provide feedback to the Planning Department and Planning and Zoning Commission.

At its organizational meeting, the Boundary Advisory Committee discussed its advisory role, the list of boundary issues that had been identified by the public, and the set of *boundary review criteria* (discussed in Part 1) to evaluate potential boundary modifications. Subsequently, the Committee held four publicly noticed meetings to evaluate the boundary study areas individually and provide its recommendations. At each meeting, there was public comment opportunity and the Committee invited members of the public and representatives of community councils as guests to provide input.

An Action Summary documenting the Committee's essential recommendations and the Committee's approved minutes documenting the deliberations of its meetings are provided at the end of Appendix B.

Evaluation of Boundary Study Areas. The Boundary Advisory Committee and Planning Department staff applied the 7 *boundary review criteria* based on municipal code to assess each boundary study area. Staff identified alternative options for addressing the boundary issue and proposed a preferred alternative for committee consideration. The committee deliberated and selected its recommendation by majority vote.

The evaluation of each boundary study area by staff and the Boundary Advisory Committee is provided in Part 2 of this report. Minutes of the committee's deliberations are in Appendix B. Key considerations raised by committee members are incorporated in Part 2.

In most cases, after assessing a boundary study area, both the staff and committee recommended "no change" to existing boundaries. In 10 cases, a change to a district boundary was recommended.

Public Hearing Draft Review and Approval. The recommendations in this report reflect the outcomes of the 2023 boundary review process and are the basis for the October 2024 public hearing draft ordinance recommended boundaries.

Following the release of this report and the public hearing draft district boundaries in October, there will be a public review and comment period that will last several months to give community councils and the public enough time to review and submit comments to the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC). The PZC will open and then continue the public hearing as needed to allow community councils time to submit resolutions as comments. The Assembly will receive the recommendations of the PZC by the second quarter of 2025 and schedule its public hearing for final action.

During the public hearing draft review period, the Planning Department will conduct outreach to the Federation and community council boards, advising each community council that is included in any of the boundary study areas to submit a written resolution addressed to the PZC stating the community council's position as to its boundaries. The Planning Department and the Community Councils Center staff are making themselves available to provide technical assistance and a template for preparing written resolutions.

Diagram of the public review process:

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES

Code Standards. Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) Section 2.40 establishes the standards for delineating community council district areas. The Anchorage Assembly must define community council districts to (1) group residents within natural communities and (2) recognize community desires regarding boundaries. Population is not to be used as a criterion for establishing boundaries.

The code defines "natural communities" as:

- Areas divided one from another by physical or traffic barriers;
- Areas having common interests; and
- Areas having or achieving a distinct identity by reason of geography, history, population, transportation, and other factors.

Alignment with Other Districts: Not a Criteria. Community council districts are not determined by legislative, taxation, or service districts such as road service areas. Although the review of boundaries may consider service areas as factors that contribute to a common interest (e.g., school attendance areas), council boundaries should be determined primarily by "natural communities" and "community desires as to boundaries." The Boundary Advisory Committee's discussion regarding legislative districts and community council boundaries is available in 2-27-2023 meeting minutes, in Appendix B of this report.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR REVIEWING POTENTIAL BOUNDARY CHANGES

The following *guiding principles* for evaluating potential boundary adjustments elaborate on the municipal code standards for establishing community council districts. The seven *guiding principles* are intended to translate the code language into specific criteria that can be more easily applied to individual boundary study areas. They also provide a consistent, equitable, and transparent set of criteria to weigh options for boundary adjustments in each case.

Not every community council boundary needs to meet every *guiding principle*. The principles may vary in relative importance depending on the area and situation. No one factor overrides.

1. *Preserve existing boundaries unless there is a reason to change.* Prioritize stability and continuity unless other *guiding principles* (below) indicate there is merit in adjusting boundaries. Any boundary changes should strengthen rather than disrupt the function of community councils and should change the districts no more than optimal for to meeting the *guiding principles*.

2. *Offer community council representation for each resident, landowner, and business.* Each resident, business, and property owner should have the opportunity to be a participating, voting member of a council. It would be preferable if all areas with residents, property owners, and businesses or other private organizations are located within an active, engaged community council for their area.

3. *Set council boundaries that strengthen neighborhoods and natural communities.* Neighborhood participation thrives where there is a strong and distinct identity and shared common interests—a community of *place*. Examples of shared characteristics and interests include:

- A shared geographic focus, activity center, or anchoring institution, such as a commercial district or main street; a town center; a park or a prominent civic institution.
- A distinct pattern of physical features or historic development patterns that define the neighborhood's character and identity, such as the kinds of residential areas, mix of uses and activities, sizes of buildings and lots, the scale and character of streets, city blocks, and street network.
- A shared history of experiences, traditions, and endeavors that continues to the present, although diverse attitudes and opinions are welcome.
- An elementary school attendance area, improvement district, or community-oriented service area.
- Achieving through common endeavor a shared focus center, neighborhood plan, street system improvements, creek corridor improvement, or park.
- Shared issues and challenges to overcome or resolve through collective deliberation, advocacy, and effort.

- Sufficient interest and ability among neighbors—from all segments of the community—to support a council.

4. ***Use easily identifiable boundaries that are physical barriers between neighborhoods.*** It should be relatively easy for people to know what council they live or do business in. Residents should be able to easily identify their council area boundaries. Therefore, council boundaries should be *physical features* evident in the landscape that people can relate to, such as:

- An arterial street that is a physical and traffic barrier more than it is a local connector, the Alaska Railroad Corridor, or a highway.
- Breaks in street and pedestrian connectivity and interaction among neighborhoods, reinforced by local landmarks, such as a stream or park.
- Creeks, creek greenbelts and valleys, ridges and significant breaks in the city's topography, and other prominent natural features.
- Large parks, greenbelts, natural open spaces, and lake systems that separate or isolate neighborhoods.
- Airports and other extensive facilities demarked by clear zones and fences.

5. ***Align boundaries with community desires and aspirations.*** Where there is interest among residents, property owners, and businesses and organizations of an area to be in a certain council, those wishes should carry strong weight. Shared, common goals and aspirations are also a basis for recognizing a community of place.

6. ***Seek an optimal size range that facilitates citizen participation and self-determination.*** Population is not a criterion for establishing a council, so long as the size of a community council district affords its citizens an opportunity for maximum participation.

Therefore:

- ***An active community council with a small population can be a legitimate natural community.*** For example, Basher, with only several hundred residents, has a distinct community identity, is physically isolated, and has an active council engaged in representing the neighborhood.
- ***A district that is majority commercial can be a legitimate natural community.*** Downtown is a distinct community with common interests and an active council.

However, community councils exist to afford members of the public an opportunity for maximum community involvement and self-determination. It is important that all residents, businesses, and property owners continue to have representation from an active, engaged community council for their area.

Therefore:

- ***Above an optimum size for its area,*** a community council may find it more difficult to afford all its members and constituent neighborhood areas an effective opportunity for involvement or representation. Reducing to a smaller size may allow such a community council to focus on core areas and maximize involvement of citizens and self-determination for all neighborhoods.

  For example, this consideration led to the creation of Midtown Community Council in 2014.

- ***Below an optimum size for its area,*** a community council may not enjoy a critical mass of residents, businesses, or property owners who consistently meet, participate, and represent their collective interests. As a result, it may no longer give its members maximum opportunity for involvement, representation, and self-determination by an active community council.

  For example, this consideration led Mid-Hillside and Upper Hillside Community Councils to merge in 2017.

7. ***Select boundaries that are conducive for sharing information about the neighborhood.*** Neighborhood-level data is a key to sound neighborhood planning and decision-making. How many people live in a community council? What are its demographic, housing, and economic trends? Questions vital to understanding public issues can be answered more easily where councils are coterminous with *Census Blocks* and *Block Groups*.

Therefore:

- *Use census boundaries where they are easy and available to use for districting councils.* Census blocks are small units of area, tend to follow major physical features and traffic barriers, and accommodate most any configuration of boundaries.
- *Use census boundaries where vital neighborhood information is at stake.* A local park, school, or other unpopulated area allows deviation from census lines, without impacting demographic data.
- *Where there is conflict, actual neighborhoods take precedence.* For example, where census blocks do not coincide with the way people define where they live, the census precinct should not override natural communities.

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Part 2

BOUNDARY STUDY AREAS EVALUATION

PART 2 OVERVIEW

Part 2 first summarizes the online questionnaire responses and email comments from the public. These responses provided the basis for the 40 boundary study areas that have been evaluated in this 10-year review of community council district boundaries project. Each boundary study area comprises all or a part of a community council district or specific boundary segments where public comments received between November 2022 and February 2023 suggest consideration for changes.

Part 2 then provides the assessment of these 40 boundary study areas. It applies the *boundary review criteria* from *Part 1* in the evaluation of each boundary study area and identifies alternative options for how to address the boundary issue.

Part 2 organizes the boundary study areas geographically, starting in Chugiak-Eagle River, Turnagain Arm, and then the Anchorage Bowl, proceeding from north to south.

The evaluation for each boundary study area:

- Summarizes the issue and proposed changes from the public comments;
- Applies the applicable boundary review criteria from *Part 1* to assess the boundary study area; and
- Identifies options for resolving the boundary study area (including a "no action" option).

Each assessment also lists the community council districts that may be affected by the boundary study area, and provides a cross-reference to the relevant Boundary Study Area Map(s) in Appendix C. It also cross-references to the relevant survey questionnaire responses and public comments in Appendix A.

Finally, the assessments recommend the preferred option for how to address the boundary study area. It indicates the recommendations of both the Planning Department and Boundary Advisory Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS IDENTIFYING BOUNDARY STUDY AREAS

To identify boundary study areas for evaluation, the Planning Department solicited comments regarding community council district boundaries from the community councils' officers and members from November 4, 2022, through February 17, 2023, as discussed in *Part 1*. This included an online survey questionnaire that the Community Councils Center distributed as public information alerts in November and February to its contact list of approximately 9,500 email addresses. The Planning Department also received comments by email, through February 26, 2023 (**Appendix A** documents the questionnaire responses and other public comments received).

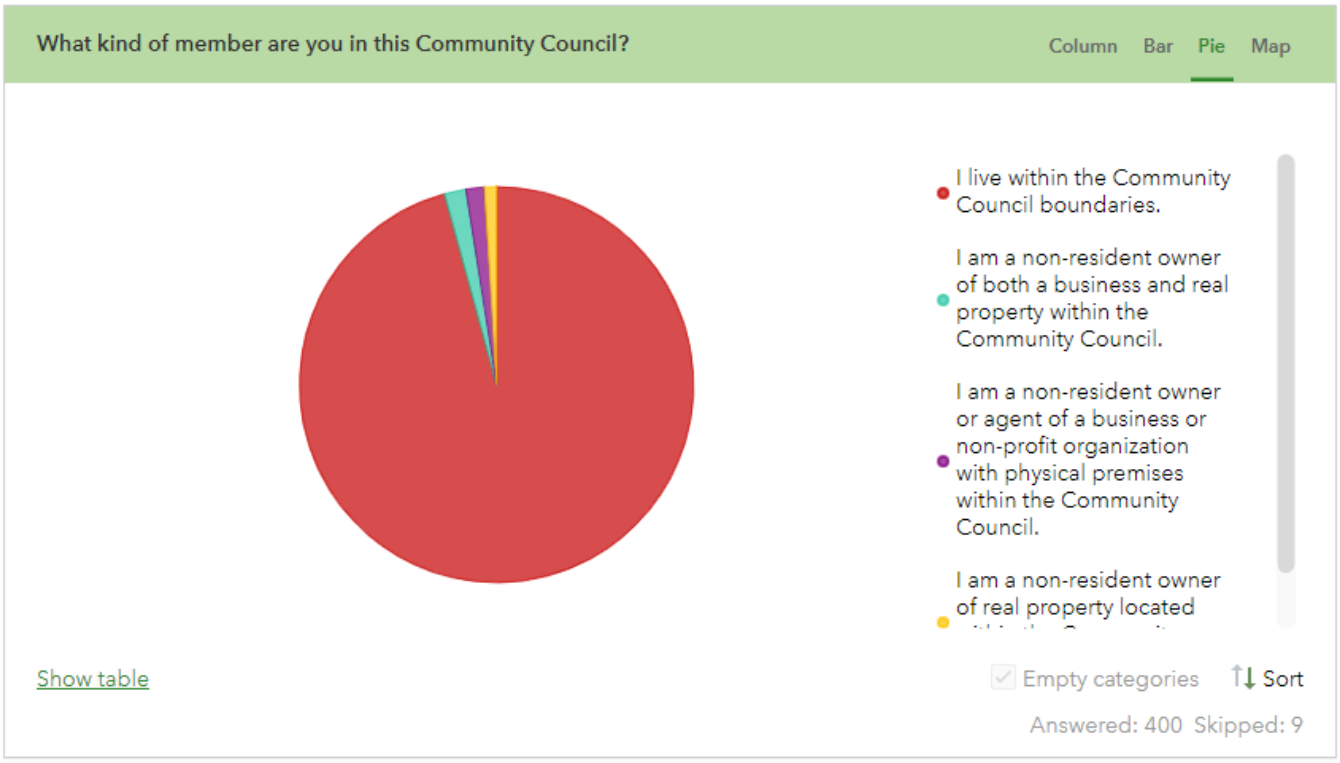
The public feedback and information came from community council members, community council officers, individual Assembly members, the Municipal Ombudsman, and the Community Councils Center. This feedback provided the basis for the "Boundary Study Areas" – i.e., where there is an identified issue or a suggested change to a community council district area or its boundary with a neighboring community council – to be considered in the 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries project. This feedback also identified where respondents were satisfied with their existing community council boundaries.

***Summary of Public Feedback*.** Following is a summary of the questionnaire responses and email comments received.

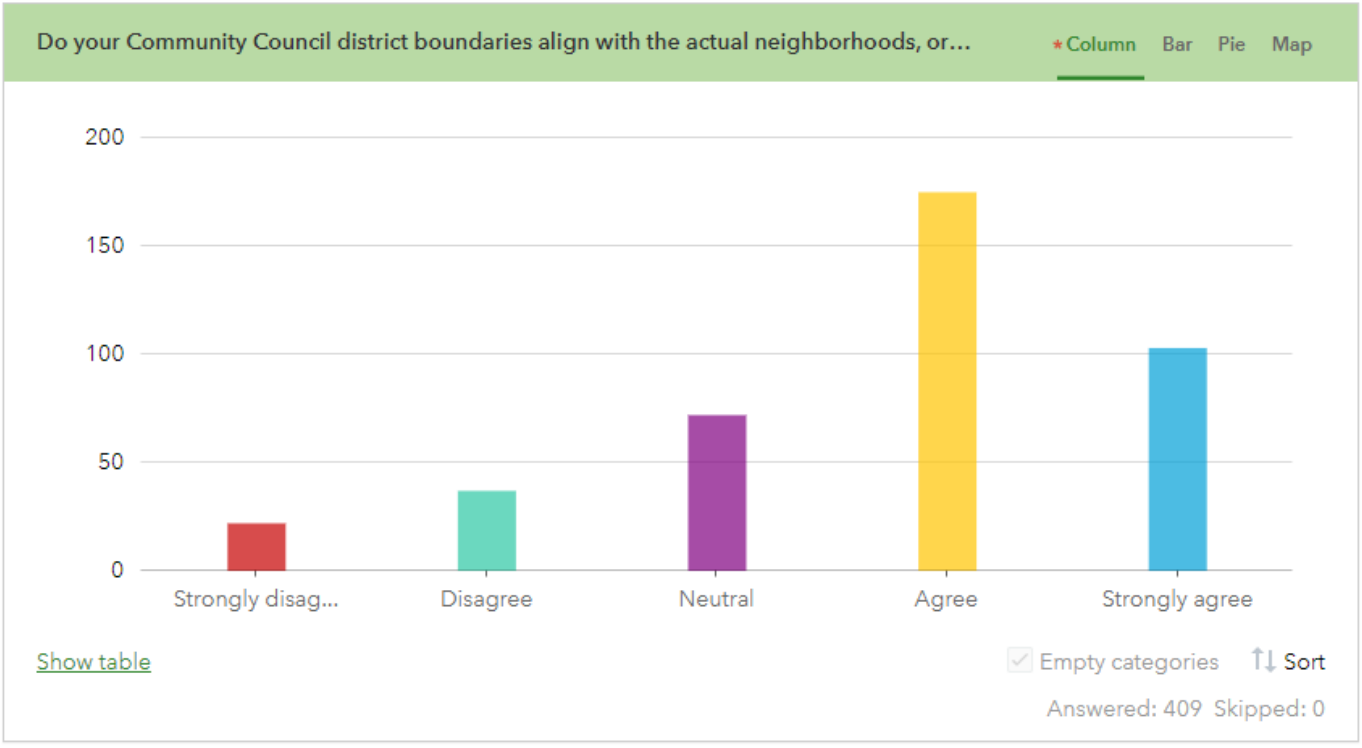
- There were 409 responses to the online survey questionnaire. (Appendix A-1)
- Additionally, 16 comments were received via email and one in a phone conversation. (Appendix A-1)
- Approximately 100 survey responses, or one-quarter, indicated dissatisfaction with existing district boundaries or suggested boundary changes be considered. (Appendix A-2)
- 11 of the email and phone comments indicated dissatisfaction with existing districts and suggested boundary changes to be considered. (Appendix A-2)

The graphs on the following pages provide an overview of the 409 questionnaire responses.

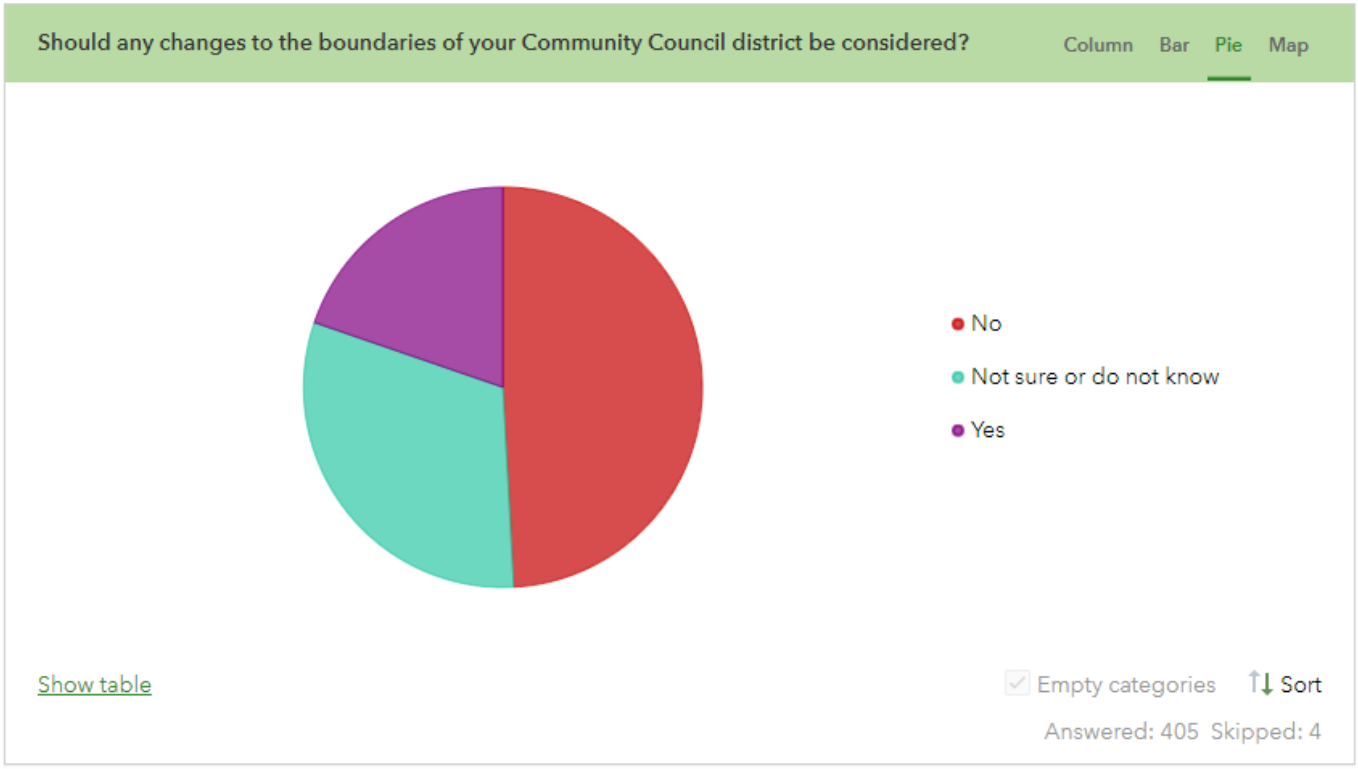
94% of questionnaire respondents are residents of the community council district that they commented about:



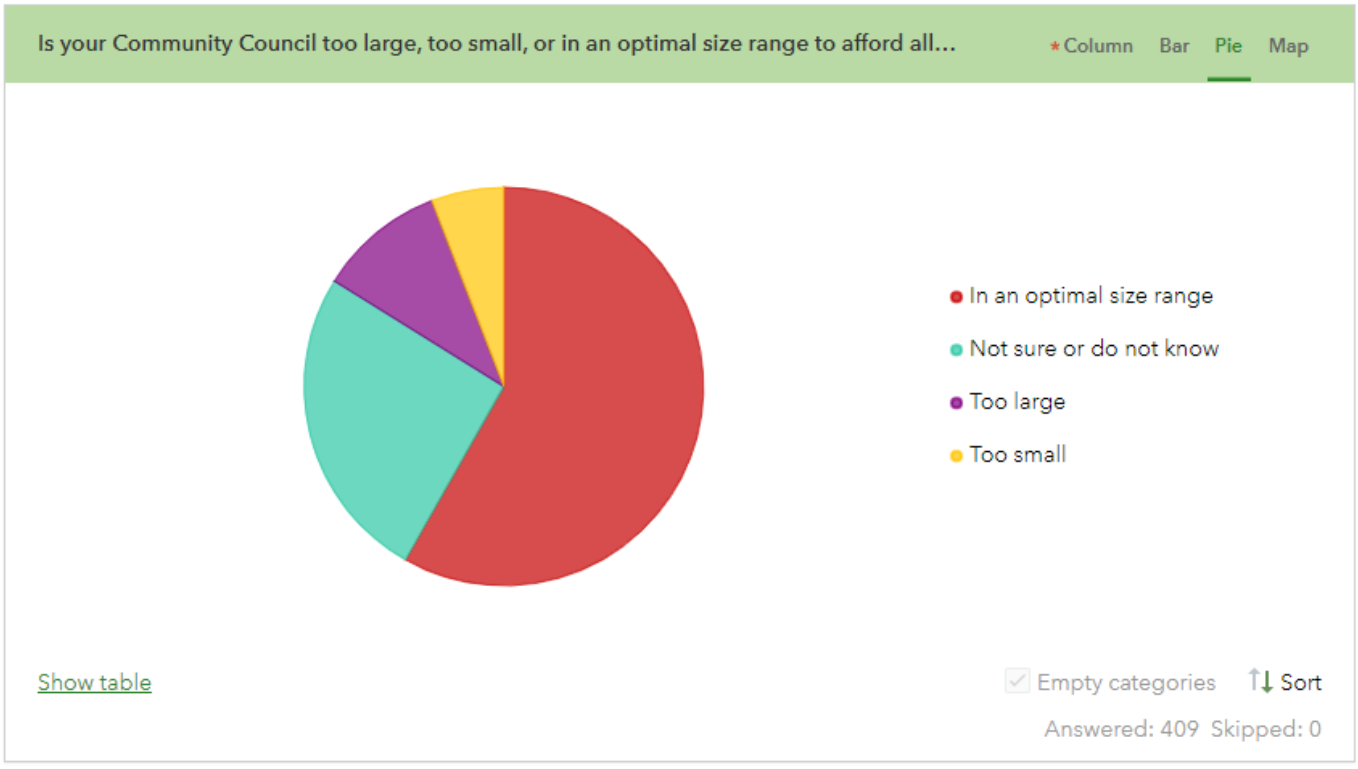
70% agreed that their community council district aligns with the actual neighborhoods, or “natural communities:



49% said no changes to boundaries should be considered while 20% said changes should be considered:



58% said their community council district is in an optimal size range, 10% said it is too large, and 6% said it is too small to afford all members with opportunity for participation and representation.



EVALUATION OF THE BOUNDARY STUDY AREAS

The remainder of this report provides the assessment of the 40 boundary study areas. The boundary study areas appear in the same geographical order as in the Appendix A tables, starting from Chugiak-Eagle River, then Turnagain Arm, and finally the Anchorage Bowl. Within each of these three regions, the boundary study areas are arranged geographically from north to south.

Each boundary study area evaluated in the following pages includes a brief description of the study area and the proposed boundary change(s) from the public comments. It also indicates the total number of comments that called for the boundary study area, and cross-references back to those source comments in Appendix A-2.

The description of each boundary also identifies the community councils that are potentially affected, including neighboring community councils that may be affected by a proposed boundary adjustment. It also includes a cross-reference to the maps of the boundary study area in *Appendix C: Boundary Study Area Maps*.

Following the description is the main assessment, or evaluation, of the boundary study area, which uses *the boundary review criteria* from Part 1. Specifically, it applies the seven "guiding principles," numbered 1 through 7 (Part 1, pages 9 through 11). The assessment considers factors such as physical boundaries, neighborhood characteristics, community desires, and common service districts (e.g., a shared elementary school). Population figures are derived by Planning staff from 2020 U.S. Census data. Each assessment also includes a summary of the overall questionnaire results in Appendix A for each affected community council.

Each boundary study area concludes with a list of options for addressing the boundary issue. Option A is usually the "no action" alternative—i.e., to retain existing boundaries without changes. Options B, C, etc. list options for changing the boundaries, generally in order of increasing level of change.

Finally, each boundary study area recommends the preferred option for how to address the boundary issue. It indicates both the Planning Department's recommendation and the Boundary Advisory Committee's recommendation, as follows:

- The option that the Planning Department recommends is indicated with the word *"(Recommended)*" underlined and in parentheses.
- The option that the Boundary Advisory Committee recommended is indicated by two asterisks (**) after the option. The Committee's recommendation is then repeated at the end of the list of options, along with a vote tally (e.g., "*The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A by unanimous vote."*).

In most boundary study areas, the Planning Department and Boundary Advisory Committee found themselves in agreement and recommended the same option. Their recommendations differ in a few cases, as indicated in the Executive Summary.

In most cases, after applying the *boundary review criteria* and considering the public feedback, the Planning Department and Boundary Advisory Committee recommended Option A: "no change"—i.e., to retain existing boundaries. Both found that, based on information available, existing boundaries typically align with the code-based standards for establishing community council districts better than the boundary change options proposed.

However, in 9 boundary study areas, changes to district boundaries are recommended. These recommended changes are identified in the Executive Summary.

The recommendations are the basis for the October 2024 PZC public hearing draft ordinance and its accompanying community council district maps, which are for public review and proposed adoption as an amendment to AMC Chapter 2.40.

Where community council boundaries follow a natural feature such as a creek or ridgeline, the public hearing draft maps reflect the most up-to-date geographic information regarding the location of the natural feature. Where the boundaries had previously been based on inaccurate stream or watershed data, the public hearing draft boundaries have shifted from where they appeared on the 2003-era community council maps.

Index of Community Councils. The index table on page 3 of the Executive Summary provides a cross-reference from each community council in the Municipality to the boundary study area(s) which may affect or involve that community council.

CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER

1. Chugiak Community Council District
(Boundary Study Area Maps 1 and 2)

A questionnaire response commented that the Chugiak Community Council district is too large to afford all members the opportunity for participation and representation.

(Source comment in Appendix A: 261.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #2, 4-3-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- 1. *Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria that follow show a reason to divide it or reduce its size.
- *2. Representation:* Chugiak provides representation for the area. No data has been collected that would indicate Chugiak is not providing active, engaged representation for all its neighborhoods.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Distinct area and identity, served by Peters Creek interchanges of New Glenn Highway.
- *3. Natural Communities:* A neighborhood commercial niche center, near South Peters Creek interchange of the New Glenn Highway, serves Peters Creek.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Similar semi-rural, large-lot residential character shared across Chugiak and Peters Creek.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Peters Creek (waterbody) and (New) Glenn Highway.
- *5. Community Desires:* No expression of interest received from residents of a specific sub-area to separate.
- *5. Community Desires:* Chugiak council residents' desire to preserve existing boundaries; no support for splitting up.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Chugiak is extensive in area with distinct neighborhoods, but its population is low-density with less than two elementary school attendance areas.
- *7. Sharing Information:* N/A.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. In the future, if the local community shows sufficient interest to support creating a separate community council for a part of the area covered by Chugiak, then consider establishing such a council district at that time. **
- *Option B:* Adopt an Assembly Resolution recommending the establishment of a separate community council to serve a distinct part of Chugiak Community Council when a voluntary association from that area meeting the requirements of AMC section 2.40.030B. proposes to establish a separate community council organization and requests recognition by the Assembly. Until such a voluntary association receives recognition from the Assembly, Chugiak Community Council will continue to represent all its current district.

*** The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

2. Eagle River and Eagle River Valley
(Boundary Study Area Maps 3 and 4)

10 questionnaire responses indicated that the Eagle River and/or Eagle River Valley Community Council districts may not reflect actual neighborhoods or natural communities. 2 of the responses recommended that the Eagle Ridge Subdivision, Parkview Terrace Subdivision, Gruening Middle School, and Eagle River Lions Park area southwest of Eagle River Road and Eagle River Loop Road be transferred from Eagle River Valley Community Council to Eagle River Community Council. One of the responses indicated the natural boundary is farther east, at Mile Hi Avenue and Eagle River Road. One of the responses recommended to merge the two community council districts. The 6 other commenters did not recommend specific changes.

Staff note: Eagle Ridge Subdivision, named above, is already in Eagle River Community Council.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 260, 262, 184, 84, 257, 268, 409, 200, 266, 296.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #3, 4-24-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing boundaries unless the criteria that follow show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* All areas seem to enjoy representation by active councils.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Gruening MS campus street access faces west toward Eagle River and is shared with Eagle Ridge Subdivision's access in Eagle River council.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The size of lots, and character of the local streets on both sides of Eagle River Loop Road are typical of central Eagle River.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Eagle River Valley Community Council is a mix of smaller lots in an urban service area and larger lots outside of urban service areas.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Parkview Terrace Subdivision west of Eagle River Loop Road shares the Alpenglow Elementary School (ES) attendance area with Parkview Terrace East and Eaglewood Subdivisions east of Eagle River Loop Road.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Eagle River ES attendance area extends south of Eagle River Road to include Eagle Ridge Subdivision west of Gruening MS.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Parkview Terrace Subdivision has local street connection via Driftwood Bay Drive to the subdivisions east of Eagle River Loop Road, and no street connections west to Eagle Ridge.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Gruening MS campus; Eagle River Loop Road is a physical and traffic barrier.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Eagle River Road is a physical and traffic barrier; Meadow Creek east of Eagle River Loop Road is a physical barrier between neighborhoods to its north and south.
- *5. Community Desires:* 18 members of Eagle River submitted questionnaire responses:
  - 5 members agreed that existing boundaries align with natural communities, 7 disagreed, and 6 were neutral.
  - 4 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 4 said changes should be considered; and 10 were not sure.
  - 6 said Eagle River is in an optimal size range; 1 said it is too large; 3 said it is too small; and 8 were not sure.
- *5. Community Desires:* 15 members of Eagle River Valley submitted responses:
  - 11 members agreed that existing boundaries align with natural communities, 1 disagreed, and 3 were neutral.
  - 11 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 1 said that changes to boundaries should be considered; and 3 were not sure.
  - 14 said Eagle River Valley is in an optimal size range; 1 was not sure.
- *5. Community Desires:* There has not been public input supporting a definitive change or specific proposals such as transferring Gruening Middle School.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Eagle River and Eagle River Valley are the two most populous community councils in Chugiak-Eagle River.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* Legislative and Census boundaries do not seem to align with natural communities or boundaries.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Transfer the Gruening Middle School campus from Eagle River Valley to Eagle River Community Council. No other changes.
- *Option C:* In addition to Option B, transfer the Parkview Terrace Subdivision and Eagle River Lions Park area (southwest of Eagle River Road / Eagle River Loop Road intersection) from Eagle River Valley to Eagle River Community Council.

- *Option D:* In addition to Options B and C, transfer the large lot hillside area east of Eagle Loop Road and north of Meadow Creek (waterbody) from Eagle River Valley to Eagle River Community Council.
- *Option E:* In addition to Options B, C, and D, transfer all areas west of Mile Hi Avenue from Eagle River Valley to Eagle River Community Council.
- *Option F:* Merge Eagle River and Eagle River Valley Community Councils.

*** The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

3. North of Eagle River Loop Road to Eagle River

(Boundary Study Area Map 4)

2 questionnaire responses recommended to transfer the Eagle Nest Subdivision, Eagle River High School, and Wolf Den Drive area northwest of Eagle River Loop Road from South Fork to Eagle River Community Council.

Staff note: Eagle Pointe is an urban density subdivision south of Eagle River. Nearby is a prison and a secondary school site. There is vacant land and a former community fill site.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 37, 262.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #2, 4-3-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing boundaries unless the criteria that follow show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* South Fork is an active, small to medium size community council that is active and engaged in the area.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Residential lot size and physical character is urban, more similar to Eagle River than South Fork.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Chugach State Park isolates neighborhoods up Hiland Road from this study area.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Eagle River (waterbody and valley) is a physical barrier the isolates the study area from Eagle River Community Council neighborhoods.
- *5. Community Desires:* The other questionnaire response (404) from South Fork supports retaining existing boundaries.
- *5. Community Desires:* South Fork Council representative reports that its membership desires to preserve its existing boundaries.
- *5. Community Desires:* Historically, the Eagle Pointe developer and homeowners association desired to remain in South Fork.
- *5. Community Desires:* Historically, Eklutna, Inc., desired its land holdings in the study area to remain in South Fork.

6. Optimal Size: Retaining the area in question in South Fork supports preserving a critical mass of residents and property areas to maintain an active community council in South Fork.

7. *Sharing Information:* All options seem equal in terms of alignment with U.S. Census or Assembly District boundaries.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. ****
- *Option B:* Transfer the Eagle Nest Subdivision, Eagle River High School, and Wolf Den Drive area northwest of Eagle River Loop Road from South Fork to Eagle River Community Council.

**** The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

TURNAGAIN ARM

4. Girdwood Community Council District

(Boundary Study Area Map 14, and Turnagain Arm Boundary Study Map)

5 commenters (including the Municipal Ombudsman and the Community Councils Center manager) expressed concerns that the Girdwood Valley Service Area (GVSA) is smaller than the boundaries of the Girdwood Community Council district, leaving some Girdwood residents and property owners outside the GVSA. 1 of the commenters also expressed concern that the GVSA is a government entity, a different function from a community council, which is supposed to be independent from government.

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS), a five-member body elected by GVSA residents, governs the GVSA provision of police, fire, parks, roads and drainage, and other services. The Municipality has recognized the GBOS as the community council ex officio for Girdwood (AMC 2.40.035). The GBOS created a Land Use Committee (LUC) to operate as the community council for all Girdwood, including areas outside the GVSA. According to the LUC operating procedures, all residents, property owners, and business owners in Girdwood—including those outside the GVSA—are qualified voting members of the LUC.

Girdwood residents, property owners, and businesses outside of the GVSA cannot vote for the GBOS and do not have standing in GBOS meeting discussions regarding police, fire, and other services for GVSA residents. Specifically, 3 of the 5 commenters indicated that the GBOS represents residents within the town of Girdwood, but not residents in Upper Crow Creek (which is outside the GVSA).

1 of the 5 commenters recommended that the boundaries of the GVSA should be expanded. 4 recommended to establish a separate community council from the GBOS. Either option would be inclusive of all Girdwood, including the Upper Crow Creek neighborhood.

Planning research and interviews identified two additional options: transfer Upper Crow Creek to Turnagain Arm Community Council or create an Upper Crow Creek Community Council.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 431, 435, 438, 439, 440.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #3, 4-24-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing boundaries unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Girdwood residents, property owners, and businesses in Upper Crow Creek outside of the GVSA cannot vote for the GBOS.
- *2. Representation:* The LUC is a committee of GBOS but the Land Use Co-Chair of the GBOS indicates that, in practice, the LUC members and chair can include people from outside the GVSA—the LUC operates the same way as a community council with the same representation and membership as a community council would and allows residents of Upper Crow Creek to participate and vote as a members of the LUC.
- *2. Representation:* Community councils are independent, nonprofit, voluntary, self-governing associations, but the LUC is a committee of an elected government body.
- *2. Representation:* The Land Use Co-Chair of the GBOS indicates that GBOS and LUC have a process for when there is a difference of opinion between the GBOS and LUC on a land use matter. In such cases, both the resolutions from GBOS and LUC are forwarded to the municipal decision-making body (e.g., Assembly). The opinion of the LUC is never suppressed, but it is not the only opinion forwarded.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The entire Girdwood Valley forms a single natural community.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Upper Crow Creek subdivision is somewhat removed from the rest of the inhabited Girdwood Valley.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Mountains and wilderness surrounding the Girdwood Valley.

- *5. Community Desires:* The 2 questionnaire respondents from Girdwood agreed with existing community council boundaries.
- *5. Community Desires:* The Land Use Co-Chair of the GBOS indicated in consultation with staff that, in an advisory vote 10 years ago the GVSA membership opposed moving to a two-organization structure—a GBOS and an independent community council. He believes the majority opinion has not changed.
- *5. Community Desires:* A vote of the GVSA and Upper Crow Creek residents regarding annexing Upper Crow Creek into the GVSA could resolve the representation problem in a way that reflects Girdwood voter preferences.
- *5. Community Desires:* Upper Crow Creek residents may not support annexation into the GVSA because of taxation issues.
- *6. Optimal Size:* The population of Girdwood is 2,100. There are 47 privately owned parcels in the Upper Crow Creek area.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* Legislative districts and U.S. Census tracts and block groups straddle Girdwood and its neighboring communities of Bird and Portage.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries and organizational structure. **
- *Option B:* Adopt an Assembly Resolution in support of the establishment of separate community council organization independent of GBOS to serve the Girdwood Community Council district, once a voluntary association meeting the requirements of subsection 2.40.030B. requests recognition by the Assembly. For example, the Land Use Committee (LUC) of the GBOS could request formal recognition. Until such a voluntary association receives recognition from the Assembly, the GBOS shall continue to serve as community council ex officio.
- *Option C:* Adopt an Assembly Resolution in support of a ballot measure that would propose to expand the boundaries of the GBOS to annex all areas within the boundaries of the Girdwood Community Council district except Chugach National Forest and Chugach State Park lands.
- *Option D:* Transfer Upper Crow Creek and any other privately owned areas outside the GBOS service area boundary from Girdwood Community Council district to Turnagain Arm Community Council district.
- *Option E:* Adopt an Assembly Resolution in support of the establishment of a separate community council to serve Upper Crow Creek, once a voluntary association of the Upper Crow Creek community meeting the requirements of subsection 2.40.030B. requests recognition by the Assembly.

***** The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by a vote of 10 in favor and 1 opposed).***

5. Portage Valley Community Council District

(Turnagain Arm Boundary Study Area Map)

The Municipal Ombudsman and the Community Councils Center manager indicated that the Portage Valley Community Council has not submitted revised bylaws required by municipal code changes in 2014. There has not been an active community council meeting quorum for more than 9 years. It is an inactive community council district that does not meet the code criteria for recognition. Failing to meet these requirements means this community council should no longer be recognized by the Assembly. The commenters recommended to consider an option to merge it with an adjacent community council district.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 433, 436.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #4, 5-1-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Portage Valley has not been an active community council, submitted revised bylaws, or met legal requirements for maintaining Assembly recognition since at least 2014 (i.e., inactive for 9+ years).

- *2. Representation:* Residents, businesses, and property owners should have representation from an active, engaged community council.
- *2. Representation:* Turnagain Arm is an active community council that would give Portage Valley residents, businesses, and property owners the opportunity to provide organized comment and get representation on issues affecting Portage Valley.
- *2. Representation:* Girdwood Land Use Committee is also active however it is subsidiary to the GVSA (GBOS) which is focused on Girdwood only.
- *2. Representation:* Turnagain Arm Community Council's hybrid (online plus in-person) meeting format has made it possible for Portage Valley residents to participate remotely (online).
- *3. Natural Communities:* Majority of Portage Valley properties are located along or near the Turnagain Arm and the Seward Highway, which is a commonality with Bird and Indian;
- *3. Natural Communities:* Portage Valley has less in common with Girdwood.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Distance, topography, and creeks separate Portage from other communities in Turnagain Arm.
- *5. Community Desires:* Portage community has not demonstrated interest in sustaining its own community council. There were no questionnaire responses from Portage.
- *5. Community Desires:* 7 questionnaire responses from Turnagain Arm expressed a a mix of positive or neutral/not sure opinions toward its existing boundaries. 1 out of the 7 responses expressed it was "too large."
- *6. Optimal Size:* Portage Valley has approximately two dozen privately owned parcels. It does not seem to have a critical mass of members to maintain an active community council.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* Rainbow, Indian, Bird, and Portage Valley share the same municipal planning area, zoning, Assembly District, and Census Tract.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A:* No change. Retain existing boundaries and continue recognition of Portage Valley Community Council.
- *Option B:* Remove Portage Valley Community Council from the list of recognized community councils and the maps. The area would no longer be represented by a community council, and the maps would indicate that no community council represents this area.
- *Option C (Recommended):* Merge the Portage Valley Community Council district into the Turnagain Arm Community Council district. Residents, property owners, and businesses in the Portage Valley area would receive representation from the Turnagain Arm Community Council. **

*** The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option C (by unanimous vote).*

ANCHORAGE BOWL

6. Northeast Community Council District

and

7. North of E. Northern Lights Boulevard to Foxhall Drive

(Boundary Study Area Map 6)

16 responses indicated that the Northeast Community Council district is too large to afford all its members the opportunity for participation and representation, and recommended to either divide it into two community council districts or transfer parts of it to an adjacent community council district.

Some of these commenters recommended to divide Northeast into east and west districts with a few specifying using Turpin Street, Beaver Place, and/or political districts as boundaries. 1 of the commenters recommended to divide Northeast into north and south districts using DeBarr Road as a boundary. 4 of the commenters recommended to transfer western portions of Northeast Community Council (including Nunaka Valley) to the Russian Jack Community Council district or unite those western areas with parts of Russian Jack into a new community council.

(Source comments in Appendix B: 40, 44, 90, 99, 114, 126, 158, 186, 189, 233, 235, 285, 308, 408, 418, 425.)

In addition, 1 response recommended to transfer the Foxhall Drive area north of E. Northern Lights from Northeast Community Council to Scenic Foothills Community Council district. This is Boundary Study Area #7.

(Source comment in Appendix A: 368.)

The Scenic Foothills Community Council board considered Boundary Study Area #7 and has proposed consideration for a transfer of this area and areas south of Chester Creek and Chanshtnu Muldoon Park (Boundary Study Area #7a) from Northeast to Scenic Foothills.

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #4, 5-1-23; and Meeting #5, 6-12-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Northeast is an active council that includes business items on its agenda for all areas within its district.
- *2. Representation:* See issues with "Optimal Size" for providing adequate representation, discussed below.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Muldoon area neighborhoods share a focus on Muldoon Road, Creekside Town Center, and Chanshtnu Muldoon Park.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Northeast's western neighborhoods share Boniface Parkway and a focus on Cheney Lake Park, Nunaka Valley Park, and Russian Jack Springs Park via a grade-separated trail across Boniface.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Cheney Lake and Nunaka Valley areas share Nunaka Valley ES attendance area with Russian Jack, however would transfer to Chester Valley ES which is further east in Northeast district if the ASD were to close Nunaka Valley ES.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The areas north and south of DeBarr Road are in different elementary school attendance areas.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Cheney Lake area has a distinct physical character.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Foxhall (Boundary Study Area #7) is within the Chester Valley ES attendance area shared with other Northeast neighborhoods.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Foxhall has physical development pattern in common with adjacent subdivisions southeast of Chester Creek. Neighborhoods northwest of Chester Creek are also similar.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Muldoon Road; DeBarr Road; Northern Lights Boulevard.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries*: Boniface Parkway; Turpin Street; Baxter Road and Beaver Place combined with Nunaka Valley Park and Cheney Lake Park.

- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Patterson Street and Patterson Street Park; Chester Creek and its associated Chester Valley Park; Chanshtnu Muldoon Park.
- *5. Community Desires:* 25 members of Northeast submitted questionnaire responses and email comments, and a relatively large number said that Northeast is too large, as follows:
  - 11 agreed that existing boundaries align with natural communities, 5 disagreed, and 10 were neutral.
  - 5 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 14 said that changes to boundaries should be considered; and 5 were not sure.
  - 4 said Northeast is in an optimal size range; 16 said Northeast is too large; and 6 were not sure.
- *5. Community Desires:* Northeast discussed the different redistricting proposals at its May general meeting and took a straw poll of those in attendance. The overwhelming majority voted to retain the current Northeast Community Council boundaries. A draft resolution on the agenda for its June 15, 2023, meeting expressed support for keeping the boundaries of the council as they currently are.
- *5. Community Desires:* Members of Northeast who do not feel represented have the opportunity to run for officer positions in the Community Council or to propose a new community council.
- *5. Community Desires:* Russian Jack Community Council has voted to retain its existing district boundaries.
- *5. Community Desires:* Scenic Foothills Community Council's executive board has proposed transferring areas southeast of Chester Creek and Chanshtnu Muldoon Park from Northeast to Scenic Foothills (includes Boundary Study Area #7 and adjacent Boundary Study Area #7a shown on Boundary Study Area Map 6).
- *6. Optimal Size:* Northeast has a population of 29,039 and includes multiple distinct neighborhoods.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Cheney Lake/ Nunaka Valley area (population 4,940) and Ptarmigan area (population 5,949), have a total population of 11,926 west of Turpin Street and Baxter/Beaver.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Concerns expressed by a Northeast member in consultation with staff that Northeast has a small base of active members relative to its size, because of household tenure and characteristics. Staff finds its population would be 24,095 if Cheney Lake/Nunaka Valley were removed, and 17,109 if Ptarmigan Area was also removed.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Boundary Study Area #7, the Foxhall area, has less than 1,631 residents. The total area southeast of Chester Creek and Chanshtnu Muldoon Park that the Scenic Foothills board proposes transferring from Northeast to Scenic Foothills (Boundary Study Area #7 and #7a) has a population of 6,570. Transferring this area would reduce Northeast's population to 22,465 and increase Scenic Foothill's population to 14,513.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Concerns expressed by Scenic Park board member that its smaller population (7,943) and lack of non-residential land uses makes it difficult to recruit active members and run its council.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Russian Jack Community Council has a population of 11,573. Its population would increase to 16,513 if Cheney Lake/Nunaka Valley were transferred to its district; its population would increase to 23,499 if Ptarmigan Area was also transferred.
- *7. Sharing Information*: DeBarr Road is the south boundary for State House District 22.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* US Census Tract and Block Group boundary at Northern Lights.

Options and Recommendations:

- *Option A:* No change. Retain existing boundaries. In the future, if the local community shows sufficient interest to support creating a separate community council organization for a part of the area in Northeast, then consider establishing such a community council district at that time.

- *Option B:* Transfer the Foxhall Drive area north of E. Northern Lights (i.e., Boundary Study Area #7 shown on Area Map 6) from Northeast Community Council to Scenic Foothills Community Council.
- *Option C:* In combination with Option B, also transfer the area southeast of Chester Creek and south of Chanshtnu Muldoon Park (i.e., Boundary Study Area #7a on Area Map 6) from Northeast Community Council to Scenic Foothills Community Council.
- *Option D:* Transfer Nunaka Valley and Cheney Lake subdivisions southwest of DeBarr Road and Baxter Road/Beaver Street from Northeast Community Council to Russian Jack Community Council.
- *Option E:* In addition to Option D, also transfer the Ptarmigan ES attendance area northwest of DeBarr Road and Turpin Street from Northeast Community Council to Russian Jack Community Council.
- *Option F:* Adopt an Assembly Resolution in support of the establishment of separate community council in the western half of the Northeast district, once a voluntary association from those areas meeting the requirements of subsection 2.40.030B. requests recognition by the Assembly. The new community council would serve the Nunaka Valley and Cheney Lake area and the neighborhoods in the Ptarmigan E.S. attendance area. The boundary between the two community councils would be Turpin Street and Baxter Road/Beaver Place.
- *Option G (Recommended):* Adopt an Assembly Resolution in support of the establishment of separate community council to serve the Northeast neighborhoods south of DeBarr Road, once a voluntary association from that area meeting the requirements of subsection 2.40.030B requests recognition by the Assembly. Northeast Community Council would focus on representing the areas north of DeBarr Road. Until such a voluntary association receives recognition from the Assembly, Northeast Community Council will continue to represent all its current district. **

*** The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option G (by unanimous vote).*

8. West of Baxter Road South of Northern Lights Boulevard

(Boundary Study Area Map 6)

9 questionnaire responses indicated that areas west of Baxter Road are more aligned with the neighborhoods of Scenic Foothills Community Council than with University Area Community Council district. Some recommended to transfer the area between Baxter Road and Boniface Parkway from University Area Community Council to Scenic Foothills Community Council.

(Source comments in Appendix A: Responses 415, 48, 52, 66, 297, 299, 370, 368, 146.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #5, 6-12-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* University Area and Scenic Foothills are active community councils providing representation for their districts; University Area includes active members from the boundary study area.
- *3. Natural Communities:* There is limited street connectivity west from Baxter Road.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Proximity to Scenic Park and Baxter Bog in Scenic Foothills.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Neighborhoods east of the UMED campuses share physical characteristics and geography in common with Scenic Foothills.
- *3. Natural Communities:* School attendance areas are fragmented.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Boniface Parkway is a major physical and traffic barrier.
- *5. Community Desires:* Survey responses indicate that some residents west of Baxter Road identify more with the neighborhoods in Scenic Foothills than with University Area.
- *5. Community Desires:* The vice-chair of University Area Community Council reported that people living east of Bonface Parkway have expressed concerns about why their area is not in Scenic Foothills. Few people from the areas east of Boniface participate in

University Area meetings, and the few active board members from that area feel they are more a part of Scenic Foothills.

- *5. Community Desires:* 22 members of University Area sent questionnaire responses:
  - 11 agreed that existing boundaries align with natural communities, 6 disagreed, and 5 were neutral.
  - 6 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 8 were not sure; and 8 said that changes to boundaries should be considered.
- *5. Community Desires:* The chair of University Area did not support transferring the area east of Boniface out of University Area, out of concern that this will reduce its population and participation by active members. The chair suggested consideration for merging University Area and Scenic Foothills. University Area's vice-chair disagreed and argued that "natural communities" not population size is a boundary review criteria.
- *6. Optimal Size:* University Area's population is: 10,004. This includes 3,891 residents in Boundary Study Area #8 between Baxter Road and Boniface Parkway. Transferring this area east of Boniface would reduce University Area's population to 6,113.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Boundary Study Area #12 includes a recommendation to merge Tudor Area Community Council into University Area. Merging Tudor Area would add 1,764 residents.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* State House and Senate Boundaries at Baxter Road.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A.* No change. Retain existing boundaries.
- *Option B (Recommended):* Transfer the area between Baxter Road and Boniface Parkway from University Area Community Council to Scenic Foothills Community Council. **
- *Option C:* Transfer all neighborhood areas east of the UMED District campuses from University Area Community Council to Scenic Foothills Community Council district.
- *Option D:* Merge University Area and Scenic Foothills Community Councils. *(This is the same as Boundary Study Area #9 Option C.)*

*** The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option B (by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 opposed).*

9. Scenic Foothills Community Council District

(Boundary Study Area Maps 6 and 9)

3 questionnaire responses indicated that Scenic Foothills Community Council district is too small and should be merged. The respondents recommended merging with Basher, Northeast, or University Area Community Council.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 22, 368, 415.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #5, 6-12-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Scenic Foothills, Basher, and University Area Community Councils are active organizations that meet quorum and are engaged in their districts.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Basher is a separate, distinct natural community.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Scenic Foothills is a distinct and distant neighborhood from most of University Area.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Far North Bicentennial Park; Muldoon Road; Northern Lights Boulevard.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Baxter Road; Boniface Parkway.
- *5. Community Desires:* No community council has expressed interest in merging.
- *5. Community Desires:* All 7 questionnaire responses from Basher agreed with its existing boundaries and said no changes

should be considered. 6 said it is in an optimal size range and 1 was not sure.

- *5. Community Desires:* 27 members of Scenic Foothills submitted responses:
  - 22 agreed that existing boundaries align with natural communities, 5 were neutral.
  - 13 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 2 said that changes should be considered;12 were not sure.
  - 13 said Scenic Foothills is in an optimal size range; 4 said it is too small; and 10 were not sure.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Scenic Foothills has a population of approx. 7,943 (the figures for one Block Group are 2016 ACS estimate).
- *6. Optimal Size:* Concerns expressed by Scenic Park board member that its smaller population (7,943) lack of diversity of non-residential land uses makes it difficult to recruit active members and run its council.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* N/A.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Merge Scenic Foothills and Basher Community Councils into one community council district.
- *Option C:* Merge Scenic Foothills and University Area Community Councils into one community council district.

***The Boundary Advisory Committee intended to recommend Option A (no vote taken).*

10. University Area Community Council District

(Boundary Study Area Maps 6 and 9)

3 questionnaire responses indicated dissatisfaction with University Area Community Council's district area in general. One indicated it is too large. The others indicated it is disjointed and should more closely follow Assembly or legislative district boundaries.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 23, 188, 213.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #5, 6-12-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria that follow show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* University Area is an active community council with active members from its district neighborhoods.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Shared geographic focus and interest among the neighborhoods that border the UMED District and Tudor Road public facilities.
- *3. Natural Communities*: Split elementary school attendance areas, between Lake Otis ES, College Gate ES, and Baxter ES.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Northern Lights Boulevard; Tudor Road; Campbell Creek.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Lake Otis Parkway; UMED campuses; Boniface Parkway; Baxter Road.
- *5. Community Desires:* 22 members of University Area sent questionnaire responses:
  - 11 agreed that existing boundaries align with natural communities, 6 disagreed, and 5 were neutral.
  - 6 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 8 were not sure; and 8 said that changes to boundaries should be considered.
- *5. Community Desires:* University Area's chair does not support changes that reduce its current size, out of concern that this will reduce its population and participation by active members, and suggests consideration for consolidation of University Area and Scenic Foothills.
- *6. Optimal Size:* University Area's population is: 10,004.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* State House and Senate districts match University Area boundaries. Assembly district splits University Area east and west basically at Piper Street/UAA Drive.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries, except where recommended in other boundary study areas (i.e., Boundary Study Areas #8 and #12). **
- *Option B:* Split University Area east and west, with eastern portion joining Scenic Foothills and western portion merging with Tudor Area Community Council.
- *Option C:* Same as Option B and adding northern portion of Campbell Park (Boundary Study Area #13 Option C).
- *Option D:* Merge University Area and Scenic Foothills Community Councils. *(This is the same as Boundary Study Area #9 Option C.)*

***The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

11. College Village

(Boundary Study Area Map 6)

1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the College Village neighborhood out of Rogers Park Community Council district.

To assess options, Planning staff identified an option to transfer College Village to Tudor Area Community Council district.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 35.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #4, 5-1-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria that follow show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Rogers Park is an active, geographically focused community council that meets in College Village at Rogers Park Elementary.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Shared commercial areas west of LaTouche Street.
- *3.* Natural Communities: Shared Rogers Park ES attendance area.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Northern Lights Boulevard; 36th Avenue.
- *5. Community Desires:* The Rogers Park executive board has responded in writing that it opposes the proposed change.
- *5. Community Desires:* 21 members of Rogers Park sent questionnaire responses:
  - 14 agreed that existing boundaries align with natural communities, 3 disagreed, and 4 were neutral.
  - 13 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 5 were not sure; and 3 said that changes to boundaries should be considered.
- *6. Optimal Size:* The total population of Rogers Park is 2,638.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* Shared Assembly and legislative districts.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Transfer College Village to Tudor Area Community Council district.

***The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

12. Tudor Area Community Council District

(Boundary Study Area Map 6)

7 questionnaire respondents plus the Municipal Ombudsman and the Community Councils Center manager indicated that Tudor Area Community Council has been having difficulty making meeting quorum requirements or is too small and recommended to merge Tudor Area into one or more of 3 adjacent community council districts.

(Source Comments in Appendix A: 354, 12, 53, 340, 381, 403, 52, 434, 437.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #5, 6-12-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Tudor Area has not been an active community council for the past 3 to 4 years. It has struggled for years to meet its

quorum. In 2023, several members resumed meeting at least once quarterly. The acting chair indicated attendance was only up to 3 people, not meeting its quorum requirements for maintaining Assembly recognition.

- *2. Representation:* The neighboring community councils of Rogers Park, University Area, and Campbell Park are active and could provide representation.
- *3. Natural Communities:* A few former and current active members indicate that Tudor Area has unique characteristics that led to its creation and continued existence.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Shared geography with Rogers Park, between Chester Creek and Campbell Creek Greenbelts.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Eastern Tudor Area including Green Acres Subdivision and the medical park lots and commercial lots along Lake Otis Parkway share a geographic focus and other characteristics in common with University Area community council district.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Tudor Area west of MacInnes Street is in Rogers Park ES attendance area, and east of MacInnes is in Lake Otis ES attendance area.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Seward Highway, Lake Otis Parkway (arterial), MacInnes Street (collector) are north-south streets.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Northern Lights Boulevard and Tudor Road (arterials), 36th Avenue (minor arterial), and Fish Creek are east-west traffic or physical barriers in the area.
- *5. Community Desires:* The acting chair of Tudor Area indicated to staff that he preferred to retain Tudor Area Community Council and rebuild participation.
- *5. Community Desires:* 5 members of Tudor Area sent questionnaire responses:
  - 3 indicated Tudor Area is too small to afford participation in an active, engaged council. 2 of these preferred merging with University Area, and 1 preferred merging with Rogers Park.
  - 3 agreed that existing boundaries align with natural communities; 2 disagreed and said that changes to boundaries should be considered—one suggesting combining with College Village from Rogers Park to make Northern Lights Boulevard the northern boundary, and the other suggesting to transfer eastern Tudor Area to University Area.
- *5. Community Desires:* Rogers Park's board opposes merging Tudor Area into its district.
- *5. Community Desires:* 21 members of Rogers Park sent questionnaire responses:
  - 14 agreed that existing boundaries align with natural communities, 3 disagreed, and 4 were neutral.
  - 13 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 5 were not sure; and 3 said that changes to boundaries should be considered.
  - 16 said Rogers Park is in an optimal size range; 1 said it is too small.
- *5. Community Desires:* Campbell Park Community Council president indicated consensus preference from his board and members is to retain Campbell Park's northern boundary at Tudor Road and that Tudor Area Community Council be retained or merged with another community council besides Campbell Park.
- *5. Community Desires:* University Area Community Council did not indicate opposition to merging Tudor Area into its district. Its chair expressed desire to maintain an adequate base of residential areas to maintain participation because University Area's district is large only because of its institutions. His observation was that consolidation of some districts would make sense; however, the University Area board has not commented regarding absorbing Tudor Area.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Tudor Area's population is 1,764, the smallest of the urban community councils.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Rogers Park's population is 2,638. Merging Tudor Area would increase the population to 4,402.
- *6. Optimal Size:* University Area's population is: 10,004. Merging Tudor Area would increase the population to 11,768. If the area

east of Boniface Parkway is transferred out of University Area Community Council as recommended in Boundary Study Area #8, merging Tudor Area would recover some of the loss of population so that University Area would end up with a population of 7,877.

- 7. *Sharing Information:* Assembly Midtown and East district boundary at Piper Street and UAA Drive in University Area. Tudor Area shares a State House district with Rogers Park, the House district boundary being on Lake Otis and Tudor Road. State Senate District boundary also on Lake Otis Parkway.
- *7. Sharing Information:* Shared Census Tract and Block Group with Rogers Park.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A*: No change. Retain existing boundaries and continue recognition of Tudor Area Community Council.
- *Option B:* Merge Tudor Area Community Council district into Rogers Park Community Council district.
- *Option C (Recommended):* Merge Tudor Area Community Council district into University Area Community Council district.**
- *Option D:* Merge Tudor Area Community Council district into Campbell Park Community Council district.
- *Option E:* Transfer the Green Acres Subdivision, Medical Park Subdivisions, and commercial lots east of Fish Creek into the University Area Community Council district, and merge the rest of Tudor Area Community Council into the Rogers Park Community Council district.
- *Option F:* Merge Tudor Area Community Council with College Village Subdivision from Rogers Park Community Council district, so that Northern Lights becomes the northern boundary of Tudor Area. *(Note: Option F would reduce Rogers Park's residential areas and might lead to discussion about merging with a neighbor such as Airport Heights.)*
- *Option G:* Combine Options C and F.

***The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option C (by unanimous vote).*

13. South of Tudor Road and East of Lake Otis Parkway

(Boundary Study Area Maps 6 and 9)

4 questionnaire responses recommended to transfer some or all the neighborhoods south of Tudor Road and east of Lake Otis Parkway (and north of Dowling Road) out of Campbell Park Community Council to another community council district. 1 of these responses recommended to transfer the neighborhood along the south side of Tudor Road and north of Campbell Creek to University Area Community Council. Another suggested considering transferring only the public lands and facilities along the south side of Tudor Road in the MLK Jr. Parkway vicinity to University Area Community Council.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 190, 280, 400, 387.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #5, 6-12-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Campbell Park is an active community council representing its areas.
- *2. Representation:* University Area already receives notice regarding proposed changes to public facilities south of Tudor Road (its current boundary) and is involved in decisions regarding those areas even though they are outside its boundaries.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Shared interest across the district in the parks and greenbelts along Campbell Creek.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Common interest among neighborhoods along Lake Otis Parkway transit-supportive development corridor.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Neighborhood on the south side of Tudor Road east of Lake Otis has similar characteristics and land use patterns, and common interest in Tudor Road corridor and UMED development, with University Area neighborhoods.

- *3.* Natural Communities: The greenbelt separates the neighborhood on south side of Tudor Road from the rest of Campbell Park but is also a shared interest and focal point.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Tudor Road, Campbell Creek, and greenbelt park.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Seward Highway; Lake Otis Parkway; Elmore Road.
- *5. Community Desires:* Campbell Park Community Council president indicated consensus preference from his board and members is to for Campbell Park's northern boundary to remain at Tudor Road. The second most preferred option would be to transfer only the public lands and facilities along the south side of Tudor Road in the MLK Jr. Parkway vicinity from Campbell Park Community Council to University Area Community Council.
- *5. Community Desires:* 13 members of Campbell Park sent questionnaire responses:
  - 7 agreed that existing boundaries align with natural communities, 2 disagreed, and 4 were neutral.
  - 5 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 3 were not sure; and 4 said that changes to boundaries should be considered. 2 of those 4 recommended transferring the neighborhood along south side of Tudor Road to University Area.
  - 7 said Campbell Park is in an optimal size range; 2 said it is too large; 1 said it is too small; 3 were not sure.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Campbell Park's population is 7,829. Removing its neighborhood along south side of Tudor Road east of Lake Otis Parkway would reduce its population by 959 residents and reduce its mix of land uses, raising concerns about reducing its capacity to remain active.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* State Senate and House boundary on Lake Otis. Shared Assembly district.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Transfer the public lands and facilities along the south side of Tudor Road in the MLK Jr. Parkway vicinity from Campbell Park Community Council to University Area Community Council, using Campbell Creek as the new boundary.
- *Option C:* In combination with Option B, also transfer the neighborhood south of Tudor Road, north of Campbell Creek, and east of Lake Otis Parkway from Campbell Park Community Council to University Area Community Council.
- *Option D:* Transfer all the neighborhoods and lands south of Tudor Road, east of Lake Otis Parkway, and north of Dowling Road from Campbell Park Community Council to University Area Community Council.

***The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

14. West of Reeve Boulevard

(Boundary Study Area Maps 5, 5b, and 6)

2 questionnaire responses indicated that the western, industrial portion of Mountain View Community Council district seems more aligned with the Ship Creek industrial areas to the west, and recommended to transfer those areas out of Mountain View Community Council district.

Staff note: This study area is in the eastern Ship Creek industrial district west of Reeve, south of Ship Creek, and east of Ingra Street.

Staff note: Post Road is the western boundary of Mountain View north of 3rd Avenue. From there the boundary runs east on 3rd. South of 3rd, the western boundary of Mountain View is the Merrill Field clear zone, demarked by a fence line west of Concrete Avenue. Businesses on Concrete Avenue are in Mountain View. Merrill Field clear zone is a buffer between Mountain View and Fairview.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 136, 253.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #2, 4-3-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Mountain View is an active Community Council. Businesses and property owners in the study area have made successful petitions and proposals that have received support from Mountain View.
- *2. Representation:* Alaska Railroad Terminal Reserve is in 3 community councils.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The Ship Creek industrial district is also peripheral to the other community councils that extend into it, including Government Hill, Downtown, and Fairview. Government Hill and Fairview community councils focus on their residential and commercial neighborhoods, like Mountain View does.
- *3. Natural Communities:* There is no indication of an interest among the industrial businesses or Alaska Railroad for creating a Ship Creek community council or unifying.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The area in question is closest to Fairview and Mountain View, with the core neighborhood of Fairview being further away.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Government Hill is across Ship Creek, however, includes most of the Alaska Railroad Terminal Reserve lands in the Ship Creek industrial area. The Terminal Reserve extends south of Ship Creek into the industrial area within the Mountain View Community Council district.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Reeve Boulevard presents a strong boundary option north of 3rd Avenue, although it would divide an industrial district south of 3rd Avenue.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* The existing boundaries consisting of Ship Creek, Post Road, and Merrill Field Airport lands provide identifiable boundaries, although Post Road divides an industrial district area.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* There is a lack of strong physical barriers west of Reeve Boulevard that would facilitate splitting a smaller portion of the industrial district, such as the Terminal Reserve lands.
- *5. Community Desires:* Fairview community council officers have expressed interest in representing this industrial area. No other community council has expressed interest.
- *5. Community Desires:* Two of four questionnaire responses from Mountain View supported retaining existing boundaries.
- *6. Optimal Size:* N/A.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* N/A.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. ****
- *Option B:* Transfer the area west of Reeve Boulevard from Mountain View Community Council to Government Hill Community Council.
- *Option C:* Transfer the area west of Reeve Boulevard from Mountain View Community Council to Fairview Community Council.
- *Option D:* Transfer the area west of Reeve Boulevard from Mountain View Community Council to Downtown Community Council, in combination with Boundary Study Area #19 Option B to transfer areas north of 5th Avenue from Fairview Community Council to Downtown Community Council.

*** The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

15. Penland Park and Brighton Park

(Boundary Study Area Maps 5 and 6)

3 questionnaire responses recommended to transfer Penland Mobile Home Park, the Brighton Park apartments, and/or all areas north of DeBarr Road from Airport Heights Community Council to Mountain View Community Council district.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 104, 181, 206.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #5, 6-12-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.

- *2. Representation:* Airport Heights is an active council that provides representation.
- *2. Representation:* The chair of Airport Heights has indicated there are few active members from the Penland Area.
- *Natural Communities:* Penland Mobile Home Park is in the Airport Heights ES attendance area.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Airport Heights geographic focus near Merrill Field Airport and common interest with Penland area as neighbors of the Merrill Field and Alaska Regional Hospital.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Penland area housing and household socioeconomics in common with Russian Jack and Mountain View and physically separated from Airport Heights main residential neighborhoods.
- *3. Natural Communities:* DeBarr Road transit-supportive development corridor as commonality between areas north and south of DeBarr Road.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Glenn Highway as a major physical and Traffic Barrier; Debarr Road as an arterial street.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Bragaw Street; Airport Heights Drive; Merrill Field Airport.
- *5. Community Desires:* 30 members of Airport Heights sent questionnaire responses:
  - 26 agreed that existing boundaries align with natural communities; 1 disagreed.
  - 6 said changes to boundaries should be considered, 1 of which said to transfer Penland Park to Mountain View.
- *5. Community Desires:* Russian Jack Community Council has voted to retain its existing district boundaries.
- *5. Community Desires:* 4 members of Mountain View Community Council sent questionnaire responses, none suggested expanding south of Glenn Highway. Mountain View's chair indicated he was not opposed to expanding south to represent Penland Area.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Airport Heights population is approximately 6,400 (draft estimate), including approximately 1,800 in the Penland study area. Mountain View's population is approximately 7,200 (draft estimate).
- 7. *Sharing Information:* Assembly district boundary on DeBarr Road; Airport Heights currently split into 3 Assembly districts. Shared State House and Senate districts between Airport Heights and Mountain View.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* Census Tract and Block Group for Penland shared with southern Mountain View.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Transfer Penland Mobile Home Park and Brighton Park Apartments from Airport Heights Community Council to Mountain View Community Council.
- *Option C:* Transfer all areas north of DeBarr Road from Airport Heights Community Council to Mountain View Community Council.
- *Option D:* Transfer all areas north of DeBarr Road from Airport Heights Community Council to Russian Jack Community Council.

***The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

16. Anchor Park Subdivision

(Boundary Study Area Maps 6 and 9)

4 questionnaire responses indicated that Anchor Park Subdivision (on the northeast corner of Lake Otis Parkway and E. Northern Lights Boulevard) may be more aligned with the Airport Heights neighborhood and should be considered for transfer from Rogers Park Community Council to Airport Heights Community Council.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 49, 20, 372, 132.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #4, 5-1-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Rogers Park provides representation and has active members from Anchor Park.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Anchor Park Subdivision was historically developed as part of Airport Heights and shares street layout, lotting, and housing patterns in common with Airport Heights.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Anchor Park and Airport Heights share Davenport Fields and Tikishla Park in the Chester Greenbelt.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Hillstrand Pond just west of Lake Otis in common with Eastridge Subdivision and Rogers Park.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Anchor Park shares the Lake Otis ES attendance area with eastern College Village in Rogers Park and neighborhoods in University Area and Campbell Park east of Lake Otis Parkway.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Anchor Park is disconnected from the rest of Rogers Park by high traffic volumes and business properties on Northern Lights Boulevard.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Chester Creek waterbody and Greenbelt.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Northern Lights Boulevard and Lake Otis Parkway, with a business district west of Lake Otis.
- *5. Community Desires:* 25 members of Rogers Park sent questionnaire responses:
  - 14 agreed that existing boundaries align with natural communities, 3 disagreed, and 4 were neutral.
  - 13 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 5 were not sure; and 3 said that changes to boundaries should be considered <u>including 1 Anchor Park resident who called for transfer</u>.
- *5. Community Desires:* 30 members of Airport Heights sent responses:
  - 26 agreed that existing boundaries align with natural communities; 1 disagreed.
  - 6 said changes to boundaries should be considered; <u>including 3 who called for Anchor Park to transfer</u>.
- *5. Community Desires:* Rogers Park and Airport Heights executive boards indicated to staff they do not object to a transfer and defer to the preferences of Anchor Park residents.
- *5. Community Desires:* Two Anchor Park residents consulted by staff indicated that either community council would work fine.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Anchor Park Subdivision includes 114 homes and a population of 283. Rogers Park's total population is 2,638.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* Anchor Park in same State House District and U.S. Census Tract as Airport Heights.

***<u>Options and Recommendations</u>*:**

- *Option A:* No change. Retain existing boundaries.
- *Option B (<u>Recommended</u>):* Transfer Anchor Park Subdivision on the northeast corner of Lake Otis Parkway and E. Northern Lights Boulevard from Rogers Park Community Council to Airport Heights Community Council. **

***The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option B (by unanimous vote).*

17. Eastridge

(Boundary Study Area Maps 5 and 6)

1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer Eastridge Subdivision southeast of the intersection of 15th Avenue and Lake Otis Parkway from Airport Heights Community Council to Rogers Park Community Council district.

(Source Comments in Appendix A: 206.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #4, 5-1-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

1. Stable Boundaries. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.

- *2. Representation:* Airport Heights is active and representative in this study area.

- *3. Natural Communities:* Study area shares 15th Avenue/DeBarr Road corridor, Alaska Regional Hospital, and Merrill Field Airport issues in common with Airport Heights.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Eastridge is in the Airport Heights ES attendance area.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Eastridge has a distinct development pattern, subdivision layout, and housing type from the rest of Airport Heights, and is somewhat similar to Woodside East townhouse subdivision in eastern Rogers Park.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Chester Creek and Hillstrand Pond.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Lake Otis Parkway; Sitka Street Park open space with Sitka Street.
- *5. Community Desires:* 21 members of Rogers Park sent questionnaire responses:
  - 14 agreed that existing boundaries align with natural communities, 3 disagreed, and 4 were neutral.
  - 13 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 5 were not sure; and 3 said that changes to boundaries should be considered.
- *5. Community Desires:* 30 members of Airport Heights sent responses:
  - 26 agreed that existing boundaries align with natural communities; 1 disagreed.
  - 6 said changes to boundaries should be considered.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Not investigated.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* No shared Census Tract or legislative district.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Transfer Eastridge Subdivision from Airport Heights Community Council to Rogers Park Community Council.

***The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

18. 24th Avenue west of Lake Otis Parkway

(Boundary Study Area Maps 5 and 6)

1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the lots on 24th Avenue west of Lake Otis Parkway from Rogers Park Community Council to Airport Heights Community Council district.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 372.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #4, 5-1-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria that follow show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Both community councils are active in representing their respective areas.
- *3. Natural Communities:* No local street connectivity from E. 24th to either Rogers Park or Airport Heights neighborhoods.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Shared lot lines with abutting properties in Rogers Park.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Study area is in the Rogers Park ES attendance area.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Chester Creek and Hillstrand Pond; Lake Otis Parkway.
- *5. Community Desires:* Rogers Park executive board indicated to staff that it defers to the preferences of the two property owners, one of which owns the only home on east 24th Avenue.
- *5. Community Desires:* 21 members of Rogers Park sent questionnaire responses:
  - 14 agreed that existing boundaries align with natural communities, 3 disagreed, and 4 were neutral.
  - 13 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 5 were not sure; and 3 said that changes to boundaries should be considered.
- *5. Community Desires:* 30 members of Airport Heights sent responses:
  - 26 agreed that existing boundaries align with natural communities; 1 disagreed.

- 6 said changes to boundaries should be considered.

- *6. Optimal Size:* There is one house and 8 vacant lots on the south side of 24th Avenue.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* Shared state House and Senate district with Rogers Park. Shared Census Block, Block Group, and Tract with Rogers Park.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Transfer the residential lots on 24th Avenue west of Lake Otis Parkway from Rogers Park Community Council to Airport Heights Community Council.

***The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

19. Fairview North of 5th Avenue

(Boundary Study Area Maps 5 and 5b)

2 questionnaire responses recommended to transfer the area north of 5th Avenue out of Fairview Community Council district and/or extend Downtown east to Ingra Street

To assess all options regarding the first comment above, Planning staff identified options to transfer the northern portion of Fairview to Downtown or Mountain View Community Council.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 107, 121, 279.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #4, 5-1-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries.* Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Fairview is an active, engaged community council in its area north of 5th Avenue.
- *2. Representation:* Downtown is an active, engaged community council in its areas.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Fairview has a lot of history with addressing issues in its areas north of 5th Avenue, and its efforts continue.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The boundary between Fairview and Downtown was historically Cordova Street (prior to 2003).
- *3. Natural Communities:* Fairview's executive committee identifies it as a "creek-to-creek" community council extending to Ship Creek.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Ship Creek, bluff or ridgelines; 3rd Avenue; 5th Avenue; 6th Avenue.
- *5. Community Desires:* No adjacent community council's officers or members expressed interest in the industrial area. Downtown, Mountain View, and Government Hill are focused on their own core areas, just like Fairview.
- *5. Community Desires:* Fairview executive board does not support transferring areas north of 5th Avenue out of its Council and believes its membership will feel the same.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Not investigated.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* State House District boundary is 4th Avenue west of Juneau Street, and 5th Avenue east of Juneau Street. Census Tract and Block Group boundary is 3rd Avenue.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Transfer the areas north of 5th Avenue from Fairview Community Council to Downtown Community Council.
- *Option C:* Transfer the areas north of 5th Avenue from Fairview Community Council to Mountain View Community Council.
- *Option D:* Transfer the areas east of Cordova Street and north of 6th Avenue extending to Ship Creek, from Downtown Community Council to Fairview Community Council.

***** The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).***

20. Fairview East and West of Gambell-Ingra Corridor

(Boundary Study Area Maps 5 and 5b)

2 questionnaire responses observed the differences between eastern and western Fairview and the division created by the Gambell-Ingra road corridor. One of these responses indicated Fairview is too small and should be merged with another community council district.

(Source Comments in Appendix A: 77, 286.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #2, 4-3-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. There does not seem to be a strong reason to divide this district.
- *2. Representation:* Fairview provides active, engaged representation on issues throughout its district. South Addition and Downtown are not focused on western Fairview residential neighborhoods.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Fairview is a cohesive neighborhood despite the Gambell/Ingra corridor. Areas east and west of Gambell/Ingra share similar neighborhood street, block, and development patterns, history, and aspirations, as well as common issues with Gambell and Ingra Streets.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Gambell and Ingra are each major traffic barriers.
- *5. Community Desires:* 5 of 7 questionnaire responses from Fairview supported keeping Fairview unified (but some identified peripheral boundary issues).
- *5. Community Desires:* Fairview Community Council is implementing a unified neighborhood plan for this corridor and the neighborhoods on both sides; it seems unlikely to support a proposed division.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Dividing Fairview would significantly reduce the population base for the resulting community council districts.
- *7. Sharing Information:* Creating more community councils would cross more census and legislative districts.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries.**
- *Option B:* Transfer western portions of Fairview Community Council to Downtown Community Council in coordination with Option B of Boundary Study Area #22.
- *Option C:* Transfer western portions of Fairview Community Council north of 9th Avenue to Downtown Community Council and south of 9th Avenue to South Addition Community Council.
- *Option D:* Adopt an Assembly Resolution supporting the establishment of a separate community council in western Fairview.

*** The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

21. Sitka Street Park

(Boundary Study Area Maps 5, 5b, and 6)

1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the open space area west of Sitka Street from Airport Heights Community Council to Fairview Community Council district.

Staff note: Merrill Field Airport properties south of 15th Avenue east of Sitka Street comprise a clear zone open space of natural woodland and wetlands. A portion of that natural open space is developed as the Sitka Street Park playground.

(Source comment in Appendix A: 107.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #2, 4-3-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* AMC 2.40 ensures adequate notification of development proposals to both community councils.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Sitka Street Park is located just across the street from Eastridge Subdivision neighborhood in Airport Heights.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Both Airport Heights and Fairview residents use Sitka Street Park.

Fairview residents use a loop trail in the woods that starts at the Senior Center.

- *3. Natural Communities:* Fairview has advocated for trail access improvements.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Airport Heights has been involved with improvements in Sitka Street Park, such as in the playground.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Fairview's chair commented in consultation that sharing the open space could build social connectivity and common cause for improvements between Airport Heights and Fairview.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Sitka Street.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* There is a break in topography between the northern, upland Fairview neighborhood areas and the study area open space, but there is no topographic break from the southern, lowland Fairview neighborhood areas.
- *5. Community Desires:* 24 of 30 questionnaire responses from Airport Heights members were satisfied or neutral with existing boundaries, and only one of the 30 proposed any changes the boundary in this vicinity (see Boundary Study Area #17).
- *5. Community Desires:* 2 of 7 questionnaire responses from Fairview members were satisfied with Fairview's existing boundaries.
- *6. Optimal Size:* N/A.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* N/A.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Transfer the western half of the Merrill Field Airport open space area from Airport Heights Community Council to Fairview Community Council. Retain the eastern half including the Sitka Street Park playground in Airport Heights.
- *Option C:* Transfer the boundary study area including Merrill Field Airport's natural open space and Sitka Street Park from Airport Heights Community Council to Fairview Community Council.

** *The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

22. North of 15th Avenue between Ingra and I Streets; and North of 9th Avenue east of Cordova Street

(Boundary Study Area Maps 5, 5a, 5b)

1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the area between I Street, Ingra Street, 9th Avenue, and 15th Avenue from the Fairview and South Addition Community Councils to Downtown Community Council.

1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the area east of Cordova Street and north of 9th Avenue from Downtown Community Council to Fairview Community Council.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 121, 107.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #4, 5-1-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*: Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Downtown, Fairview, and South Addition are all active, engaged, and geographically focused councils.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Areas east of Cordova Street are a part of the Downtown business district, in common with the rest of Downtown to the west.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The Anchorage Downtown Partnership (ADP) improvement district extends from L Street to Gambell Street.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Fairview has a common interest in revitalization, has weighed in historically, and continues to have active interest in revitalizing the areas east of Cordova Street; Its executive board believes that strong advocates for this area are in Fairview because they see the interrelationships and that the land uses east of Cordova Street have commonalities with the uses in northern and central Fairview.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The tax abatement deteriorated properties district covers the areas east of Cordova Street and in Fairview.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Fairview has engaged citizens who advocate for change

and investments in Downtown that will support implementation of the Downtown District Plan, bringing an ally to the table for Downtown Community Council.

- *3. Natural Communities:* Fairview executive board believes that restoring Fairview's old boundary at Cordova Street would promote a sense of unity about the urban core and strengthen common endeavors, as the future of Downtown is also the future of Fairview and South Addition.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Delaney Park Strip and 9th Avenue; 15th Avenue.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Ingra Street; Gambell Street; Cordova Street, Cemetery.
- *5. Community Desires:* Fairview executive board supports consideration for the transfer of the area east of Cordova Street north of 9th Avenue to Fairview.
- *5. Community Desires:* No community council has expressed support for transferring the area north of 15th Avenue between Ingra and I Street to Downtown; South Addition and Fairview executive boards oppose the idea.
- *5. Community Desires:* 4 of 7 questionnaire responses from Downtown agreed its boundaries reflect natural communities; 3 said no changes to boundaries should be considered, 3 were not sure, and 1 response recommended changes.
- *6. Optimal Size:* The proposed changes could reduce the affected community councils below an optimal size to support an active community council.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* Not investigated.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Transfer the area north of 9th Avenue and east of Cordova Street from Downtown Community Council to Fairview Community Council.
- *Option C:* Transfer the area between I Street, Ingra Street, 9th Avenue, and 15th Avenue from Fairview and South Addition Community Councils to Downtown Community Council.

*** The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by a vote of 7 in favor and 1 opposed).*

23. West of Cordova Street from 9th to 15th Avenue

(Boundary Study Area Maps 5 and 5b)

4 questionnaire responses recommended considering transferring some or all of the areas west of Cordova Street (between Cordova and C Street) from South Addition Community Council to Fairview Community Council district.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 119, 336, 421, 107.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #4, 5-1-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries:* Retain existing district unless the boundary review criteria that follow show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Fairview and South Addition are both active, engaged councils.
- *3. Natural Communities:* North of 13th Avenue, the scale and characteristics of residences west of Cordova Street have commonalities with South Addition, while the housing east of Cordova Street has a higher density and scale.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The residences between A Street and Cordova Street, such as in the Pilot's Row designated historic area, are similar to residences in South Addition west of C Street.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The large vacant property on south side of 13th Avenue between Cordova and A Street is anticipated to develop into relatively high-density, larger-scale multifamily or mixed-use housing, that may be more in scale with Fairview east of Cordova that with South Addition areas north of 13th Avenue; however South Addition also includes a mix of housing with larger-scale multifamily to the west and toward L Street.

- *3. Natural Communities:* Street character and housing density between A and C Streets is different from areas west of C.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Areas east of A Street are in Denali ES attendance area.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Areas east of A and C Streets historically were subdivided as part of the Third Addition Subdivision along with Fairview, rather than in the South Addition subdivision which was west of C Street.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Area west of Cordova Street is oriented to the Delaney Park Strip and Delaney ES.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* A and C Streets (arterials); Cordova Street (collector).
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* 9th Avenue with Delaney Park Strip and Denali ES; 15th Avenue.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries*: 13th or 15th Avenue would be a more recognizable boundary than continuing to use the rear property line between Central Lutheran Church and the vacant lots south of 13th as a boundary.
- *5. Community Desires:* In 2002, more than 100 residents and property owners in the area between Cordova and C Street petitioned to be transferred from Fairview to South Addition Community Council. As a result, the area was transferred in 2003.
- *5. Community Desires:* Central Lutheran Church on the NW corner of 15th Avenue and Cordova Street is a part of Fairview because in 2003 when the current boundary was established the church expressed its desire to remain in Fairview. Current preferences of the church and the owner of the parcels north of the church were not determined.
- *5. Community Desires:* Currently, South Addition has active members who live in the area west of Cordova Street, that identify with and desire to remain in South Addition.
- *5. Community Desires:* South Addition executive board believes that areas west of Cordova Street north of 13th Avenue are more naturally a part of South Addition and should remain in South Addition.
- *5. Community Desires:* 3 of 7 questionnaire responses from Fairview members agreed its boundaries reflect natural communities. 2 said the boundaries should not be changed, and 5 recommended one or more changes.
- *5. Community Desires:* 9 of 10 questionnaire responses from South Addition agreed its boundaries reflect natural communities. 5 said its boundaries should not be changed, and 3 recommended changes. 9 said South Addition is in an optimal size range.
- *5. Community Desires:* Fairview executive board indicated to staff they support a transfer of the vacant properties on the south side of 13th Ave. east of A Street (and north of Central Lutheran Church) to Fairview. South Addition officers and area residents who participated support retaining the vacant properties south of 13th in South Addition.
- *6. Optimal Size:* South Addition's population is 4,384, including 232 east of A Street, 403 between A and C, and 742 in Bootleggers Cove. If areas east of A Street and in Bootleggers Cove (Boundary Study Area #25) transferred out, the population would fall to 3,410.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Fairview includes multiple neighborhoods including western Fairview.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* The study area is its own Census Block Group; it is a part of Fairview's Census Tract.

Options and Recommendations:

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Transfer Central Lutheran Church property and the park to the west of the Church from Fairview Community Council to South Addition Community Council. (All areas north of 15th Avenue and west of Cordova Street would be in South Addition.)
- *Option C:* Transfer the area between Cordova and A Streets south of 13th Avenue from South Addition Community Council to Fairview Community Council.
- *Option D:* Transfer the entire area between Cordova and A Streets and 9th and 15th Avenues from South Addition Community Council to Fairview Community Council.

- *Option E:* In addition to Option D, transfer the area between A and C Streets, 9th and 15th Avenues from South Addition Community Council to Fairview Community Council.

*** The* Boundary *Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by a vote of 6 in favor and 2 opposed).*

24. A and C Street Corridor South of 15th Avenue

((Boundary Study Area Maps 5 and 5b)

1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the area between A and C Streets south of 15th Avenue (between 15th Avenue and Chester Creek) from Fairview Community Council to South Addition Community Council district.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 279.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #4, 5-1-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Fairview is an active council but the corridor west of A Street south of 15th Avenue appears peripheral to its focus areas.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The commercial office property development pattern in the boundary study area is distinct from most of Fairview and South Addition.
- *3.* Natural Communities: The study area is isolated from the Fairview neighborhood by Mulcahy sports park.
- *3. Natural Communities:* South Addition is impacted by issues in this area and in the Mulcahy sports complex just across A Street.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The few residents or establishments in the study area have not interacted with Fairview Community Council.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* A Street; C Street.
- *5. Community Desires:* The chair of Fairview and officers of South Addition indicated to staff they supported transferring the area south of 15th and west of A Street to South Addition, with A Street becoming a simple, consistent boundary running north and south of 15th Avenue.
- *5. Community Desires:* See summaries of questionnaire responses about boundaries from Fairview and South Addition members in Boundary Study Area #23.
- *6. Optimal Size:* The boundary study area includes 110 residents and 11 properties.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* N/A.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A*. No change. Retain existing boundaries.
- *Option B (Recommended):* Transfer the area between A and C Streets, 15th Avenue and Chester Creek from Fairview Community Council to South Addition Community Council. **

*** The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option B (by unanimous vote).*

25. Northwest of 9th Avenue and L Street

(Boundary Study Area Map 5)

A questionnaire response from a South Addition board member recommended to reassess the appropriate community council designation for the areas northwest of 9th Avenue and L Street, including Bootleggers Cove.

Another respondent suggested to include more of Downtown north of 9th Avenue in South Addition Community Council by expanding South Addition further east into Downtown's mixed-use residential areas.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 230, 421.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #4, 5-1-2023; Meeting #5, 6-12-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* South Addition is a highly active, engaged community council, and has

been active historically in representing this study area.

- *2. Representation:* Downtown is also an active community council, for its area.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Density and scale of the multifamily and mixed-use development pattern more in common with Downtown than in much of South Addition.
- *3. Natural Communities:* More connectivity of streets and connection of activities in the eastern portion of the study area with Downtown.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The study area is in the original Anchorage Townsite Subdivision plat with Downtown east of L Street.
- *3. Natural Communities:* ADP improvement district extends a half-block west of L Street.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Connectivity of streets and mix of uses along 5th Avenue next to Elderberry Park; natural connection from Downtown to Cook Inlet in that area.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Primarily residential land use pattern of Bootleggers Cove; Bootleggers Cove is separated/disconnected from Downtown by bluff slope topography.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Commercial, upland portion of the study area north of 9th Avenue is not South Addition's neighborhood commercial focus center; Sagaya City Market is more central.
- *3. Natural Communities:* South Addition's board indicated in consultation with staff that there are few active community council members from north of 9th Avenue which indicates there may not be a strong sense of belonging from Bootleggers Cove residents.
- *3. Natural Communities:* South Addition's board commented in consultation with staff that if Bootleggers Cove residents became a part of Downtown, the three community councils in the area could each be more cohesive and aligned with their residents and development goals.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* L Street (arterial).
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Ridges and breaks in the city's topography above Bootleggers Cove create a natural divide.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* 9th Avenue and Delaney Park Strip west of L Street as a westward extension of South Addition's existing boundary with Downtown east of L Street.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Breaks in street connectivity across Delaney Park.
- *5. Community Desires:* South Addition's executive board supports consideration for transferring the area north of 9th Avenue to Downtown, however this proposal did not come from residents of the area in question.
- *5. Community Desires:* Boundary Advisory Committee chair reported as a former resident of Bootleggers Cove that residents there did not feel themselves to be a part of Downtown and felt more connected to the South Addition area.
- *5. Community Desires:* 9 of 10 questionnaire responses from South Addition said that its boundaries reflect natural communities; 5 said its boundaries should not be changed, and 3 recommended changes; 9 said South Addition is in an optimal size range.
- *5. Community Desires:* 4 of 7 questionnaire responses from Downtown agreed its boundaries reflect natural communities; 3 said no changes to boundaries should be considered, 3 were not sure, and 1 recommended changes but not west of L Street.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Downtown Community Council's population is 2,374; adding the study area would boost its population to 3,116 and give Downtown a larger and more diverse base of residents that could help increase participation in its meetings; however, Downtown is also increasing its population through housing developments.
- *6. Optimal Size:* South Addition's population is 4,384, including 742 in the study area north of 9th Avenue and west of L Street. If the study area is transferred out and the other transfers considered in Boundary Study Areas #23 and #24 are carried out, its population would be 3,752.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* The study area shares a Census Tract with the rest of South Addition but is its own Census Block Group.

- 7. *Sharing Information:* The upland portion of the boundary study area (i.e., not including Bootleggers Cove) is within the *Downtown District Plan*; the entire study area north of 15th and west of L is within the final draft *South Addition Neighborhood Plan*.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Establish the top of the bluff above Bootleggers Cove as the physical boundary between Downtown and South Addition councils, from 9th Avenue and Resolution Park, to transfer the upland portion of the study area from South Addition to Downtown community council. Bootleggers Cove would remain in South Addition.
- *Option C:* Transfer all the areas west of "L" Street and north of 9th Avenue from South Addition Community Council to Downtown Community Council.
- *Option D:* Transfer Downtown's western areas with housing southwest of 6th and H Street from Downtown to South Addition.

*** The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

26. North Star Community Council District

(Boundary Study Area Map 8)

3 questionnaire responses indicated that North Star Community Council district is too small and recommended to merge it with Midtown and/or Spenard Community Councils.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 72, 85, 116.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #2, 4-3-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*: The findings in the criteria that follow do not indicate a need to dissolve this community council.
- *2. Representation:* North Star provides active, engaged representation on issues throughout its district. It meets monthly and regularly meets quorum.
- *2. Representation:* Spenard and Midtown are focused elsewhere, not on neighborhood issues north of Fireweed Lane or in Chester Creek greenbelt.
- *3. Natural Communities:* North Star neighborhoods are residential whereas Midtown Community Council is a primarily business-oriented district, and its members in the areas south of North Star are commercial businesses/property owners.
- *3. Natural Communities:* North Star's core neighborhood in the Chester Creek valley spans east and west of Arctic Boulevard, such that dividing the North Star district between Spenard and Midtown at Arctic Boulevard would split a natural neighborhood community.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Fireweed Lane corridor is a common interest with Midtown Community Council, equivalent in a way to how Chester Creek is a common interest with South Addition Community Council.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Fireweed Lane provides a simple, identifiable boundary.
- *5. Community Desires:* North Star Community Council adopted a resolution on March 8, 2023 that requests to retain its district and present boundaries.
- *5. Community Desires:* 3 of 7 questionnaire survey responses from North Star members agree with existing boundaries and 1 was neutral.
- *6. Optimal Size:* North Star includes more than 3,000 residents, dozens of businesses, and its meeting agendas typically have multiple items on its meeting agendas.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Midtown has a population of 4,543 and 100s of businesses and multiple items of business for its meeting agendas. It appears to be within the optimal size range for a community council to be engaged in all its areas.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Combining the North Star and Midtown and/or Spenard districts would risk exceeding optimal size range, creating challenges for providing focused representation.
- *7. Sharing Information:* Not investigated.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain North Star Community Council. **
- *Option B:* Merge North Star Community Council and Midtown Community Council districts.
- *Option C:* Merge the portion of North Star Community Council west of Arctic Boulevard into Spenard Community Council, and merge the portion east of Arctic Boulevard to Midtown Community Council district.

*** The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

27. Romig Park near Hillcrest Drive

(Boundary Study Area Maps 7b and 8)

1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the Romig Park neighborhood along Spenard Road (up to the Hillcrest Drive area) from North Star Community Council to Spenard Community Council district.

Staff notes: This a mostly residential area north of 25th Avenue, tucked between Spenard Road and Minnesota Drive. The Franz bakery is also in this area. This area and areas east of Spenard Road in the western portion of North Star Community Council are in the Romig Park Improvement Company water district, a community well.

(Source comment in Appendix A: 251.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #2, 4-3-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Each community council is active and capable, although North Star is more focused on this general area.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Shared community (water) service district east and west of Spenard Road and north of Hillcrest Drive.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Romig Park shares residential characteristics with North Star—a mixed density of older homes with some condos and apartments.
- *3. Natural Communities:* North Star geographic focus along the top of the bluff above Chester Creek.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Nearness to the heart of North Star neighborhoods, peripheral location to Spenard's core areas.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Neighborhood east-west street connections on Hillcrest Drive.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Spenard Road corridor including commercial businesses extending through the study area from Spenard, with commercial property characteristics in common with the rest of Spenard Road to the south and Fireweed Lane to the east.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Break in street connectivity between Romig Park subdivision and the areas in Spenard Community Council to the south of it.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* "Fireweed extended" west of Spenard Road is a boundary between subdivisions and not a strongly identifiable physical boundary.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Spenard Road; Minnesota Drive.
- *5. Community Desires:* 3 of 7 questionnaire survey responses from North Star agreed with existing boundaries; 1 was neutral; and 3 responses indicated that North Star is too small and recommended to merging it.
- *5. Community Desires:* North Star Community Council adopted a resolution on March 8, 2023 that requests to retain its district and present boundaries.
- *5. Community Desires:* Spenard Community Council executive committee requested returning to their historical boundaries in Midtown, but it was not clear to staff if they meant to include this specific area in their request (Appendix A, Comment 427).
- *6. Optimal Size:* Romig Park residents have historically been active participating in North Star meetings. This supports the critical mass of active residents in this relatively small community council.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* Shared Assembly district with North Star and northwestern Spenard.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Transfer the Romig Park Subdivision west of Spenard Road and north of Fireweed Lane extended, from North Star to Spenard Community Council.

*** The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

28. Midtown Community Council District

(Boundary Study Area Map 8)

6 questionnaire responses, and a letter from the Spenard Community Council executive committee (Appendix B, comment no. 427), expressed that Midtown Community Council is not providing representation or participation opportunities for its residents because it is focused on representing commercial property owners and businesses, for example by moving its membership meeting time to noon.

2 of these 6 responses were from Midtown residents and recommended to merge Midtown Community Council with North Star. The other 4 responses recommended merging with Spenard Community Council or a combination of councils. One of these 4 responses also suggested that another option could be to transfer all areas west of C Street to Spenard.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 56, 172, 390, 191, 199, 222, 427.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #2, 4-3-23; Meeting #3, 4-24-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. A primary rationale for the proposals to change the boundaries seems to be Midtown community council's noon-hour meeting time that seems to have the effect of discouraging participation by residents of the community council district. Otherwise, the boundary review criteria below do not seem to show a reason for considering to dissolve Midtown.
- *2. Representation:* Although there was a period 5 to 7 years ago when it was less functional, Midtown is currently an active, engaged community council on issues throughout its district, meeting monthly, making quorum, and adhering to its bylaws.
- *2. Representation:* The Midtown executive board's focus is on commercial property owner and business issues, and it is conducting active outreach to businesses.
- *2. Representation:* Few of the active members of Midtown Community Council attending its meetings are residents—most are from the business community.
- *2. Representation:* If Midtown were required to also conduct outreach to its residents to encourage them to become active members, then the Municipality should be consistent and require all community councils to conduct active outreach and recruiting.
- *2. Representation:* Midtown meetings are hybrid (in-person and remote attendees), at the noon hour on a weekday, and open to the public including Midtown residents to become members, meeting the municipal requirement to have open meetings and open membership. Community councils are private associations, so it could be problematic for the Assembly to direct them when and where to meet or mandate a hybrid (in-person + remote) meeting format.
- *2. Representation:* Municipal staff visiting Midtown meetings did not perceive that residents are being made unwelcome.
- *2. Representation:* Midtown reached out to and engaged with residents of Midtown and Spenard (in Windemere neighborhood) regarding 2 potential homeless shelters, on Tudor Road and Arctic Boulevard.
- *2. Representation:* Representation can be improved by strategies other than boundary changes, such as assistance with conducting Zoom (hybrid) meetings, or evolution in Midtown's executive committee's focus.
- *2. Representation:* Historically, Spenard Community Council included Midtown and was active in representing Midtown, such as in creating Midtown Cuddy Park. Spenard currently provides active representation for both residents and businesses in its district.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The Midtown area developed later than Spenard and has grown

to became a distinct natural community with business and development issues and was recognized as a community council in 2004.

- *3. Natural Communities:* Shared aspiration—creating a Midtown Plan; the potential for a business improvement district.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Residential enclave including Colonial Manor in the superblock between Arctic, Benson, C Street, and 36th Avenue; and other large residential enclaves in Midtown.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Lotting pattern and age of development east of C Street north of 36th Avenue appears to be more in common with Spenard.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Midtown's anchoring institution at Loussac Library and open space at Midtown Cuddy Family Park.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Midtown's focus on two commercial corridors: Northern Lights / Benson and A/C Street couplet.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Fireweed Lane; Northern Lights/Benson Boulevard; Tudor Road; International Airport Road.
- *4.* Identifiable Boundaries: Arctic Boulevard; C Street; A Street; Seward Highway.
- *5. Community Desires:* Midtown Community Council executive committee responded by email (Exhibit A, comment 430) that it is satisfied with and requests to retain its current boundaries.
- *5. Community Desires:* 14 members of Midtown sent questionnaire responses:
  - 9 agreed that current boundaries align with natural communities, 2 disagreed, and 3 were neutral.
  - 9 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 2 were not sure; and 2 called for merging Midtown into North Star to improve opportunities for participation and representation for residents.
  - 3 of 5 respondents who live in Midtown recommended boundary changes and the other 2 residents were not sure.
  - 10 said Midtown is in an optimal size range, 2 said it was too small, and 2 were not sure.
- *5. Community Desires:* North Star adopted a resolution on March 8, 2023, requesting to retain its district and not merge with Midtown.
- *5. Community Desires:* 3 of 7 questionnaire survey responses from North Star members agree with existing boundaries, 1 was neutral, and 3 recommended merging North Star with Midtown and/or Spenard.
- *5. Community Desires:* 17 members of Spenard sent questionnaire responses:
  - 9 agreed that current boundaries align with natural communities, 4 disagreed, and 4 were neutral.
  - 6 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 3 called for merging Midtown into Spenard; 4 called for other boundary changes for Spenard; and 4 were not sure.
  - 10 said Midtown is in an optimal size range, 2 were not sure, and 2 said it was too small.
- *2. Representation:* Midtown is Anchorage's largest commercial and employment center with 100s of businesses; it also has 4,543 residents—more residents than in Downtown and some of the residentially oriented community councils.
- *6. Optimal Size:* A district that is primarily commercial in character can be a legitimate natural community, like Downtown.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Midtown has a population of 4,543, Spenard has nearly 8,800, and each has 100s of businesses and many items of business for their meeting agendas. Each appears to be within the optimal size range for a community council to be engaged in all its areas. Combining them could risk exceeding optimal size range and creating challenges providing focused representation.
- *7. Sharing Information:* Not investigated.

Options and Recommendations:

- *Option A:* No change. Retain Midtown Community Council with its existing boundaries. **

- *Option B: (Recommended).* No change. Retain Midtown Community Council with its existing boundaries. In addition, investigate if there is merit in considering adjustments to municipal code or funding levels to encourage and/or resource open, accessible meetings for all community councils (including Midtown but not just Midtown) to maximize participation and representation for all members of each community council district. This could include offering training and tech assistance.
- *Option C:* Transfer the areas west of C Street, which contain most of the residences in Midtown, from Midtown Community Council to Spenard Community Council.
- *Option D:* Merge Midtown Community Council into Spenard Community Council.
- *Option E:* Merge Midtown Community Council areas south of 36th Avenue into Spenard Community Council and areas north of 36th into North Star Community Council.

***** The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (with 10 votes in favor and 1 opposed).***

29. Spenard Community Council District

(Boundary Study Area Maps 7 and 8)

1 questionnaire response recommended to realign the Spenard Community Council district boundaries to follow Assembly district boundaries if those work well with natural communities.

Staff note: Assembly District 2 is west of Minnesota Drive, its eastern boundary. East of Minnesota Drive, Assembly Districts 1 and 4 are divided north and south by 36th Avenue.

(Source comment in Appendix A: 94.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #2, 4-3-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*: The findings in the criteria that follow do not indicate a need to partition this community council by Assembly Districts.
- *2. Representation:* Spenard provides active, engaged representation on issues throughout its district.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Assembly Districts 1, 2, and 4 do not align with Spenard's natural neighborhood communities. The Assembly District boundaries would split through the communities that form Spenard and would cut the Spenard Road corridor district into 3 parts using arbitrary dividing lines.
- *3. Natural Communities:* See also Boundary Study Area #26 assessment with this criteria, regarding areas in Midtown and North Star.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Minnesota Drive is a strong physical traffic barrier running north to south; other physical features further west (the Alaska Railroad, Fish Creek) also provide strong boundaries that enable Spenard to remain whole.
- *5. Community Desires:* Spenard Community Council executive committee comments (Appendix A, comment 427) indicate an interest in expanding the community council eastward, but not to divide its existing areas at 36th Avenue or Minnesota Drive.
- *5. Community Desires:* See Boundary Study Area #28 for a summary of questionnaire responses from Spenard membership.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Not investigated.
- *7. Sharing Information:* Potential alignment with Assembly District boundaries.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. *******
- *Option B:* Transfer all areas west of Minnesota Drive to Turnagain Community Council, merge the remaining areas with North Star (north of 36th Avenue) and Midtown (south of 36th Avenue).

***** The Boundary Review Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).***

30. Turnagain Community Council District
(Boundary Study Area Map 7)

1 questionnaire response recommended to merge Turnagain Community Council with Spenard Community Council.

(Source comment in Appendix A: 203.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #2, 4-3-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*: The findings in the criteria that follow do not indicate a need to merge this community council.
- *2. Representation:* Turnagain provides active, engaged representation on issues throughout its district.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Turnagain Community Council often addresses western neighborhood issues such as the Coastal Trail and Airport, whereas Spenard is focused on Spenard Road and the mixed neighborhoods along that corridor.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Turnagain and Spenard share the southern part of the Spenard Road corridor as the nearest commercial and mixed-use district.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Turnagain and Spenard share an interest in Fish Creek and impacts of the Alaska Railroad Corridor.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Most of Turnagain's residential neighborhoods are distinct in character and somewhat distant out west from Spenard.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* The Alaska Railroad, Fish Creek, southern Spenard Road, Wisconsin Street, and Northern Lights as barriers and boundary options.
- *5. Community Desires:* Turnagain Community Council executive committee responded by email (Exhibit A, comment 426) that it is satisfied with Turnagain's current boundaries.
- *5. Community Desires:* 23 of 29 questionnaire survey responses from Turnagain members agree the community council district reflects the natural community and 5 were neutral.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Turnagain and Spenard Community Councils each seem to generally be within the optimal size range for maintaining an active community council engaged in all its areas. Combining them may exceed that size range and create challenges providing focused representation for all areas.
- *7. Sharing Information:* Not investigated.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain Turnagain Community Council with its existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Merge Turnagain Community Council and Spenard Community Council district.

*** The Boundary Review Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

31. West of Fish Creek to Wisconsin Street
(Boundary Study Area Map 7)

1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the neighborhoods south of W. Northern Lights Boulevard between Fish Creek and Wisconsin Street from Turnagain Community Council to Spenard Community Council district.

(Source comment in Appendix A: 191.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #5, 6-12-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Turnagain and Spenard are both active community councils providing representation and participation opportunities.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Comment by questionnaire response #191 (Appendix B) that the mixed residential area called "Spenardigan" east of Wisconsin Street aligns best with Spenard's interests.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Spenard council geographic focus on Spenard Road corridor and Fish Creek.

- *3. Natural Communities:* Most residences west of Fish Creek are in the Lake Hood ES attendance area (in Turnagain), except the area northeast of 35th Avenue and Turnagain Street is in the Northwood ES attendance area (in Spenard).
- *3. Natural Communities:* Turnagain council focal points include Coastal Trail, Airport, Northern Lights, Wisconsin Street, Lake Hood, Balto Seppala Park, and Fish Creek.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Mutual focus on and stewardship of Fish Creek.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Street connectivity, with limited local street access crossings from the study area to Spenard across Fish Creek (only 2 streets) and the Alaska Railroad corridor.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Neighborhood character – scale of homes and lots, the pattern of streets. Most of the study area is more like Spenard, but Broadmore Estates and Captain Cook Estates Subdivisions are more like other areas of Turnagain.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Turnagain Community Council interest in maintaining its mix of housing types in its district, including the area east of Wisconsin Street that includes multi-family, duplex, and small single-family residences.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Spenard Corridor Plan (2020) plan area and future land use map focus generally east of Turnagain Boulevard and along Spenard Road mixed-use corridor.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Fish Creek and greenbelt; undergoing creek restoration.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Alaska Railroad Utility Corridor.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Spenard Road (minor arterial), Wisconsin Street (collector).
- *5. Community Desires:* Turnagain Community Council executive board letter (Comment No. 426 on page 21 of Appendix A) supporting its current boundaries and indicating that it reached out to Spenard's executive board asking if Spenard intends to put forward areas for study and offering to hold a joint meeting to discuss further any proposals that affect Turnagain areas. Turnagain reporting that "SCC Board indicated they also do not intend to put forward areas for study at this time."
- *5. Community Desires:* 23 of 29 survey questionnaire responses from Turnagain members agree its district reflects the natural community; 5 were neutral; and 1 disagreed (suggesting to merge Spenard and Turnagain). No Turnagain respondent recommended boundary changes.
- *5. Community Desires:* Spenard Community Council executive board letter (Comment No. 427 on page 21 of Appendix A) requesting its district be expanded eastward in Midtown (see Boundary Study Area #28 above), but not proposing changes on its western boundary with Turnagain.
- *5. Community Desires:* 17 members of Spenard sent questionnaire responses:
  - 9 agreed that current boundaries align with natural communities, 4 disagreed, and 4 were neutral.
  - 6 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 3 called for merging Midtown into Spenard; 4 called for other boundary changes for Spenard; and 4 were not sure.

6. Optimal Size: Turnagain and Spenard Community Councils each seem to generally be within the optimal size range for maintaining an active community council engaged in all its areas.

7. *Sharing Information:* N/A.

Options and Recommendations:

- *Option A (Recommended).* No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Transfer the neighborhoods south of W. Northern Lights Boulevard between Fish Creek and Wisconsin Street from Turnagain Community Council to Spenard Community Council.

***The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

32. Spenard Beach Park

(Boundary Study Area Maps 7 and 7a)

1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer Spenard Beach Park from Turnagain Community Council to Spenard Community Council district.

(Source comment in Appendix A: 191.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #5, 6-12-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing boundaries unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* There are no residents, businesses, or private property owners in Spenard Beach Park.
- *2. Representation:* Turnagain Community Council has been active in representing community interests in Spenard Beach Park and recently led efforts to improve it, with the participation of Spenard Community Council.
- *2. Representation:* AMC 2.40 ensures adequate notification of development proposals to both community councils. Spenard Community Council already receives notice regarding proposed changes in Spenard Beach Park and be involved in municipal decisions and community efforts regarding park improvements even though the park is outside its district boundaries.
- *2. Representation:* No community council "owns" public land used as parks or decides what happens to the parks in its district.
- *3. Natural Communities:* As a general rule, community council districts are delineated as distinct, separate areas that do not overlap; AMC 2.40 defines "natural communities as "areas divided one from another by physical or traffic barriers."
- *3. Natural Communities:* Mutual stewardship of Spenard Beach Park. Recent joint effort to improve the park through a challenge grant, led by Turnagain.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The park is nearest to Turnagain residential neighborhoods.
- *3. Natural Communities:* All other properties around Spenard Lake are in the Spenard Community Council district.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Lakeshore Drive; Spenard Lake.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Overlapping community council boundaries would not be consistent with the code criteria for clear, identifiable boundaries that establish districts "divided one from another by physical or traffic barriers" (AMC 2.40).
- *5. Community Desires:* Turnagain Community Council executive board letter (Comment No. 426 on page 21 of Appendix A) that supported its current boundaries and indicating that it reached out to Spenard's executive board asking if Spenard intends to put forward areas for study and offering to hold a joint meeting to discuss further any proposals that affect Turnagain areas. Turnagain reporting that "SCC Board indicated they also do not intend to put forward areas for study at this time."
- *5. Community Desires:* Turnagain and Spenard representatives later met and proposed sharing the park by overlapping the Community Councils' boundaries so that Spenard Beach Park would be in both community councils. Turnagain Community Council membership passed a resolution supporting this proposal.

6. Optimal Size: N/A.

7. *Sharing Information:* Overlapping community council district boundaries would create difficulties and cost time for municipal administrative work and mapping, such as internal processes for sending out public notices, maintaining GIS databases, and creating clear, accurate maps for the public.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. (Spenard Beach Park stays in Turnagain community council.)
- *Option B:* Share Spenard Beach Park between Turnagain Community Council and Spenard Community Council by dividing it, transferring the eastern half to Spenard.

- *Option C:* Share Spenard Beach Park between Turnagain Community Council and Spenard Community Council, by including it in both community council districts, overlapping their district areas. **
- *Option D:* Transfer Spenard Beach Park from Turnagain Community Council to Spenard Community Council.

***The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option C (by a vote of 7 in favor and 2 opposed).*

33. South of Dimond Boulevard to 92nd Avenue

(Boundary Study Area Maps 9, 10, and 11)

A questionnaire response from a Taku Campbell Community Council officer, representing the position of its board, recommended to transfer the area south of Dimond Boulevard between Dimond and 92nd Avenue out of Taku Campbell. Its general membership had discussed reducing its southern boundary from 92nd Avenue up to Dimond Boulevard. Taku Campbell Community Council members find their district is too large. It has a lot of business to address in the industrial areas north of Dimond but has not had many agenda items from south of Dimond. They also believe 92nd Avenue is difficult to find, and Dimond Boulevard could provide a stronger, cleaner boundary.

To assess all options, Planning staff identified alternatives to transfer areas south of Dimond Boulevard to the Bayshore/Klatt and/or Old Seward/Oceanview Community Councils.

(Source comment in Appendix A: 298.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #5, 6-12-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* The area between Dimond Boulevard and 92nd is peripheral to Taku Campbell. Few residents from this area participate as active council members.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The Dimond Center regional commercial center area straddles Dimond Boulevard to the north and south, extending south to 92nd/Scooter Avenue.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Bayshore/Klatt is Centered primarily west of C Street, mostly southwest of Minnesota Drive/O'Malley Road.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Old Seward/ Oceanview is focused on areas east of C Street along the Old Seward Highway, but south of O'Malley Road.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Dimond Estates Mobile Home Park is in the Klatt Elementary school attendance area, however ASD has discussed transferring it to Campbell Elementary school attendance area.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The Mt. Vernon Street area including Queensgate and Newland Subdivisions south of Dimond/west of C Street is in the Campbell Elementary attendance area in Taku Campbell.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Dimond Boulevard and Campbell Creek greenbelt.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* 92nd Avenue is not constructed west of Old Seward Highway.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* C Street, Alaska Railroad, and Seward Highway are options for longitudinal boundaries.
- *5. Community Desires:* Taku Campbell prefers to no longer represent this area.
- *5. Community Desires:* 3 of 5 questionnaire responses from Taku Campbell members agreed its current boundaries align with natural communities; 1 neutral; 1 disagreed.
- *5. Community Desires:* 10 Bayshore/Klatt members sent questionnaire responses:
  - 8 agreed that current boundaries align with natural communities; 1 was neutral; 1 disagreed.
  - 5 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 4 were not sure; and 1 called for dividing up the district.
  - 6 said the district is in an optimal size range; 3 were not sure; 1 said too large.
- *5. Community Desires:* Bayshore/Klatt's chair supports transferring this area so that it becomes represented by Bayshore/Klatt.

- *6. Optimal Size:* Taku Campbell's population is approximately 12,800. Bayshore/Klatt's population is nearly 12,000.
- 6. Optimal Size: The boundary study area includes 2,570 of Taku Campbell's residents: with 1,367 in Dimond Estates Mobile Home Park and 1,200 in Mt. Vernon Street area east of Dimond Estates Mobile Home Park.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* State legislative districts boundaries are Dimond Boulevard and (New) Seward Highway.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* Assembly Midtown district boundary is Dimond Boulevard; Assembly West and South districts boundary on C Street except Vernon St. neighborhood (Newland Subdivision) is in the South district.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* Census Tract boundary at Dimond Boulevard.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A.* No change. Retain existing boundaries.
- *Option B (Recommended):* Transfer all areas south of Dimond Boulevard from Taku Campbell Community Council to Bayshore/Klatt Community Council. **
- *Option C: In combination with Boundary Study Area #34 Option B,* Transfer the area south of Dimond and west of C Street (to Minnesota Drive) from Taku Campbell Community Council to Bayshore/Klatt Community Council; and transfer the area east of C Street (to Seward Highway) from Taku Campbell Community Council to Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council.

***The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option B (by unanimous vote).*

34. Bayshore/Klatt Community Council District

(Boundary Study Area Maps 10 and 11)

1 questionnaire response indicated that Bayshore/Klatt Community Council district is too large and recommended to divide it into two community council districts.

To assess all options, Planning staff identified an alternative to transfer areas north of O'Malley Road along the Old Seward Highway corridor east of C Street, including 2,165 residents, from Bayshore/Klatt to Old Seward/Oceanview.

(Source comment in Appendix A: 371.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #5, 6-12-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Areas northeast of Minnesota/O'Malley have been peripheral to Bayshore/Klatt. Few residents, businesses, or property owners from this area participate as active members.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Bayshore/Klatt has focused on Southport, Bayshore, and Klatt Road residential areas southwest of Minnesota/O'Malley. However, the transfer of Study Area #33 to Bayshore/Klatt would bring more neighborhoods and commercial/ industrial areas that have socio-economic, infrastructure, and land use characteristics in common with eastern Bayshore/Klatt into Bayshore/Klatt's district. The entire area bounded by Dimond, Seward, Minnesota, and O'Malley would be represented by a single community council.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Old Seward/ Oceanview focus along the Old Seward Highway, south of O'Malley Road.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Diamond Willow Estates and Hillcrest Subdivisions residential areas east of Old Seward Highway between Scooter Drive and O'Malley Road are distant, physically unconnected, and different in character from most other Bayshore/Klatt neighborhoods. They are less distant from residential areas of Old Seward/Oceanview.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Diamond Willow Estates and Hillcrest Subdivisions residential areas east of Old Seward Highway share Old Seward Highway corridor connection with Old Seward/Oceanview.
- *3. Natural Communities:* South Anchorage industrial area, as identified in Anchorage's *Comprehensive Plan*, extends generally from Dimond Boulevard to O'Malley Road, C

Street to Old Seward Highway, straddling the Alaska Railroad Utility Corridor.

- *3. Natural Communities:* Diamond Willow Estates and Hillcrest Subdivisions residential areas east of Old Seward Highway north of O'Malley Road in Taku Elementary attendance area.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Dimond Boulevard; O'Malley Road.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* C Street, Alaska Railroad Utility Corridor, Seward Highway.
- *5. Community Desires:* 10 Bayshore/Klatt members sent questionnaire responses:
  - 8 agreed that current boundaries align with natural communities; 1 was neutral; 1 disagreed.
  - 5 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 4 were not sure; and 1 called for dividing up the district.
  - 6 said the district is in an optimal size range; 3 were not sure; 1 said too large.
- *5. Community Desires:* Bayshore/Klatt chair supported retaining existing areas east of C Street and north of O'Malley Road, and indicated there is no support for breaking apart the district.
- *5. Community Desires:* 11 members of Old Seward/Oceanview sent survey responses:
  - 8 agreed that current boundaries align with natural communities. 2 out of 3 who disagreed recommended extending the community council northward to O'Malley (Boundary Study Area #35).
  - 10 said the district is in an optimal size range and 1 said it is too small.
- *5. Community Desires:* Old Seward/ Oceanview board has no interest in representing areas north of O'Malley Road.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Bayshore/Klatt's population is nearly 12,000. Old Seward/Oceanview's population is nearly 9,000.
- *6.* Optimal Size: The population of the residential areas east of Old Seward Highway between Scooter Drive and O'Malley Road is 2,165.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* Assembly West and South districts have a boundary on C Street and West Klatt Road; Both councils are in same state legislative districts.

Options and Recommendations:

- *Option A (Recommended)*: No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B: In combination with Boundary Study Area #35 Option B (transferring areas southeast of O'Malley Road and C Street to Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council)*, Transfer areas north of O'Malley Road and east of C Street from Bayshore/Klatt to Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council.
- *Option C:* Adopt an Assembly Resolution supporting the establishment of a separate community council to serve parts of Bayshore/Klatt Community Council.

***The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

35. South of O'Malley Road to Klatt Road, East of C Street

(Boundary Study Area Map 11)

3 questionnaire responses recommended to transfer the area of C Street on the west, O'Malley Road on the north, New Seward Highway on the east, and Klatt Road on the south, from Bayshore/Klatt Community Council to Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council district.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 241, 318, 422.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #4, 5-1-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.
- *2. Representation:* Both community councils are active.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Study area shares a geographic focus on Old Seward Highway commercial corridor and Huffman Town Center in common with Old Seward/ Oceanview Community Council.

- *3. Natural Communities:* Local street connectivity with Old Seward/Oceanview.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Neighborhood development pattern and household characteristics shared in common with Old Seward/Oceanview neighborhoods across Klatt Road.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Study area is in the Mears MS and Dimond HS attendance areas; Old Seward/Oceanview is in the South HS attendance area.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Study area is in Klatt ES attendance area; however, ASD has discussed transferring it to Oceanview ES.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* O'Malley Road (freeway/arterial); Klatt Road (collector).
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* C Street, with a commercial zone and parkland on west side of C Street; Seward Highway.
- *5. Community Desires:* Old Seward/ Oceanview's board supported the proposed transfer; Bayshore/Klatt's president also supported the transfer.
- *5. Community Desires:* 10 Bayshore/Klatt members sent questionnaire responses:
  - 8 agreed that current boundaries align with natural communities; 1 was neutral; 1 disagreed.
  - 5 said no changes to boundaries should be considered; 4 were not sure; and 1 called for dividing up the district.
  - 6 said the district is in an optimal size range; 3 were not sure; 1 said too large.
- *5. Community Desires:* 11 members of Old Seward/Oceanview sent questionnaire responses:
  - 8 agreed that current boundaries align with natural communities. 2 out of 3 who disagreed recommended extending the community council northward to O'Malley (Boundary Study Area #35).
  - 10 said the district is in an optimal size range and 1 said it is too small.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Bayshore/Klatt's population is nearly 12,000. Old Seward/Oceanview's population is nearly 9,000.
- *6. Optimal Size:* The boundary study area includes 629 of Bayshore/Klatt's residents.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* Assembly West and South districts have a boundary on C Street and West Klatt Road; Both councils are in same state legislative district.

Options and Recommendations:

- *Option A*: No change. Retain existing boundaries.
- *Option B (Recommended):* Transfer the area bounded by C Street on the west, O'Malley Road on the north, (New) Seward Highway on the east, and Klatt Road on the south, from Bayshore/Klatt Community Council to Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council.**

***The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option B (by unanimous vote).*

36. Oceanview East of Old Seward Highway

(Boundary Study Area Maps 11 and 12)

1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the area of Oceanview neighborhood between the Old Seward Highway and the Seward Highway from Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council to Huffman/O'Malley Community Council district.

Staff note: The northern boundary of this area seemed unclear, so staff used Huffman Road to support the assessment of options.

(Source comment in Appendix A: 137.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #4, 5-1-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

1. Stable Boundaries. Retain existing district unless the criteria that follow show a reason to change.

2. Representation: Old Seward/Oceanview is an active community council and the study area in question is a part of the Oceanview neighborhood.

3. Natural Communities: The north half of the study area is in Oceanview ES attendance area; the south half is with Rabbit Creek ES across the New Seward Highway.

3. Natural Communities: Shared focus on Huffman Town Center.

4. Identifiable Boundaries: New Seward Highway (freeway); Old Seward Highway (arterial).

- *5. Community Desires:* 11 members of Old Seward/Oceanview sent questionnaire responses:
  - 8 agreed that current boundaries align with natural communities. 2 out of 3 who disagreed recommended extending the community council northward to O'Malley and did not indicate any concern with Oceanview west of New Seward Highway being in Old Seward/Oceanview.
  - 10 said the district is in an optimal size range and 1 said it is too small.

6. Optimal Size: Not investigated.

7. *Sharing Information:* Shared Census Tract and state House district with most of Old Seward/Oceanview.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Transfer areas of Oceanview neighborhood south of Huffman Road between the Old Seward Highway and the Seward Highway from Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council to Huffman/O'Malley Community Council.

***The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

37. East of Elmore Road from 104th Avenue to De Armoun Road

(Boundary Study Area Map 12)

1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer areas east of Elmore Road from Huffman/O'Malley Community Council to Hillside Community Council district.

(Source comment in Appendix A: 166.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #5, 6-12-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

1. Stable Boundaries: Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.

- *2. Representation:* Huffman/O'Malley is an active community council providing representation for the study area.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Large lot residential areas characterize both community councils
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Elmore Road; Birch Road.
- *5. Community Desires:* Indications are that neither community council supports the proposed change.
- 6. Optimal Size: Not investigated.
- *7.* Sharing Information: N/A

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended)*: No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Transfer areas east of Elmore Road from Huffman/O'Malley Community Council to Hillside Community Council.

***The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

38. Higher Elevations of Rabbit Creek Community Council

(Boundary Study Area Map 13)

1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer higher-elevation portions of Rabbit Creek Community Council district out of Rabbit Creek.

To assess options, Planning staff identified an option to transfer the higher-elevation portions of Rabbit Creek Community Council district generally east of Goldenview Drive and south of Potter Creek to Bear Valley Community Council.

(Source comment in Appendix A: 112.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #4, 5-1-23.)

***Boundary Review Criteria*:**

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change.

- *2. Representation:* Rabbit Creek is an active community council providing representation for upper elevation neighborhoods.
- *3. Natural Communities:* The upper elevations of Rabbit Creek are not in the Bear Valley.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Goldenview Drive; Bear Valley ridgeline area with breaks in neighborhood connectivity from Bear Valley.
- *5. Community Desires:* Rabbit Creek's board responded to the original questionnaire and indicated that its general membership discussed the district boundaries and was satisfied with existing boundaries.
- *Community Desires:* Rabbit Creek's board opposed the proposed boundary change.
- *Community Desires:* 17 members of Rabbit Creek responded to the questionnaire. 12 agreed that existing boundaries reflected natural neighborhood communities; 3 were not sure; and 2 disagreed.
- *Community Desires:* All 3 questionnaire respondents from Bear Valley agreed with existing boundaries.
- *6. Optimal Size:* Not investigated;
- 7. *Sharing Information:* Not investigated.

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundaries. **
- *Option B:* Transfer higher-elevation portions of Rabbit Creek Community Council district, generally east of Goldenview Drive and south of Potter Creek to Bear Valley Community Council.
- *Option B:* Adopt an Assembly Resolution recommending the establishment of separate council to serve a distinct natural community area named by the local community, once the local community shows interest in establishing a separate community council organization from Rabbit Creek and a voluntary association meeting the requirements of subsection 2.40.030B. requests recognition by the Assembly. Until such a voluntary association receives recognition from the Assembly, Rabbit Creek Community Council will continue to represent all its current district.

***The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote).*

39. Undetermined Boundary Study Areas

(Maps N/A)

6 questionnaire responses indicated dissatisfaction with existing boundaries in 5 community council districts, including Rabbit Creek, Rogers Park (2 responses), Russian Jack, Sand Lake, and University Area. However, staff was unable to determine their specific issue. These six responses did not provide enough information for staff to be able to determine the issue or boundary segment of concern, and the questionnaire responses did not provide contact information for staff to be able to request clarification.

(Source comments in Appendix A: 306, 89, 183, 139, 405, 374.)

(Boundary Advisory Committee deliberations in Appendix B: Meeting #2, 4-3-23.)

***Options and Recommendations*:**

- *Option A (Recommended):* No changes to boundaries based on these responses. **

*** The Boundary Advisory Committee concurs with this recommendation (by unanimous vote).*

40. Chugach State Park and Cook Inlet Coastline Boundaries Updates

(Boundary Study Area Maps 1, 2, 5, 5a, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14)

Chugach State Park shares its boundaries with community council districts in the Anchorage Bowl, Chugiak-Eagle River, and Girdwood. Generally, the community council districts are contiguous with Chugach State Park and exclude its wilderness parklands in their neighborhood districts. (An exception is Turnagain Arm Community Council, which geographically comprises a string of small communities separated from one another within Chugach State Park.)

During the preparation of the public hearing draft community council district maps, municipal Planning and Real Estate/HLB staff research of property ownership records and the State of Alaska *Chugach State Park Management Plan* found that several segments of the community council boundaries along Chugach State Park are based on outdated information regarding the Chugach State Park land ownership and management areas. Staff recommends updating the community council district boundaries in these segments to reflect the current Chugach State Park boundaries.

Specifically, in Chugiak-Eagle River, the existing maps of community councils long indicated that municipal Heritage Land Bank (HLB) Parcels 1-079 and 1-080 and an adjoining BLM parcel are in Chugach State Park. In fact, these parcels are not a part of Chugach State Park. Staff recommends consideration for including these three parcels in the adjoining community council district, which is Eagle River Valley.

Secondly, in the Anchorage Bowl, three parcels which were historically private inholdings that are now a part of Chugach State Park are still included in the Basher, Glen Alps, and Rabbit Creek Community Council districts. Staff recommends considering the removal of these parcels from the three community council districts so that their boundaries more consistently follow the boundaries of Chugach State Park. Meanwhile, one parcel that is adjacent to the historic Potter Section House across the Seward Highway that is not within Chugach State Park has been left out of Rabbit Creek Community Council, and staff proposes to include that parcel in Rabbit Creek's district.

Finally, Municipal staff have also found that the existing coastal boundaries of the community councils along Cook Inlet from Knik Arm to Turnagain Arm are based on inaccurate, outdated historical data regarding "mean low water" (i.e., the mean low-tide line). In fact, the boundaries that appear on the existing community council maps do not follow mean low water or any actual physical features. Contemporary geographic data shows that, in fact, the mean low water line is in many places located miles out into Cook Inlet where mud flats exposed at low tide extend out to Fire Island and beyond. The existing community council maps also erroneously treat several in-shore coastlands as if they were marine areas out in Cook Inlet beyond "mean low water." For example, Point Campbell is excluded from the Sand Lake Community Council district.

Contemporary geographic (GIS) data more accurately distinguishes the coastlands including wetland grasslands, estuaries, and beaches that typically remain exposed at mean high tide, versus the mud flats (tidal flats) that are unvegetated and typically covered by the waters of Cook Inlet at mean high tide. The coastlands above mean high water are periodically inundated by seasonally higher tides (called "mean higher high water"). An example is Fish Creek estuary. By contrast, the tidal mudflat areas below mean high tide are a part of the marine waters of Cook Inlet. Most maps of the Municipality of Anchorage today use the "mean high water" (i.e., mean high tide) to represent the shoreline delineate marine waters from land areas.

Therefore, staff recommends adjusting the community council districts' boundaries along the shorelines of Cook Inlet so that they follow the "mean high water" mark instead of trying to follow a "mean low water" mark out in the marine waters of Cook Inlet. As a result, community council districts would no longer include the mudflats which are underwater for much of the day, but would continue to include the "coastland" areas at or near sea level, such as the grass wetlands south of Point Woronzof, the upper beaches and sand dunes at Point Campbell, and the estuaries of Fish Creek and Fire Creek.

Staff note: These issues were identified by Planning Department staff and municipal cartographers during the preparation of public hearing draft maps, after the completion of the Boundary Advisory Committee process. Therefore, the Boundary Advisory Committee did not have an opportunity to address this boundary study area.

Boundary Review Criteria:

- *1. Stable Boundaries*. Retain existing district unless the criteria that follow show a reason to change.

- *2. Representation:* HLB parcels and BLM lands not in Chugach State Park should be represented by a community council district.
- *2. Representation:* Chugach State Park lands are unpopulated and managed by the State of Alaska for natural resource and outdoor recreation purposes.
- *2. Representation:* Tidal flats in Cook Inlet are unpopulated and considered a part of the marine waters not coastlands.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Chugach State Park is outside of the populated, urbanized areas of the Municipality and is not managed by the Municipality of Anchorage.
- *3. Natural Communities:* Neighborhood communities do not extend into marine waters. Tidal mudflats exposed at mean low tide extend past Fire Island far from the city and its neighborhoods.
- *Natural Communities:* In the Potter Marsh area, the removal of the tidal mudflats from the community council districts reduces the southern end of the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council district to a narrow strip of Alaska Railroad Utility Corridor and Seward Highway Right-of-Way extending more than miles south from the north end of Potter Marsh to the historic Potter Section House. This strip of coastal land is primarily contiguous to Rabbit Creek Community Council district neighborhoods and Potters Marsh than to Oceanview.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Chugach State Park boundary delineating the developed populated areas of the Municipality from the park wilderness.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* There are no identifiable physical boundaries to distinguish former private inholdings that are now a part of Chugach State Park and the rest of the park.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Mean high tide delineating the shoreline between marine waters and coastlands including vegetated wetlands, upper beaches, and sand dunes.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* Mean low water provides no discernable boundary as it is an extension of the muddy bottom of the Cook Inlet marine waterbody and is exposed for only a part of the day.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* AMC 2.40.090 establishes that community council district boundaries extend to “mean low or lower water,” but the boundaries presented on the existing community council maps do not accurately reflect mean low water or seem to follow any physical feature.
- *4. Identifiable Boundaries:* To show boundaries that follow mean low water, the maps would need to be reduced in scale to show an area of the Cook Inlet that is as large as or larger than the Anchorage Bowl within the map extent.
- *5. Community Desires:* Community councils have consistently excluded Chugach State Park from the days of their establishment through previous reviews of community council boundaries.
- *5. Community Desires:* Staff believes it is possible that, historically, it may have been the intent of community councils to exclude marine waters but include coastland areas such as estuaries and Point Campbell within their community council district boundaries, but accurate geographic information may have not been available.
- *6. Optimal Size:* N/A.
- 7. *Sharing Information:* Excluding Chugach State Park lands and Cook Inlet marine waters enables more usable information regarding to the size of community council district areas.

Options and Recommendations:

- *Option A:* No changes. Retain existing boundaries.
- Option B: In Chugach State Park, remove three parcels which were once private inholdings that are now a part of Chugach State Park, from the Basher, Glen Alps, and Rabbit Creek Community Council districts. In Chugiak-Eagle River, transfer HLB Parcels 1-079 and 1-080 plus the adjoining BLM parcel into Eagle River Valley Community Council, as these parcels are not a part of Chugach State Park.

- *Option C (Recommended):* In addition to carrying out Option B, adjust the coastal boundaries of the community councils that have shoreline on Cook Inlet from Knik Arm to Turnagain Arm to follow "mean high water," rather than "mean low or lower water." This adjustment necessitates a text amendment to AMC Subsection 21.07.090.

  Option C includes the transfer of a narrow strip of land along the coastline next to Potters Marsh. Because removing the tidal mudflats from community council districts will reduce the southern end of the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council district to only a 100-foot-wide strip of coastland in the Alaska Railroad Utility Corridor and Seward Highway right-of-way extending for more than 2 miles from the north end of Potter Marsh to the historic Potter Section House, adjacent to Rabbit Creek Community Council. Therefore, as part of Option C, transfer this remnant strip of coastal land from Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council to Rabbit Creek Community Council.

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Attachment 4

Appendix A

10-Year Review of
Community Council Boundaries

Questionnaire Responses and Public Comments Identifying the Boundary Study Areas

Municipality of Anchorage
Planning Department

October 2024

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Introduction

Appendix A-1 documents the public's responses to the 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries project online questionnaire regarding community council district boundaries. It also documents comments about boundaries that the Planning Department staff received by email and telephone. The feedback shown in Appendix A-2 provided the source information for identifying the Boundary Study Areas to be evaluated for the project in the Public Hearing Draft *Report and Recommendations*. Appendix A-2 also provides an indicator of community council members' level of satisfaction with current boundaries that can inform this project's assessment of the Boundary Study Areas.

The Planning Department solicited initial comments regarding community council district boundaries from the community councils and their members from November 4, 2022, through the end of February 2023. This included an online survey questionnaire that was distributed in two information alerts (in November and February) to the Community Councils Center's mass notification of approximately 9,500 email addresses. The online questionnaire was developed by Planning staff using the ESRI, Inc., Survey 1-2-3 software application. Additionally, the Planning Department also sent letters to all community council officer contacts listed on the *Community Council Master Contact List* maintained by the Community Council Center and visited the Federation of Community Councils Board of Delegates monthly meetings in November 2022, and January and February 2023.

The public feedback documented in this Appendix A-2 comes from individual community council members, community council officers and executive boards. The municipal Ombudsman and the manager of the Community Councils Center also provided information and comments. The Planning Department received 409 responses to the online survey questionnaire, 9 emails, and one response by phone, for a total of 419 responses.

Table 1.1: Survey Questionnaire Responses

Table 1.1 documents the 409 questionnaire responses. The questionnaire responses are organized alphabetically by the home Community Council districts of the respondents (i.e., in order from Abbott Loop to University Area). Each questionnaire response occupies a row in the table.

The first column in Table 1.1. is the questionnaire response identification number, which was automatically assigned by the ESRI Survey 1-2-3 software application. The remaining 10 columns provide the responses to the 10 questions in the survey questionnaire, arranged from left to right in the order that these questions appeared in the survey form.

Table 1.2: Responses Received by Email and Phone

Table 1.2 documents the additional comments that the Planning Department received, in emails and one phone conversation. Where a single email or phone conversation provided comments about more than one boundary area or district, Table 2.1 documents each of those comments from the same response in a separate row in the table.

The first column in Table 1.2 is a unique identification number for the comment, which staff assigned. The second column is the name of the community council district that was the subject of the comment. The third column is a summary of the comment made, which staff edited for length and clarity. The remaining columns provide the source of the comment.

Use of Appendix A-1

The information in Appendix A-1 is the base data for Appendices A-2 and A-3. Appendix A-2 selects the approximately 120 questionnaire and email comments from Appendix A-1 that expressed dissatisfaction with current boundaries or suggested boundary changes be considered, and groups those responses into 38 *Boundary Study Areas*. Appendix A-3 is a summary table that describes the 38 Boundary Study Areas and cross-references back to the individual comments in Appendices A-1 and A-2.

The information in Appendix A-1 Appendix A-1 also provides an indication of how community council members in general feel about their community council district areas and boundaries. Part 2 of the Public Hearing Draft *Report and Recommendations* begins with a summary of the public feedback from Appendix A-1, including the number and percentage of responses indicating satisfaction with existing boundaries, the size of their community council districts, and whether any changes to boundaries should be considered.

The evaluation of each Boundary Study Area in Part 2 of the Public Hearing Draft *Report and Recommendations* includes a summary of all the questionnaire responses and other public comments documented in Appendix A-1, for each community council affected by the Boundary Study Area. This information became a part of determining the community desires as to the boundaries under evaluation.

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Appendix A-1

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Questionnaire Response I.D. Number	Select the Community Council where you live, own real property, or own a business having premises within the Community Council.	Do your Community Council district boundaries align with the actual neighborhoods, or "natural communities," in its part of town?	Should any changes to the boundaries of your Community Council district be considered?	What changes should be considered?	What are the reasons for these boundary changes to be considered?	Other	Is your Community Council too large, too small, or in an optimal size range to afford all community members the opportunity for participation and representation in an active, engaged Community Council?	If you think your Community Council is too small, which Community Council would prefer it merge with or expand into?	What kind of member are you in this Community Council?	When did you last attend a Community Council meeting in this Community Council?
26	Abbott Loop	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
33	Abbott Loop	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
64	Abbott Loop	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
68	Abbott Loop	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
78	Abbott Loop	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
105	Abbott Loop	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
131	Abbott Loop	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
218	Abbott Loop	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
227	Abbott Loop	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
302	Abbott Loop	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
307	Abbott Loop	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
355	Abbott Loop	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
406	Abbott Loop	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
28	Airport Heights	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
49	Airport Heights	Agree	Yes	The Anchor Park neighborhood south of Chester Creek seems like it might be more appropriate as part of the Airport Heights CC .	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
51	Airport Heights	Agree	Yes	The conundrum is that the community council (CC) is supposed be bounded by "natural boundaries" and the Assembly districts are split by other boundaries. After the last round of reapportionment, we (Airport Heights) are split across 3 Assembly districts. This means we don't have a strong relationship with any single set of Assembly representatives. It also makes it hard for our Assembly representatives to attend our meetings (either at all or for the full duration) as they are all meeting hopping among their represented CCs. I've been a CC board member both before and after reapportionment and the communication chain with our Assembly representatives has noticeably degraded. Unfortunately, I don't have a great solution to this :(	Provide_representation_for_all_		Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
55	Airport Heights	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
92	Airport Heights	Agree	No				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
104	Airport Heights	Disagree	Yes	Move Penland Park to Mountain View	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
118	Airport Heights	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
144	Airport Heights	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
178	Airport Heights	Strongly agree	No				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
181	Airport Heights	Strongly agree	Yes	The residential complex at corner of Glenn Hwy and Bragaw on west side may need to go to Mt. View.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
187	Airport Heights	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
196	Airport Heights	Strongly agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
197	Airport Heights	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
204	Airport Heights	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
205	Airport Heights	Agree	Yes	Move residences east of lake Otis,and north of northern lights from Rogers park to airport heights	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
206	Airport Heights	Agree	Yes	West side of Lake Otis as part of Roger's Park. North of DeBarr as part of MountainView.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
208	Airport Heights	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
210	Airport Heights	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
211	Airport Heights	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
228	Airport Heights	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year

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231	Airport Heights	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
294	Airport Heights	Strongly agree					n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	Before last year
330	Airport Heights	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	Before last year
337	Airport Heights	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
345	Airport Heights	Agree	No				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	Before last year
372	Airport Heights	Agree	Yes	Home on the North East corner of lake Otis / Northern Lights should be added. 24th Avenue west of Lake Otis(one house, many lots, should be added.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
378	Airport Heights	Agree	Not sure or do not know				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
393	Airport Heights	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
402	Airport Heights	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
420	Airport Heights	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
423	Airport Heights	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	Before last year
109	Basher	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
111	Basher	Strongly agree	No				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
176	Basher	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
242	Basher	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
243	Basher	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
244	Basher	Strongly disagree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
315	Basher	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range			This year (in 2022)
60	Bayshore/Klatt	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
135	Bayshore/Klatt	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
193	Bayshore/Klatt	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
237	Bayshore/Klatt	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
238	Bayshore/Klatt	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
269	Bayshore/Klatt	Agree	Not sure or do not know				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
332	Bayshore/Klatt	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
359	Bayshore/Klatt	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
371	Bayshore/Klatt	Disagree	Yes	Bayshore/Klatt should be divided into 2 separate Community Councils	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		Too large		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
416	Bayshore/Klatt	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
277	Bear Valley	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
300	Bear Valley	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
349	Bear Valley	Agree	No				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
50	Birchwood	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
305	Birchwood	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
386	Birchwood	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
29	Campbell Park	Strongly agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
59	Campbell Park	Neutral					Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
153	Campbell Park	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
185	Campbell Park	Strongly agree	Not sure or do not know				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
190	Campbell Park	Strongly disagree	Yes	The neighborhood on the south side of Tudor Road bounded by Elmore rd, Lake Otis Rd, and Campbell creek should be part of the UMed as this is the community all lands in this area serve. The development for the UMed area is also pushing onto the south side of Tudor. The Campbell Park community council does not characterize this area as well as the UMed community council does. I formally request the boundary for UMed be extended to this area.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too large		I am a non-resident owner of bo	Last year (in 2021)
198	Campbell Park	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
217	Campbell Park	Neutral	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
223	Campbell Park	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)

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Questionnaire Response I.D. Number	Select the Community Council where you live, own real property, or own a business having premises within the Community Council.	Do your Community Council district boundaries align with the actual neighborhoods, or "natural communities," in its part of town?	Should any changes to the boundaries of your Community Council district be considered?	What changes should be considered?	What are the reasons for these boundary changes to be considered?	Other	Is your Community Council too large, too small, or in an optimal size range to afford all community members the opportunity for participation and representation in an active, engaged Community Council?	If you think your Community Council is too small, which Community Council would prefer it merge with or expand into?	What kind of member are you in this Community Council?	When did you last attend a Community Council meeting in this Community Council?
280	Campbell Park	Neutral	Yes	West Campbell area should run New Seward, Tudor, Lake Otis, and Dowling. The folks of Campbell north of Lake Otis have little in common with the south of Lake Otis folks., and belong to a separate neighboorhood.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		Too large			Before last year
289	Campbell Park	Strongly agree	No				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
338	Campbell Park	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
354	Campbell Park	Neutral	Yes	I feel more like Tudor Area and Campbell Park should merge. Tudor meetings are dead compared to Campbell Creek.	Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small	Tudor Area	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
387	Campbell Park	Strongly disagree	Yes	Recent redistricting has placed my State Representative and State Senator outside the area of the Council boundaries. An adjustment of the Community Council boundary to coincide with that of 20 and J would be appreciated.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
38	Chugiak	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
76	Chugiak	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
86	Chugiak	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
115	Chugiak	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	Before last year
124	Chugiak	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
134	Chugiak	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
156	Chugiak	Agree	No				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
165	Chugiak	Strongly agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
175	Chugiak	Strongly disagree					n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
245	Chugiak	Agree	Not sure or do not know			Community Councils serve a vital function in Anchorage, but since they started emailing notices, rather than snail mailing, most residents probably don't receive notification of the meetings.	n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
261	Chugiak	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Too large		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
319	Chugiak	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
323	Chugiak	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
329	Chugiak	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
373	Chugiak	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
30	Downtown	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
80	Downtown	Agree	No				n an optimal size range			This year (in 2022)
121	Downtown	Strongly disagree	Yes	Extend East to Ingra South to 15th west to I street	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
150	Downtown	Strongly agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I am a non-resident owner of bo	I have not attended a meeting
152	Downtown	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
270	Downtown	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
334	Downtown	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
83	Eagle River	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
184	Eagle River	Strongly disagree	Yes	JBER to Eklutna	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small	Eagle River Valley	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
257	Eagle River	Strongly disagree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
258	Eagle River	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
259	Eagle River	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting

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260	Eagle River	Disagree	Yes	Eagle River and Eagle River Valley should be one	Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small	Eagle River Valley	I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
262	Eagle River	Disagree	Not sure or do not know			I think the area around Eagle River High school and up by Walmart that appear to be in different districts should be together.	Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
263	Eagle River	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know			I have not attended a meeting
264	Eagle River	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
265	Eagle River	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Too large		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
266	Eagle River	Disagree	Yes	Area that includes Lions Park, Parkview terrace, Gruening School, and the Max Center area need to be added to ERCC	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		Too small	Eagle River Valley	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
268	Eagle River	Strongly disagree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
296	Eagle River	Neutral	Yes	My neighborhood is more aligned with the Eagle River Valley Community Council. I live in the Eagle Ridge Subdivision	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
352	Eagle River	Agree	No				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
375	Eagle River	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
377	Eagle River	Agree	Not sure or do not know				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	Before last year
399	Eagle River	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
409	Eagle River	Strongly disagree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
21	Eagle River Valley	Strongly agree	No				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
84	Eagle River Valley	Disagree	Yes	The Eagle River Valley community should start from the intersection of Mile Hi AVE and Eagle River Road and east of there. West o9f that is Eagle River proper.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
95	Eagle River Valley	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
143	Eagle River Valley	Agree	Not sure or do not know				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
167	Eagle River Valley	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
170	Eagle River Valley	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
200	Eagle River Valley	Neutral	Not sure or do not know			Our community council includes different kinds of residential areas, property types, and lot sizes. Some of the concerns for people up valley aren't necessarily the same as people closer to ER proper.	In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
256	Eagle River Valley	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
293	Eagle River Valley	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
317	Eagle River Valley	Neutral	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
320	Eagle River Valley	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
327	Eagle River Valley	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
350	Eagle River Valley	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
369	Eagle River Valley	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
380	Eagle River Valley	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)

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77	Fairview	Disagree	Yes	Gambell is a clear separation point that splits Fairview. The east side has the Senior Center and the Rec Center. It has sidewalks, traffic calming, and landscaping. While the west has the Sullivan and all the vagrancy issues that come with it. We have few sidewalks & essentially no traffic calming or landscaping. West side also has the Crazy Horse strip club. While it's not been an issue, I am just making a point. The difference between the two is very obvious from the ground.	Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small	Midtown	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
97	Fairview	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
107	Fairview	Agree	Yes	The western boundary between 9th and 15th Aves should go to C Street as it is more of a natural boundary than the current boundary of Cordova Street. North of Memorial Park Cemetery, the western boundary of Cordova Street should continue until Ship Creek. On the east side, the Sitka Street boundary should continue south from Merrill Field until Chester Creek.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
119	Fairview	Agree	Yes	During the last redrawing , or maybe the time before we lost a section of west Fairview to South Addition that was a more natural fit into Fairview's geographic space. But whatever. Don't want to rock the boat. Just saying.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
279	Fairview	Neutral	Yes	North of 5th Ave should be part of another community council. Also potentially the area in-between A and C St, and 15th through Charles Smith Memorial Park. The area north of 5th is all commercial (to my knowledge) and I feel that whole commercial strip has more in common with itself then it does with the communities it crosses into. The square bounded by A, C, 15th, and the park are kind of geographically cut off from the rest of Fairview. I think that they have easier access by walking/driving into the South Addition Neighborhood then the do with Fairview.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
286	Fairview	Disagree	Yes	Currently, West Fairview is cut off from East Fairview by the Gambell Ingra couplet. Fairview west of Gambell is geographically more connected to south addition and downtown. Ideally, the Gambell Ingra couplet would be modified to be less of a blight on this community.	Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
412	Fairview	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
31	Girdwood_	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
411	Girdwood_	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range			This year (in 2022)
321	Government Hill	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
57	Hillside	Agree	Not sure or do not know				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
65	Hillside	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
70	Hillside	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
164	Hillside	Agree	No				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
229	Hillside	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
246	Hillside	Agree	No				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
247	Hillside	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
282	Hillside	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
316	Hillside	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
366	Hillside	Strongly agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
43	Huffman/O'Malley	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting

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58	Huffman/O'Malley	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
62	Huffman/O'Malley	Agree	No				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
73	Huffman/O'Malley	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
110	Huffman/O'Malley	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
130	Huffman/O'Malley	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
157	Huffman/O'Malley	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
166	Huffman/O'Malley	Disagree	Yes	Huffman/O'Malley should stop on the east at Elmore Road. Uphill from Elmore is a much different neighborhood than downhill from Elmore.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
192	Huffman/O'Malley	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
219	Huffman/O'Malley	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
255	Huffman/O'Malley	Strongly agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
276	Huffman/O'Malley	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
389	Huffman/O'Malley	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
16	Midtown	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I am a non-resident owner of bo	This year (in 2022)
17	Midtown	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I am a non-resident owner of re	This year (in 2022)
18	Midtown	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I am a non-resident owner or ag	This year (in 2022)
19	Midtown	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I am a non-resident owner or ag	This year (in 2022)
20	Midtown	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I am a non-resident owner of bo	This year (in 2022)
56	Midtown	Strongly disagree	Yes	Midtown CC used to have its northern half part of North Star CC and the southern half part of Spenard CC. About 20 years ago, Assembly member and business owner Dan Coffey pushed to create the mid-town CC. Unfortunately, it has become a voice of only commercial property and business owners and not reflective or inclusive of the people who live there. When I was president of it, we spent time and effort talking with these neighboring CC's about taking us back, so we'd be part of a greater residential group. They were both willing. Our CC vote failed by 1 vote out of about 12 people in attendance, with all the residents voting for and all the business/commercial people voting against it. I even tried to get the business folks to form their own Chamber of Commerce, like the Spenard businesses have (or join theirs), but they weren't interested in developing their own organization. I was part of NECC for years and know how important one that represents all who live in the area is.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Provide_representation_for_all_,other	Have a critical mass of residents as well as businesses.	Too small	North Star	I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
101	Midtown	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I am a non-resident owner or ag	This year (in 2022)
102	Midtown	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I am a non-resident owner of bo	This year (in 2022)
172	Midtown	Strongly disagree	Yes	The council is dominated by businesses and refuses to change to accomodate residents who actually live within yhe boundaries. Either carve out the neighborhoods of discipline the council making it a true community council.	other		Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
239	Midtown	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
248	Midtown	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I am a non-resident owner or ag	This year (in 2022)
249	Midtown	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I am a non-resident owner or ag	This year (in 2022)
341	Midtown	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
390	Midtown	Neutral	Yes	Go back to the original boundaries of Spenard and NorthStar CC's that incorporated midtown residential areas into these more residential council areas. The split was at 36th. We tried to get this passed some years ago, but the business owners all opposed it. We want a council with other active residents, not business owners who only have financial interests in the area and live elsewhere.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small	North Star	I live within the Community Cou	Before last year

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136	Mountain View	Agree	Yes	The far west portion of the Mountain View Community Council border seems more aligned, purpose-wise, with the industrial area of the Government Hill Community Council with the Railroad area. Most of MVCC is primarily residential or retail.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
161	Mountain View	Agree	No				Too large		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
253	Mountain View	Agree	Yes	The commercial area on the western edge of the MVCC does not participate in the council, in my experience over the last 15 years. They are more strongly tied to the Downtown CC and the Fairview CC--they are close to the Fairview Rec Center. It would make more sense for the MVCC to end at Reeve Boulevard as its western-most boundary. Also, the area colloquially referred to as "South Mountain View" ought to be considered for incorporation into Mountain View, as it is more closely tied to Mountain View than Russian Jack Park's territory, which extends / incorporates the area of Boniface and Northern Lights. The South Mountain View area is roughly from Bragaw/Glenn south to Costco @ Debarr, then east to Pine St, then north back to the Glenn/McCarrey St. Lastly, the Muni ought to formally forward the MVCC's 2013 and 2022 formal resolutions to the Alaska Redistricting Board, requesting that Davis Park be included in the Mountain View House & Senate districts. This would help greatly.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I am a non-resident owner of bo	This year (in 2022)
254	Mountain View	Strongly agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
47	North Star	Strongly agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
72	North Star	Disagree	Yes	Merge to North Star and Midtown.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_,other	What happen on North Fireweed impacts what happens on South Fireweed and vice vers	Too small	Midtown	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
85	North Star	Disagree	Yes	North Star Community Council is the smallest Community Council by area and also lacks the social cohesion and natural boundaries of larger council areas (Spenard, Mountain View etc). As a North Star resident, I wonder about the rationale for separating Fireweed to Chester Creek from other adjoining neighborhoods into its own entity. I would open up for discussion: 1) Expanding the southern boundary of North Star CC to Northern Lights to incorporate both sides of Fireweed Lane and surrounding business as we look toward a Fireweed Lane redesign. 2) Absorbing North Star CC into Spenard (West of Arctic) and Midtown (East of Arctic) CCs along the Romig/Central Middle School Boundary line.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		Too small		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
88	North Star	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Too large		live within the Community Cou	Before last year

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116	North Star	Strongly disagree	Yes	I attended a community council meeting and decided I would never to so again as the entire meeting was overtaken by an assembly member who acted as though this was the perfect opportunity to take over the meeting agenda. Very few people were able to get a word in as the topics shifted from one to the next. ALSO, this community council area (boundaries) are way too small when compared to appropriately sized other council areas. This council should be merged with a re-sized Spenard CC.	Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_	I cannot understand why this "way too small" community council has continued over the years. Others who should serve as managers to this process know this, but it continues.	Too small	Spenard	I am a non-resident owner of re	Before last year
125	North Star	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
414	North Star	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
14	Northeast	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
40	Northeast	Neutral	Yes	the Northeast Community Council is one of the largest in Anchorage if not the largest and should be broken into two councils	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
44	Northeast	Agree	Yes	NECC is the most population dense community council in Anchorage. NECC should be split to create two smaller community councils. This would give more representation to eastside voices.	Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
54	Northeast	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
90	Northeast	Neutral	Yes	HD 18 includes all of JBER and north anchorage, the small part of ne Muldoon does work for my residence with the NECC, but also encompasses four other community councils. It has become too disjointed and spread out for assembly, school board, and legislative members to attend meetings adequately.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
99	Northeast	Disagree	Yes	The West side of NECC should be considered as part of RJCC. Possibly west of Beaver.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
114	Northeast	Strongly disagree	Yes	The NECC area is considerably diverse and has effectively left out people who live in "my" area of town; other areas of NECC would probably say the same thing. I have attended community council meetings but discovered easily that issues that concern me are of no interest to those living in other areas (and conversely). The community council boundaries must be redrawn. I do not attend NECC meetings conducted at a location at the very extreme opposite side of the general area.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,other	NECC officers are politically aligned in unison and away from my interests. Favor is shown to those on the side of the political spectrum that comports with the elected CC officers.	Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
122	Northeast	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
126	Northeast	Disagree	Yes	It feels like there's a natural separation from the Glen highway to Debarr, then Debarr to northern lights. Up to Boniface seems correct though.	Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
133	Northeast	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
140	Northeast	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
158	Northeast	Disagree	Yes	Residents have been arguing about splitting NECC for years and the Board blocked an effort to create a new council covering Turpin to Boniface. Additionally a council for that area should include the area around RJSP	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
160	Northeast	Strongly agree	No				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year

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186	Northeast	Strongly disagree	Yes	The boundaries need to be more closely aligned with the Assembly districts. The boundary should be Turpin, like the assembly district. The new North district consists of portions of 10 different community councils. It makes no sense.	Use_clearly_identifiable_boundaries,Provide_representation_for_all_,other	State above	Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
189	Northeast	Disagree	Yes	I live in Nunaka Valley Neighborhood and feel that we should be part of the Russian Jack community council, we are closer to them than we are to the other neighborhoods in the NorthEast I don't even know most of the community council members of Northeast but two people while I have met many of the Russian Jack Park community council members just doing volunteer work around our neighborhood or taking walks. So it feels like we are closer to them as community.	Align_the_district_with_areas,Align_the_district_with_communi,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_			Too large		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
202	Northeast	Neutral	No				Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
212	Northeast	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
214	Northeast	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
233	Northeast	Strongly disagree	Yes		Align_the_district_with_areas,Align_the_district_with_communi,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
235	Northeast	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Too large		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
285	Northeast	Neutral	Yes	Too large for this area. It encompasses many different neighborhoods. Muldoon, Chester Valley, Nunaka Valley, Fox Hall, etc.	Align_the_district_with_areas,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
308	Northeast	Neutral	Yes	Because of the large amount of officials required to attend our meeting at the NECC, along with other community council meetings that are scheduled for the same time, I propose combining HD 18 and HD 17 to create a new North Anchorage Community Council.	Align_the_district_with_areas,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
333	Northeast	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
408	Northeast	Agree	No				Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
418	Northeast	Disagree	Yes	Community Council Boundaries should better align with the Assembly district boundaries.	Align_the_district_with_areas,Provide_representation_for_all_		Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
39	Old Seward/Oceanview	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
45	Old Seward/Oceanview	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
137	Old Seward/Oceanview	Disagree	Yes	Oceanview east of Old Seward should be folded into the Huffman CC.	Align_the_district_with_areas,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
138	Old Seward/Oceanview	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
241	Old Seward/Oceanview	Agree	Yes	Add the area of C Street on the West, O'Malley/Minnesota to the North, New Seward Highway to the East, and Klatt Road to the South to the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council Boundary. When you look at the map, this small area seems naturally joins the OSOVCC area rather than the Bayshore area. Currently, the North boundary stops at Klatt Road. The North Boundary should include the area to O'Malley/Minnesota Drive as above.	Align_the_district_with_areas,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)

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318	Old Seward/Oceanview	Disagree	Yes	extend to Minnesota / Omalley	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_boundа,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small	Bayshore/Klatt	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
360	Old Seward/Oceanview	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
361	Old Seward/Oceanview	Strongly agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
391	Old Seward/Oceanview	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
410	Old Seward/Oceanview	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
422	Old Seward/Oceanview	Disagree	Yes	The area adjacent to the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council area, currently contained within the Bayshore/Klatt CC, extends from C Street east to New Seward Highway and from Klatt Rd. north to O'Malley Rd. This area is demographically and geographically similar to the rest of the OSOVCC; residents shop in the same businesses (Huffman Center), go to the same schools. It is not separated from the rest of the CC by any major thoroughfare. Furthermore, this area does not seem to be as well connected to the bulk of Bayshore Klatt CC, given its separation by a maze of parkland , commercial development, and transportation corridors. I propose annexing this area into the OSOVCC.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_boundа,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
34	Rabbit Creek	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
36	Rabbit Creek	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
42	Rabbit Creek	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Too large		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
67	Rabbit Creek	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
91	Rabbit Creek	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
112	Rabbit Creek	Disagree	Yes	Upper hillside concerns align much more closely with Bear Valley area than mid-hillside and lower Potter marsh areas. Goldenview Drive north could merge into Bear Valley for example.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
174	Rabbit Creek	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
207	Rabbit Creek	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
220	Rabbit Creek	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
240	Rabbit Creek	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
252	Rabbit Creek	Strongly agree	No			This response is based on a discussion with the Rabbit Creek Community Council at their November 10th, 2022 meeting.	In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
278	Rabbit Creek	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
306	Rabbit Creek	Disagree	Yes	rabbit creek.	Use_clearly_identifiable_boundа		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
312	Rabbit Creek	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
314	Rabbit Creek	Neutral	No				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
328	Rabbit Creek	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
362	Rabbit Creek	Neutral	Yes	Boundaries should be shrunk to the confines of the board members' own properties so they will stop trying to dictate what everyone else can do with their own land.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year

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12	Rogers Park	Strongly agree	Yes	Include additional neighborhoods to the south that are facing the same issues issues related to roadway widenings, interchange development, and homeless transitional housing.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_	Boundary could be expanded to include Tudor. It seems like many meeting topics focus more on what is happening in the Rogers Park School then what the community is facing from road projects, homeless, and other issues.	Too small	Tudor Area	I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
24	Rogers Park	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
27	Rogers Park	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
35	Rogers Park	Disagree	Yes	Rogers Park neighborhood is physically separated from the College Village neighborhood by a large road and intersections (Northern Lights Blvd and Benson Blvd). These neighborhoods are not cohesive. College Village is next to B-3 zoning, which has been a public issue over the past few years. Rogers Park neighborhood is next to other residential zones and open space/public land. The community council does little outreach to College Village and none to Stephens Apartments, which fall within the Rogers Park Community Council area. The opinions and values of Rogers Park neighborhood usually take priority over the other areas within the community council area, leaving little representation for the other neighborhoods.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
89	Rogers Park	Strongly disagree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
106	Rogers Park	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				n an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
117	Rogers Park	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
132	Rogers Park	Agree	Yes	I live in Anchor Park. Since our current House legislative district changed, Airport Heights might be more appropriate than Rogers Park. Technically, Anchor Park was built at the same time and style as many airport heights homes. Yes, Chester Creek separates the neighborhoods. Either RPCC or AHCC is fine, our little corner neighborhood is 'the odd one out'. In general, community councils should be similar in size. For example, Northeast CC is significantly larger than most other community councils.	other	See above.	In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
183	Rogers Park	Strongly disagree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
215	Rogers Park	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
232	Rogers Park	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
287	Rogers Park	Agree	Not sure or do not know				n an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
326	Rogers Park	Agree	No				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
343	Rogers Park	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
344	Rogers Park	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
351	Rogers Park	Neutral	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
383	Rogers Park	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Too large		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
385	Rogers Park	Neutral	No				n an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
392	Rogers Park	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
401	Rogers Park	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
407	Rogers Park	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
139	Russian Jack	Strongly disagree	No				n an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)

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149	Russian Jack	Strongly agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
169	Russian Jack	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
310	Russian Jack	Neutral	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
353	Russian Jack	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
63	Sand Lake	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
108	Sand Lake	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Too small		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
120	Sand Lake	Agree	No				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
123	Sand Lake	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
145	Sand Lake	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	Before last year
151	Sand Lake	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
180	Sand Lake	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
201	Sand Lake	Strongly agree	No				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
236	Sand Lake	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
281	Sand Lake	Agree	No				Too small	Bayshore/Klatt	live within the Community Cou	Before last year
292	Sand Lake	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
379	Sand Lake	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
405	Sand Lake	Disagree	No				Not sure or do not know			This year (in 2022)
22	Scenic Foothills	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Too small	Basher	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
25	Scenic Foothills	Strongly agree	No				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
69	Scenic Foothills	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
79	Scenic Foothills	Agree	Not sure or do not know				n an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
81	Scenic Foothills	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
82	Scenic Foothills	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
128	Scenic Foothills	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
142	Scenic Foothills	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	Before last year
154	Scenic Foothills	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
194	Scenic Foothills	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
225	Scenic Foothills	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
226	Scenic Foothills	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
271	Scenic Foothills	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	Before last year
274	Scenic Foothills	Agree	Not sure or do not know				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
309	Scenic Foothills	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
311	Scenic Foothills	Agree	No				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
322	Scenic Foothills	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
324	Scenic Foothills	Strongly agree	No				Too small		am a non-resident owner or ag	This year (in 2022)
325	Scenic Foothills	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	Before last year
339	Scenic Foothills	Agree	Not sure or do not know				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	Before last year
363	Scenic Foothills	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
365	Scenic Foothills	Agree	No				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
367	Scenic Foothills	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
368	Scenic Foothills	Agree	Yes	Maybe extend to the west to Boniface. Our council area is quite small. Also consider extending to the north to include foxhall.	Maximize_opportunities_for_all_		Too small	Northeast	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
382	Scenic Foothills	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
415	Scenic Foothills	Neutral	Yes	Our Scenic Foothills CC area is relatively small. It seems like possibly our area could be combined with the entire or parts of Northeast or University or Basher....Possibly increase our area by expanding to Baxter Road	Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small	University Area	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
417	Scenic Foothills	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)

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209	South Addition	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
230	South Addition	Agree	Yes	Include more of downtown - north of 9th Avenue; extend further east into residential areas.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
283	South Addition	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
335	South Addition	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
336	South Addition	Agree	Yes	previous boundary to the East was at C St, perhaps time to return to this	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
342	South Addition	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
358	South Addition	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
388	South Addition	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
394	South Addition	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
421	South Addition	Disagree	Yes	An analysis whether SACC boundaries should include lands north of the Park Strip (basically north of 9th in bootleggers cove) The development patterns are distinctly different, the economic relationships are more tied to downtown in that area. It would be good to study where the residents, property owners have more synergy to reach their goals. The natural boundary to the west is the Inlet and to the south is Chester Creek. Those boundaries would be worth a study to reaffirm and adjust as needed. The current east boundary is Cordova and a hodge-podge of zig zags that would worth a look for clarification.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
37	South Fork	Strongly disagree	Yes	South Fork CC's boundary should be changed to Eagle River Loop Road, and separate the Hiland Road community from the community that lives on the other side (along Wolf Drive). They are very different communities.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
404	South Fork	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
32	Spenard	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
46	Spenard	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
93	Spenard	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
94	Spenard	Disagree	Yes	It would make more sense to help the Spenard Community Council more closely match neighborhoods, for example put the rectangle north of Fireweed with the rest of the neighboring council. I'd also like to see the Spenard Community Council follow the new boundaries for the Assembly district and the state legislative districts if that works naturally. Right now some of those representatives have to hop to several meetings a month.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_,other	Allow our representatives to work with councils that more closely match their districts.	Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
100	Spenard	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I am a non-resident owner of bo	This year (in 2022)
148	Spenard	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
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191	Spenard	Disagree	Yes	Spenard should extend east to the Highway, and if not that far then to C Street. The residential areas east of Arctic are not being represented by the Midtown CC area, but instead have common interests as Spenard including the mixture of commercial areas and busy roadways (Northern Lights, 36th, etc). The Spenard boundary to the west should be south of Northern Lights and East of Wisconsin St. Right now the Fish Creek Trail serves as the boundary, but the mixed residential area west of the creek called the "Spenardigan" area best aligns with Spenard's interests. Also, the Spenard Beach Park should be part of Spenard. These major roads serve as better boundaries than the current ones.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
199	Spenard	Disagree	Yes	The Midtown CC should be dissolved and divided between the surrounding community councils. There is no representation for the residents of the council, they hold their meetings in the middle of the day which assures that working people cannot attend, they haven't had a resident on their executive committee for years, they do no outreach to the residential community and the executive committee has been business owners/property owners that don't live within the boundaries. The meetings I attended had about 10 people there, mostly representatives from the Assembly, the Muni and some from agencies. There were only a couple of actual members there. I wasn't impressed and feel like they are just another Chamber of Commerce, only for Midtown.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
216	Spenard	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
222	Spenard	Disagree	Yes	The mid town community council is made up in part of previously Spenard Community Council area. The current board of the Midtown Community Council has its meeting at noon on a weekday ensuring residents can't come. The current board of MCC is not made up of residents, but business owners. Returning those residents and businesses to SCC would allow the residents to have a voice in their community council.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
251	Spenard	Agree	Yes	Include the northern area of Spenard Rd near Hilcrest Drive.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
273	Spenard	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know			Last year (in 2021)
291	Spenard	Agree	Yes				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
304	Spenard	Neutral	Yes		Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi		Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
356	Spenard	Neutral	No				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
419	Spenard	Agree	No				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
41	Taku Campbell	Agree	No				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
147	Taku Campbell	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)

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177	Taku Campbell	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
298	Taku Campbell	Disagree	Yes	The southern boundary should be moved north to end at Dimond Blvd.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
303	Taku Campbell	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
357	Taku Campbell	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Too small	Abbott Loop	live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
53	Tudor Area	Disagree	Yes	I am currently in "Green Acres" on Young St. My area of Tudor Community Council should be moved to University Area. The Geneva Woods portion of our community council should be moved to Midtown or Rogers Park. I understand that we have a lot of political disagreements in our community council, but am disappointed that we have not been able to hold regular meetings lately. I am not volunteering, though!	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small	University Area	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
96	Tudor Area	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range			Before last year
340	Tudor Area	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Too small	Rogers Park	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
381	Tudor Area	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Too small	University Area	am a non-resident owner of re	This year (in 2022)
403	Tudor Area	Disagree	Yes	I live on Salem Dr. and I feel Ike Tudor should be a boundary line for our neighborhood and we should be combined with the Southern part of Roger's Park. The new council should be between Seward Highway and Lake Otis and Tudor and Northern Lights.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
61	Turnagain	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		l ive within the Community Cou	Before last year
71	Turnagain	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
74	Turnagain	Strongly agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		l ive within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
75	Turnagain	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		l ive within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
87	Turnagain	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
98	Turnagain	Strongly agree	No				Not sure or do not know		l ive within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
103	Turnagain	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
113	Turnagain	Neutral	No				Not sure or do not know		l ive within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
141	Turnagain	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				n an optimal size range		l ive within the Community Cou	Before last year
155	Turnagain	Agree	No				Too large		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
159	Turnagain	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		l ive within the Community Cou	Before last year
162	Turnagain	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
179	Turnagain	Agree	No				Too large		l ive within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
182	Turnagain	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		l ive within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
203	Turnagain	Disagree	Yes	Combine Spenard and Turnagain community councils, no changes to existing boundaries.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_,other	Our 2040 land use plan calls for more mixed use development, let residential Turnagain and commercial Spenard start working together now. Spenard is the closest commercial area for Turnagain, both areas should work together in its redevelopment.	Too small	Spenard	I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
284	Turnagain	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
288	Turnagain	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		l ive within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
290	Turnagain	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
313	Turnagain	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		l ive within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)

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Table 1.1: Survey Questionnaire Responses

Questionnaire Response I.D. Number	Select the Community Council where you live, own real property, or own a business having premises within the Community Council.	Do your Community Council district boundaries align with the actual neighborhoods, or "natural communities," in its part of town?	Should any changes to the boundaries of your Community Council district be considered?	What changes should be considered?	What are the reasons for these boundary changes to be considered?	Other	Is your Community Council too large, too small, or in an optimal size range to afford all community members the opportunity for participation and representation in an active, engaged Community Council?	If you think your Community Council is too small, which Community Council would prefer it merge with or expand into?	What kind of member are you in this Community Council?	When did you last attend a Community Council meeting in this Community Council?
331	Turnagain	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
346	Turnagain	Strongly agree	Not sure or do not know				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
347	Turnagain	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	Before last year
348	Turnagain	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
384	Turnagain	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	Before last year
395	Turnagain	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
396	Turnagain	Agree	No				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	Before last year
397	Turnagain	Agree	No				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
398	Turnagain	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Too large		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
413	Turnagain	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
168	Turnagain Arm	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
221	Turnagain Arm	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
224	Turnagain Arm	Agree	No				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
250	Turnagain Arm	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Too large		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
295	Turnagain Arm	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
376	Turnagain Arm	Strongly disagree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
23	University Area	Disagree	Not sure or do not know				Too large		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
48	University Area	Neutral	Yes	Consider moving areas East of Boniface to Scenic Park CC.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
52	University Area	Agree	Yes	Let's include the area west of UAA - just like we include areas east and south of the U-Med district. I don't think university area needs to extend east of Boniface.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I am a non-resident owner of re	This year (in 2022)
66	University Area	Strongly agree	Yes	Use Boniface as a boundary instead of Baxter.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
127	University Area	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
129	University Area	Neutral	No				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
146	University Area	Disagree					Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
171	University Area	Strongly agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
173	University Area	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	Before last year
188	University Area	Neutral	Not sure or do not know			Should align with elected official boundaries. Otherwise, too much overlap and not enough focus.	Not sure or do not know			This year (in 2022)
195	University Area	Strongly agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
213	University Area	Neutral	Yes	Should be more aligned with House Districts or Assembly Districts. UACC consists of two residential areas completely separated by a large PLI area. It feels very disjointed. The interests of the PLI land are very different from the interests of the residential neighborhoods.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
234	University Area	Agree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
272	University Area	Agree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
275	University Area	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)

Table 1.1: Survey Questionnaire Responses

Questionnaire Response I.D. Number	Select the Community Council where you live, own real property, or own a business having premises within the Community Council.	Do your Community Council district boundaries align with the actual neighborhoods, or "natural communities," in its part of town?	Should any changes to the boundaries of your Community Council district be considered?	What changes should be considered?	What are the reasons for these boundary changes to be considered?	Other	Is your Community Council too large, too small, or in an optimal size range to afford all community members the opportunity for participation and representation in an active, engaged Community Council?	If you think your Community Council is too small, which Community Council would prefer it merge with or expand into?	What kind of member are you in this Community Council?	When did you last attend a Community Council meeting in this Community Council?
297	University Area	Strongly disagree	Yes	Boniface to Baxter should be included in Scenic Foothills CC. I live on Baxter and I feel like the issues that arise in the University CC are not as relevant as Scenic Foothills.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
299	University Area	Disagree	Yes	The eastern area running from ENL to Baxter Rd fits in more with the Northeast area demographics.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,other	University area CC is still holding nothing but zoom meetings. I do not like those	Too large		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
301	University Area	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting
364	University Area	Agree	Not sure or do not know				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)
370	University Area	Disagree	Not sure or do not know			Eastern area has different profile from universities or hospitals	Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)
374	University Area	Disagree	Yes		Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year
400	University Area	Agree	Yes	The downside of being bounded as we are by Northern Light and Tudor means that we do not actually get all of the news affecting areas north or south of those respective roads. Extending the boundaries south to MLK could help solve this for some of the more pointed issues involving trails. Otherwise, UACC's seem quite good.	Align_the_district_with_communi		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)

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Table 1.2: Comments Received by Email and Phone

Email or Phone Comment No.	Community Council District	Comment Summary	Format Received	Date Received	Source	Letter Documentation
Comment No. 425	Northeast	Northeast Community Council district is far too large. Perhaps the Nunaka Valley Area should be switched to the Russian Jack Community Council, or even formed into their own council?	Email	11/4/2022	Forrest Dunbar	n/a
Comment No. 426	Turnagain	Turnagain Community Council (TCC) Executive Board is currently taking the position that it is satisfied with TCC's current boundaries, and is not requesting any boundary areas for review. TCC Excecutive Board recognizes that TCC shares a long boundary with Spenard, so it reached out to the SCC Executive Board, asked if SCC intends to put forward areas for study, and offered to hold a joint meeting to discuss further any areas that impact both our areas. The SCC Board indicated they also do not intend to put forward areas for study at this time.	Email and Letter	12/5/2022	TCC Executive Board	12/1/2022 Letter from TCC Executive Board
Comment No. 427	Spenard	Spenard Community Council (SCC) Executive Board is taking the position that the boundaries of SCC should be extended to return to the original boundaries of SCC as outlined in the Anchorage Municipal Charter (AMC). This opinion is based on factors that include historical realities, current representation, and maintaining the Spenard neighborhood's character and sense of community. As outlined in the AMC in 1975, the borders for the SCC were generally between Fish Creek/Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport to the west and the New Seward Highway to the east, and portions of Northern Lights Boulevard, Fireweed Lane, and 36th Avenue to the north and International Airport Road to the South. Boundary changes in 2003 redrew these boundaries to mark Arctic Boulevard as Spenard's Eastern border and created the Midtown Community Council (MCC). In 2016, the MCC moved their meeting time from 7:00pm to 12:00pm, creating a barrier to participation from most Midtown residents. The SCC passed resolution 2017-2-1 in February 2017 in support of adding a portion of the MCC to match the map included in the AMC with the remainder of the MCC becoming part of the North Star Community Council. This resolution was drafted after talks with members of all three councils, who reported that MCC was having difficulty getting a quorum on a regular basis and recognized that MCC and SCC had common character and interests.	Email and Letter	1/5/2023	SCC Executive Board	12/29/2022 Letter from SCC Executive Board
Comment No. 428	Eklutna Valley	Eklutna Valley Community Council is opposed to any changes to its boundaries.	Email	1/5/2023	Rick Sinnott	n/a
Comment No. 429	Rabbit Creek	Rabbit Creek Community Council raised the issue of whether any boundary changes are needed for our Community Council at its November 10th, 2022 meeting. RCCC does not believe there need to be any changes.	Email	1/10/2023	Ann Rappoport	n/a
Comment No. 430	Midtown	Midtown Community Council (MCC) Executive Board supports Midtown's existing boundaries, for the following reasons. Midtown is at the beginning stages of working in cooperation with the Municipality on a Midtown District Plan. MCC is currently working to identify as many businesses in its boundaries as possible, for providing outreach and information regarding MCC activities to businesses. The current MCC President has also conducted outreach to residents to inform them of MCC's existence and activities. MCC feels that continuity is important with respect to boundaries.	Email and Letter	1/13/2023	MCC Executive Board	1/13/2023 Letter from MCC Executive Board
Comment No. 431	Girdwood	The Assembly has recognized the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) as the community council ex-officio for the Girdwood community council district. The boundaries of the GBOS service area is smaller than the boundaries of the community council district. This means that persons outside of the service area, who are part of the community council district, cannot vote for the community councils that represents them – GBOS. This is problematic and is counter to the intent of community councils to provide maximum citizen participation. The boundaries of the service area should match the boundaries of the community council district.	Email	2/17/2023	Darrel Hess	n/a
Comment No. 432	Midtown	With respect to Midtown: It is up to the members of a community council to determine when and where a council meets – the councils are voluntary, self-governing associations and are not part of local government. Trying to dictate to a community council when and where they should meet would be overreach on the part of the Municipality. If the membership is unhappy with the meeting time and place, they can vote to change the meeting time and place.	Email	2/17/2023	Darrel Hess	n/a

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Email or Phone Comment No.	Community Council District	Comment Summary	Format Received	Date Received	Source	Letter Documentation
Comment No. 433	Portage Valley	Portage Valley Community Council has not submitted revised bylaws which are required by the code changes in 2014. The Municipality has communicated with multiple individuals over the years, who have stated that they were going to get the council up and running, but they have not. This community council district could be merged with an adjacent district or districts, or the Assembly could pull recognition and it would be up to the residents and property owners to petition to establish a new council. Failing to meet the meeting requirements in the code means they should no longer be recognized.	Email	2/17/2023	Darrel Hess	n/a
Comment No. 434	Tudor Area	With respect to Tudor Area: Failing to meet the meeting requirements in the code means a community council should no longer be recognized. If Tudor Area is not making the meeting requirements (at least once per calendar quarter), the district should be merged with an adjacent district or districts, or the Assembly should just pull their recognition, and it would be up to the residents, businesses, and property owners in the district to petition the form a new council.	Email	2/17/2023	Darrel Hess	n/a
Comment No. 435	Girdwood	The Community Councils Center has received calls over the past several years from people asking why Girdwood does not have its own community council. The GBOS is a governmental entity as a service district, and makes decisions as a government entity. This seems like a different function from a community council, which is independent and advises government entities. There are people in Girdwoood who want to create a community council; if people get together and propose it, then Girdwood should have its own community council.	Phone conversation	2/21/2023	Mark Butler	n/a
Comment No. 436	Portage Valley	Portage Valley Community Council is nonexistant; it has not been an active organization for years.	Phone conversation	2/21/2023	Mark Butler	n/a
Comment No. 437	Tudor Area	Tudor Area has not been meeting regularly or making quorum. The acting chair has been willing in the past to merge with another council. Merging with Rogers Park seems like a natural fit.	Phone conversation	2/21/2023	Mark Butler	n/a
Comment No. 438	Girdwood	A community council for Glacier Valley should be created. This would include Girdwood and the existing Crow Creek neighborhood, essentially all of the residents in the larger Girdwood Valley. The current Girdwood Board of Supervisors represents only those within the town of Girdwood, but doesn't include Crow Creek. We believe that we as a community need our own community council.	Email	2/24/2023	Kellie Okonek	n/a
Comment No. 439	Girdwood	A community council for Glacier Valley should be created. This would include Girdwood and the existing Crow Creek neighborhood, essentially all of the residents in the larger Girdwood Valley. The current Girdwood Board of Supervisors represents only those within the town of Girdwood, but doesn't include Crow Creek. We believe that we as a community need our own community council.	Email	2/24/2023	Brooke Lavender	n/a
Comment No. 440	Girdwood	Consider having a community council for the area of Girdwood and Crow Creek as we do not have a Community Council at present. It might be called the Glacier Valley Community Council. Both of our communities reside in the Glacier Valley bowl.	Email	2/26/2023	Grace Pleasants	n/a

Introduction

Appendix A-2 selects the 122 questionnaire responses and email and telephone comments from Appendix A-1 (Tables 1.1 and 1.2) that expressed dissatisfaction with current boundaries or suggested boundary changes be considered, and groups these comments into *Boundary Study Areas*. The Planning Department staff assigned comments that addressed the same issue or geography together into groups.

A total of 38 Boundary Study Areas emerged from the public comments. These *Boundary Study Areas* in this Appendix A-2 are the basis for identifying the *Boundary Study Areas* evaluated for the *10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries* project, in the Public Hearing Draft *Report and Recommendations*.

For a summary list and description of the 38 Boundary Study Areas, refer to Appendix A-3. For documentation of all comments received, including comments expressing satisfaction with existing boundaries, refer to Appendix A-1.

Table 2.1: Identification of Boundary Study Areas from Questionnaire Responses…

Table 2.1 in this Appendix A-2 provides the 111 questionnaire response comments that expressed dissatisfaction with a current boundary or district area. These questionnaire responses are arranged in geographical order into 38 Boundary Study Areas starting in Chugiak-Eagle River, then Turnagain Arm, and then finally the Anchorage Bowl. Within each of these three regions of the Municipality, the Boundary Study Areas are arranged geographically from north to south.

For example, within the Anchorage Bowl, the first group of 15 questionnaire responses shown are for Boundary Study Area #6, in the Northeast Community Council district. The last questionnaire response shown is assigned to Boundary Study Area #38, in the Rabbit Creek Community Council district.

When a single questionnaire response or email raised more than one boundary issue (i.e., commented about more than one boundary area), then that same response or email appears more than once in this Appendix B. For example, questionnaire response ID 107 raised boundary issues regarding Sitka Street Park (Boundary Study Area #21), the area east of Cordova Street north of 6th Avenue (included in Boundary Study Area #22, and the neighborhood west of Cordova Street south of 10th Avenue (Boundary Study Area #23). Therefore, response ID 107 appears three times in the table—one time for each of its Boundary Study Areas.

The last six questionnaire responses shown in Table 2.1 are responses that staff was unable to assign to a Boundary Study Area. These six responses did not provide enough information for staff to be able to determine the issue or boundary segment of concern, and the respondents did not provide contact information for staff to be able to request clarification. These are documented as "Boundary Study Area #39" in the Public Hearing Draft *Report and Recommendations*.

Each questionnaire response comment occupies a full row in Table 2.1:

- The first column is the questionnaire response identification number, which was automatically assigned by the Survey 1-2-3 software application (the same ID as in Table 1.1 of Appendix A-1).
- The next 10 columns provide the responses to the 10 questions in the survey questionnaire, arranged in the order these questions appeared in the survey (the same info as in Appendix A-1).
- **The last two columns on the right-hand side assign the response into a Boundary Study Area, including the name and number of the Boundary Study Area**.

Table 2.2: Identification of Boundary Study Areas from Comments by Email or Phone…

Table 2.2 provides the 16 comments received by email or phone that expressed dissatisfaction with a current boundary or district. Like the questionnaire responses in Table 2.1, the comments on page 15 are arranged in order of the Boundary Study Areas to which they were assigned, starting in Turnagain Arm and ending in the Anchorage Bowl. (There were no email comments that expressed dissatisfaction with boundaries in Chugiak-Eagle River.)

Each email or phone comment on page 15 occupies a full row in Table 2.2:

- The first column is a unique identification number for the comment, which is assigned in Appendix A-1 (Table 1.2).
- The second column is the name of the community council that is the subject of the comment.
- The third column is a summary of the comment made, which staff edited for length and clarity (the same info as in Appendix A-1).
- The next four columns are information about the source of the comment (same as in Appendix A-1).
- **The last two columns on the right side provide the assignment of the comment into a Boundary Study Area, including the name and number of the Boundary Study Area**.

Index of Community Councils and their Boundary Study Areas

The summary table on the next page provides an index of all community council districts in the Municipality, with a cross reference from each community council to the Boundary Study Areas and associated comments in this Appendix A-2 that may affect or involve that community council.

Community Council District Name	Boundary Study Areas that May Affect the Community Council	Reference to the Public Comments that Formed the Basis for the Boundary Study Area *(by page # in this Appendix A-2)*
Abbott Loop	#33	Page 38
Airport Heights	#15, #16, #17, #18, #21	Pages 31-33
Basher	#9	Page 28
Bayshore/Klatt	#33, #34, #35	Page 38-39
Bear Valley	#38	Page 39
Birchwood	none	--
Campbell Park	#12, #13	Pages 29-30
Chugiak	#1	Page 25
Downtown	#19, #22, #25	Pages 32-34
Eagle River	#2, #3	Page 25-26
Eagle River Valley	#2	Page 25
Eklutna Valley	none	--
Fairview	#14, #19, #20, #21, #22, #23, #24	Pages 30-34
Girdwood	#4, #5	Page 41
Glen Alps	none	--
Government Hill	#14	Page 30-31
Hillside	#37	Page 39
Huffman/O'Malley	#36, #37	Page 39
Midtown	#26, #28, #29	Pages 34-37, 42
Mountain View	#14, #15, #19	Pages 30-32
North Star	#26, #27, #28, #29	Pages 34-37
Northeast	#6, #7	Pages 26-27, 41
Old Seward/Oceanview	#33, #34, #35, #36	Page 38-39
Portage Valley	#5	Page 41
Rabbit Creek	#38	Page 39
Rogers Park	#11, #12, #16, #17, #18	Pages 29-30, 32
Russian Jack	#6, #15	Pages 26-27, 31
Sand Lake	none	--
Scenic Foothills	#6, #7, #8, #9	Pages 26-28
South Addition	#22, #23, #24, #25	Pages 33-34
South Fork	#3	Page 25-26
Spenard	#26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32	Pages 34-38
Taku Campbell	#33	Page 38
Tudor Area	#11, #12	Pages 29-30, 42
Turnagain	#30, #31, #32	Page 37-38
Turnagain Arm	#4, #5	Page 41
University Area	#8, #9, #10, #12, #13	Pages 27-30

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Table 2.1: Identification of Boundary Study Areas from Questionnaire Responses that Called for Changes

Questionnaire Response I.D. Number	Select the Community Council where you live, own real property, or own a business having premises within the Community Council.	Do your Community Council district boundaries align with the actual neighborhoods, or "natural communities," in its part of town?	Should any changes to the boundaries of your Community Council district be considered?	What changes should be considered?	What are the reasons for these boundary changes to be considered?	Other	Is your Community Council too large, too small, or in an optimal size range to afford all community members the opportunity for participation and representation in an active, engaged Community Council?	If you think your Community Council is too small, which Community Council would prefer it merge with or expand into?	What kind of member are you in this Community Council?	When did you last attend a Community Council meeting in this Community Council?	Planning Department staff assignment of Boundary Study Areas based on questionnaire responses	Boundary Study Area No.
261	Chugiak	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Too large		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting	Chugiak	1
260	Eagle River	Disagree	Yes	Eagle River and Eagle River Valley should be one	Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small	Eagle River Valley	I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting	Eagle River and Eagle River Valley	2
262	Eagle River	Disagree	Not sure or do not know			I think the area around Eagle River High school and up by Walmart that appear to be in different districts should be together.	Not sure or do not know		live within the Community Cou	have not attended a meeting	Eagle River and Eagle River Valley	2
184	Eagle River	Strongly disagree	Yes	JBER to Eklutna	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small	Eagle River Valley	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Eagle River and Eagle River Valley	2
84	Eagle River Valley	Disagree	Yes	The Eagle River Valley community should start from the intersection of Mile Hi AVE and Eagle River Road and east of there. West o9f that is Eagle River proper.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting	Eagle River and Eagle River Valley	2
257	Eagle River	Strongly disagree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting	Eagle River and Eagle River Valley	2
268	Eagle River	Strongly disagree	No				n an optimal size range		live within the Community Cou	have not attended a meeting	Eagle River and Eagle River Valley	2
409	Eagle River	Strongly disagree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Eagle River and Eagle River Valley	2
200	Eagle River Valley	Neutral	Not sure or do not know			Our community council includes different kinds of residential areas, property types, and lot sizes. Some of the concerns for people up valley aren't necessarily the same as people closer to ER proper.	In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Eagle River and Eagle River Valley	2
266	Eagle River	Disagree	Yes	Area that includes Lions Park, Parkview terrace, Gruening School, and the Max Center area need to be added to ERCC	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		Too small	Eagle River Valley	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Eagle River and Eagle River Valley	2
296	Eagle River	Neutral	Yes	My neighborhood is more aligned with the Eagle River Valley Community Council. I live in the Eagle Ridge Subdivision	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Eagle River and Eagle River Valley	2
37	South Fork	Strongly disagree	Yes	South Fork CC's boundary should be changed to Eagle River Loop Road, and separate the Hiland Road community from the community that lives on the other side (along Wolf Drive). They are very different communities.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	North of Eagle River Loop Road to Eagle River	3

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262	Eagle River	Disagree	Not sure or do not know				Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting	North of Eagle River Loop Road to Eagle River	3
40	Northeast	Neutral	Yes	the Northeast Community Council is one of the largest in Anchorage if not the largest and should be broken into two councils	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Northeast	6
44	Northeast	Agree	Yes	NECC is the most population dense community council in Anchorage. NECC should be split to create two smaller community councils. This would give more representation to eastside voices.	Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Northeast	6
90	Northeast	Neutral	Yes	HD 18 includes all of JBER and north anchorage, the small part of ne Muldoon does work for my residence with the NECC, but also encompasses four other community councils. It has become too disjointed and spread out for assembly, school board, and legislative members to attend meetings adequately.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Northeast	6
99	Northeast	Disagree	Yes	The West side of NECC should be considered as part of RJCC. Possibly west of Beaver.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Northeast	6
114	Northeast	Strongly disagree	Yes	The NECC area is considerably diverse and has effectively left out people who live in "my" area of town; other areas of NECC would probably say the same thing. I have attended community council meetings but discovered easily that issues that concern me are of no interest to those living in other areas (and conversely). The community council boundaries must be redrawn. I do not attend NECC meetings conducted at a location at the very extreme opposite side of the general area.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,other	NECC officers are politically aligned in unison and away from my interests. Favor is shown to those on the side of the political spectrum that comports with the elected CC officers.	Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Northeast	6
126	Northeast	Disagree	Yes	It feels like there's a natural separation from the Glen highway to Debarr, then Debarr to northern lights. Up to Boniface seems correct though.	Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Northeast	6
158	Northeast	Disagree	Yes	Residents have been arguing about splitting NECC for years and the Board blocked an effort to create a new council covering Turpin to Boniface. Additionally a council for that area should include the area around RJSP	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Northeast	6
186	Northeast	Strongly disagree	Yes	The boundaries need to be more closely aligned with the Assembly districts. The boundary should be Turpin, like the assembly district. The new North district consists of portions of 10 different community councils. It makes no sense.	Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Provide_representation_for_all_,other	State above	Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Northeast	6

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189	Northeast	Disagree	Yes	I live in Nunaka Valley Neighborhood and feel that we should be part of the Russian Jack community council, we are closer to them than we are to the other neighborhoods in the NorthEast I don't even know most of the community council members of Northeast but two people while I have met many of the Russian Jack Park community council members just doing volunteer work around our neighborhood or taking walks. So it feels like we are closer to them as community.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting	Northeast	6
233	Northeast	Strongly disagree	Yes		Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting	Northeast	6
235	Northeast	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Too large		live within the Community Cou	Before last year	Northeast	6
285	Northeast	Neutral	Yes	Too large for this area. It encompasses many different neighborhoods. Muldoon, Chester Valley, Nunaka Valley, Fox Hall, etc.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year	Northeast	6
308	Northeast	Neutral	Yes	Because of the large amount of officials required to attend our meeting at the NECC, along with other community council meetings that are scheduled for the same time, I propose combining HD 18 and HD 17 to create a new North Anchorage Community Council.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Northeast	6
408	Northeast	Agree	No				Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Northeast	6
418	Northeast	Disagree	Yes	Community Council Boundaries should better align with the Assembly district boundaries.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Provide_representation_for_all_		Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Northeast	6
368	Scenic Foothills	Agree	Yes	Maybe extend to the west to Boniface. Our council area is quite small. Also consider extending to the north to include foxhall.	Maximize_opportunities_for_all_		Too small	Northeast	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	North of E. Northern Lights Boulevard to Foxhall Drive	7
415	Scenic Foothills	Neutral	Yes	Our Scenic Foothills CC area is relatively small. It seems like possibly our area could be combined with the entire or parts of Northeast or University or Basher....Possibly increase our area by expanding to Baxter Road	Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small	University Area	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	West of Baxter Road South of Northern Lights Boulevard	8
48	University Area	Neutral	Yes	Consider moving areas East of Boniface to Scenic Park CC.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	West of Baxter Road South of Northern Lights Boulevard	8
52	University Area	Agree	Yes	Let's include the area west of UAA - just like we include areas east and south of the U-Med district. I don't think university area needs to extend east of Boniface.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I am a non-resident owner of re	This year (in 2022)	West of Baxter Road South of Northern Lights Boulevard	8
66	University Area	Strongly agree	Yes	Use Boniface as a boundary instead of Baxter.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	West of Baxter Road South of Northern Lights Boulevard	8

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297	University Area	Strongly disagree	Yes	Boniface to Baxter should be included in Scenic Foothills CC. I live on Baxter and I feel like the issues that arise in the University CC are not as relevant as Scenic Foothills.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	West of Baxter Road South of Northern Lights Boulevard	8
299	University Area	Disagree	Yes	The eastern area running from ENL to Baxter Rd fits in more with the Northeast area demographics.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,other	University area CC is still holding nothing but zoom meetings. I do not like those	Too large		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting	West of Baxter Road South of Northern Lights Boulevard	8
370	University Area	Disagree	Not sure or do not know			Eastern area has different profile from universities or hospitals	Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)	West of Baxter Road South of Northern Lights Boulevard	8
368	Scenic Foothills	Agree	Yes	Maybe extend to the west to Boniface. Our council area is quite small. Also consider extending to the north to include foxhall.	Maximize_opportunities_for_all_		Too small	Northeast	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	West of Baxter Road South of Northern Lights Boulevard	8
146	University Area	Disagree					Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting	West of Baxter Road South of Northern Lights Boulevard	8
22	Scenic Foothills	Neutral	Not sure or do not know				Too small	Basher	live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Scenic Foothills	9
415	Scenic Foothills	Neutral	Yes	Our Scenic Foothills CC area is relatively small. It seems like possibly our area could be combined with the entire or parts of Northeast or University or Basher....Possibly increase our area by expanding to Baxter Road	Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small	University Area	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Scenic Foothills	9
23	University Area	Disagree	Not sure or do not know				Too large		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	University Area	10
188	University Area	Neutral	Not sure or do not know			Should align with elected official boundaries. Otherwise, too much overlap and not enough focus.	Not sure or do not know			This year (in 2022)	University Area	10
213	University Area	Neutral	Yes	Should be more aligned with House Districts or Assembly Districts. UACC consists of two residential areas completely separated by a large PLI area. It feels very disjointed. The interests of the PLI land are very different from the interests of the residential neighborhoods.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	University Area	10

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35	Rogers Park	Disagree	Yes	Rogers Park neighborhood is physically separated from the College Village neighborhood by a large road and intersections (Northern Lights Blvd and Benson Blvd). These neighborhoods are not cohesive. College Village is next to B-3 zoning, which has been a public issue over the past few years. Rogers Park neighborhood is next to other residential zones and open space/public land. The community council does little outreach to College Village and none to Stephens Apartments, which fall within the Rogers Park Community Council area. The opinions and values of Rogers Park neighborhood usually take priority over the other areas within the community council area, leaving little representation for the other neighborhoods.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	College Village	11
354	Campbell Park	Neutral	Yes	I feel more like Tudor Area and Campbell Park should merge. Tudor meetings are dead compared to Campbell Creek.	Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small	Tudor Area	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Tudor Area	12
12	Rogers Park	Strongly agree	Yes	Include additional neighborhoods to the south that are facing the same issues issues related to roadway widenings, interchange development, and homeless transitional housing.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_	Boundary could be expanded to include Tudor. It seems like many meeting topics focus more on what is happening in the Rogers Park School then what the community is facing from road projects, homeless, and other issues.	Too small	Tudor Area	I live within the Community Cou	Before last year	Tudor Area	12
53	Tudor Area	Disagree	Yes	I am currently in "Green Acres" on Young St. My area of Tudor Community Council should be moved to University Area. The Geneva Woods portion of our community council should be moved to Midtown or Rogers Park. I understand that we have a lot of political disagreements in our community council, but am disappointed that we have not been able to hold regular meetings lately. I am not volunteering, though!	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small	University Area	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Tudor Area	12
340	Tudor Area	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Too small	Rogers Park	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Tudor Area	12
381	Tudor Area	Agree	Not sure or do not know				Too small	University Area	am a non-resident owner of re	This year (in 2022)	Tudor Area	12

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403	Tudor Area	Disagree	Yes	I live on Salem Dr. and I feel Ike Tudor should be a boundary line for our neighborhood and we should be combined with the Southern part of Roger's Park. The new council should be between Seward Highway and Lake Otis and Tudor and Northern Lights.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year	Tudor Area	12
52	University Area	Agree	Yes	Let's include the area west of UAA - just like we include areas east and south of the U-Med district. I don't think university area needs to extend east of Boniface.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I am a non-resident owner of re	This year (in 2022)	Tudor Area	12
190	Campbell Park	Strongly disagree	Yes	The neighborhood on the south side of Tudor Road bounded by Elmore rd, Lake Otis Rd, and Campbell creek should be part of the UMed as this is the community all lands in this area serve. The development for the UMed area is also pushing onto the south side of Tudor. The Campbell Park community council does not characterize this area as well as the UMed community council does. I formally request the boundary for UMed be extended to this area.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too large		I am a non-resident owner of bo	Last year (in 2021)	South of Tudor Road and East of Lake Otis Parkway	13
280	Campbell Park	Neutral	Yes	West Campbell area should run New Seward, Tudor, Lake Otis, and Dowling. The folks of Campbell north of Lake Otis have little in common with the south of Lake Otis folks., and belong to a separate neighboorhood.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		Too large			Before last year	South of Tudor Road and East of Lake Otis Parkway	13
400	University Area	Agree	Yes	The downside of being bounded as we are by Northern Light and Tudor means that we do not actually get all of the news affecting areas north or south of those respective roads. Extending the boundaries south to MLK could help solve this for some of the more pointed issues involving trails. Otherwise, UACC's seem quite good.	Align_the_district_with_communi		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	South of Tudor Road and East of Lake Otis Parkway	13
387	Campbell Park	Strongly disagree	Yes	Recent redistricting has placed my State Representative and State Senator outside the area of the Council boundaries. An adjustment of the Community Council boundary to coincide with that of 20 and J would be appreciated.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	South of Tudor Road and East of Lake Otis Parkway	13
136	Mountain View	Agree	Yes	The far west portion of the Mountain View Community Council border seems more aligned, purpose-wise, with the industrial area of the Government Hill Community Council with the Railroad area. Most of MVCC is primarily residential or retail.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		Too large		live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	West of Reeve Blvd	14

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253	Mountain View	Agree	Yes	The commercial area on the western edge of the MVCC does not participate in the council, in my experience over the last 15 years. They are more strongly tied to the Downtown CC and the Fairview CC--they are close to the Fairview Rec Center. It would make more sense for the MVCC to end at Reeve Boulevard as its western-most boundary. Also, the area colloquially referred to as "South Mountain View" ought to be considered for incorporation into Mountain View, as it is more closely tied to Mountain View than Russian Jack Park's territory, which extends / incorporates the area of Boniface and Northern Lights. The South Mountain View area is roughly from Bragaw/Glenn south to Costco @ Debarr, then east to Pine St, then north back to the Glenn/McCarrey St. Lastly, the Muni ought to formally forward the MVCC's 2013 and 2022 formal resolutions to the Alaska Redistricting Board, requesting that Davis Park be included in the Mountain View House & Senate districts. This would help greatly.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I am a non-resident owner of bo	This year (in 2022)	West of Reeve Blvd	14
104	Airport Heights	Disagree	Yes	Move Penland Park to Mountain View	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)	Penland Park and Brighton Park	15
181	Airport Heights	Strongly agree	Yes	The residential complex at corner of Glenn Hwy and Bragaw on west side may need to go to Mt. View.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Penland Park and Brighton Park	15
206	Airport Heights	Agree	Yes	West side of Lake Otis as part of Roger's Park. North of DeBarr as part of MountainView.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting	Penland Park and Brighton Park	15
49	Airport Heights	Agree	Yes	The Anchor Park neighborhood south of Chester Creek seems like it might be more appropriate as part of the Airport Heights CC .	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Anchor Park	16
205	Airport Heights	Agree	Yes	Move residences east of lake Otis,and north of northern lights from Rogers park to airport heights	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Anchor Park	16
372	Airport Heights	Agree	Yes	Home on the North East corner of lake Otis / Northern Lights should be added. 24th Avenue west of Lake Otis(one house, many lots, should be added.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Anchor Park	16

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132	Rogers Park	Agree	Yes	I live in Anchor Park. Since our current House legislative district changed, Airport Heights might be more appropriate than Rogers Park. Technically, Anchor Park was built at the same time and style as many airport heights homes. Yes, Chester Creek separates the neighborhoods. Either RPCC or AHCC is fine, our little corner neighborhood is 'the odd one out'. In general, community councils should be similar in size. For example, Northeast CC is significantly larger than most other community councils.	other	See above.	In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Anchor Park	16
206	Airport Heights	Agree	Yes	West side of Lake Otis as part of Roger's Park. North of DeBarr as part of MountainView.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting	Eastridge	17
372	Airport Heights	Agree	Yes	Home on the North East corner of lake Otis / Northern Lights should be added. 24th Avenue west of Lake Otis(one house, many lots, should be added.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	24th Avenue West of Lake Otis	18
279	Fairview	Neutral	Yes	North of 5th Ave should be part of another community council. Also potentially the area in-between A and C St, and 15th through Charles Smith Memorial Park. The area north of 5th is all commercial (to my knowledge) and I feel that whole commercial strip has more in common with itself then it does with the communities it crosses into. The square bounded by A, C, 15th, and the park are kind of geographically cut off from the rest of Fairview. I think that they have easier access by walking/driving into the South Addition Neighborhood then the do with Fairview.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Fairview North of 5th Avenue	19
77	Fairview	Disagree	Yes	Gambell is a clear separation point that splits Fairview. The east side has the Senior Center and the Rec Center. It has sidewalks, traffic calming, and landscaping. While the west has the Sullivan and all the vagrancy issues that come with it. We have few sidewalks & essentially no traffic calming or landscaping. West side also has the Crazy Horse strip club. While it's not been an issue, I am just making a point. The difference between the two is very obvious from the ground.	Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small	Midtown	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Fairview East and West of Gambell-Ingra Corridor	20
286	Fairview	Disagree	Yes	Currently, West Fairview is cut off from East Fairview by the Gambell Ingra couplet. Fairview west of Gambell is geographically more connected to south addition and downtown. Ideally, the Gambell Ingra couplet would be modified to be less of a blight on this community.	Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Fairview East and West of Gambell-Ingra Corridor	20

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107	Fairview	Agree	Yes	The western boundary between 9th and 15th Aves should go to C Street as it is more of a natural boundary than the current boundary of Cordova Street. North of Memorial Park Cemetery, the western boundary of Cordova Street should continue until Ship Creek. On the east side, the Sitka Street boundary should continue south from Merrill Field until Chester Creek.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Sitka Street Park	21
121	Downtown	Strongly disagree	Yes	Extend East to Ingra South to 15th west to I street	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	North of 15th Avenue between Ingra and I Streets	22
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119	Fairview	Agree	Yes	During the last redrawing , or maybe the time before we lost a section of west Fairview to South Addition that was a more natural fit into Fairview's geographic space. But whatever. Don't want to rock the boat. Just saying.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)	West of Cordova Street from 9th to 15th Avenue	23
336	South Addition	Agree	Yes	previous boundary to the East was at C St, perhaps time to return to this	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year	West of Cordova Street from 9th to 15th Avenue	23
421	South Addition	Disagree	Yes	An analysis whether SACC boundaries should include lands north of the Park Strip (basically north of 9th in bootleggers cove) The development patterns are distinctly different, the economic relationships are more tied to downtown in that area. It would be good to study where the residents, property owners have more synergy to reach their goals. The natural boundary to the west is the Inlet and to the south is Chester Creek. Those boundaries would be worth a study to reaffirm and adjust as needed. The current east boundary is Cordova and a hodge-podge of zig zags that would worth a look for clarification.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	West of Cordova Street from 9th to 15th Avenue	23

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279	Fairview	Neutral	Yes	North of 5th Ave should be part of another community council. Also potentially the area in-between A and C St, and 15th through Charles Smith Memorial Park. The area north of 5th is all commercial (to my knowledge) and I feel that whole commercial strip has more in common with itself then it does with the communities it crosses into. The square bounded by A, C, 15th, and the park are kind of geographically cut off from the rest of Fairview. I think that they have easier access by walking/driving into the South Addition Neighborhood then the do with Fairview.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	A and C Street Corridor South of 15th Avenue	24
230	South Addition	Agree	Yes	Include more of downtown - north of 9th Avenue; extend further east into residential areas.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year	Northwest of 9th Avenue and L Street	25
421	South Addition	Disagree	Yes	An analysis whether SACC boundaries should include lands north of the Park Strip (basically north of 9th in bootleggers cove) The development patterns are distinctly different, the economic relationships are more tied to downtown in that area. It would be good to study where the residents, property owners have more synergy to reach their goals. The natural boundary to the west is the Inlet and to the south is Chester Creek. Those boundaries would be worth a study to reaffirm and adjust as needed. The current east boundary is Cordova and a hodge-podge of zig zags that would worth a look for clarification.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Northwest of 9th Avenue and L Street	25
72	North Star	Disagree	Yes	Merge to North Star and Midtown.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_,other	What happen on North Fireweed impacts what happens on South Fireweed and vice vers	Too small	Midtown	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	North Star	26

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85	North Star	Disagree	Yes	North Star Community Council is the smallest Community Council by area and also lacks the social cohesion and natural boundaries of larger council areas (Spenard, Mountain View etc). As a North Star resident, I wonder about the rationale for separating Fireweed to Chester Creek from other adjoining neighborhoods into its own entity. I would open up for discussion: 1) Expanding the southern boundary of North Star CC to Northern Lights to incorporate both sides of Fireweed Lane and surrounding business as we look toward a Fireweed Lane redesign. 2) Absorbing North Star CC into Spenard (West of Arctic) and Midtown (East of Arctic) CCs along the Romig/Central Middle School Boundary line.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		Too small		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	North Star	26
116	North Star	Strongly disagree	Yes	I attended a community council meeting and decided I would never to so again as the entire meeting was overtaken by an assembly member who acted as though this was the perfect opportunity to take over the meeting agenda. Very few people were able to get a word in as the topics shifted from one to the next. ALSO, this community council area (boundaries) are way too small when compared to appropriately sized other council areas. This council should be merged with a re-sized Spenard CC.	Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_	I cannot understand why this "way too small" community council has continued over the years. Others who should serve as managers to this process know this, but it continues.	Too small	Spenard	I am a non-resident owner of re	Before last year	North Star	26
251	Spenard	Agree	Yes	Include the northern area of Spenard Rd near Hilcrest Drive.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Romig Park near Hillcrest Drive	27

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56	Midtown	Strongly disagree	Yes	Midtown CC used to have its northern half part of North Star CC and the southern half part of Spenard CC. About 20 years ago, Assembly member and business owner Dan Coffey pushed to create the mid-town CC. Unfortunately, it has become a voice of only commercial property and business owners and not reflective or inclusive of the people who live there. When I was president of it, we spent time and effort talking with these neighboring CC's about taking us back, so we'd be part of a greater residential group. They were both willing. Our CC vote failed by 1 vote out of about 12 people in attendance, with all the residents voting for and all the business/commercial people voting against it. I even tried to get the business folks to form their own Chamber of Commerce, like the Spenard businesses have (or join theirs), but they weren't interested in developing their own organization. I was part of NECC for years and know how important one that represents all who live in the area is.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Provide_representation_for_all_,other	Have a critical mass of residents as well as businesses.	Too small	North Star	I live within the Community Cou	Before last year	Midtown	28
172	Midtown	Strongly disagree	Yes	The council is dominated by businesses and refuses to change to accomodate residents who actually live within yhe boundaries. Either carve out the neighborhoods of discipline the council making it a true community council.	other		Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Midtown	28
390	Midtown	Neutral	Yes	Go back to the original boundaries of Spenard and NorthStar CC's that incorporated midtown residential areas into these more residential council areas. The split was at 36th. We tried to get this passed some years ago, but the business owners all opposed it. We want a council with other active residents, not business owners who only have financial interests in the area and live elsewhere.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small	North Star	I live within the Community Cou	Before last year	Midtown	28
191	Spenard	Disagree	Yes	Spenard should extend east to the Highway, and if not that far then to C Street. The residential areas east of Arctic are not being represented by the Midtown CC area, but instead have common interests as Spenard including the mixture of commercial areas and busy roadways (Northern Lights, 36th, etc). The Spenard boundary to the west should be south of Northern Lights and East of Wisconsin St. Right now the Fish Creek Trail serves as the boundary, but the mixed residential area west of the creek called the "Spenardigan" area best aligns with Spenard's interests. Also, the Spenard Beach Park should be part of Spenard. These major roads serve as better boundaries than the current ones.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Midtown	28

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199	Spenard	Disagree	Yes	The Midtown CC should be dissolved and divided between the surrounding community councils. There is no representation for the residents of the council, they hold their meetings in the middle of the day which assures that working people cannot attend, they haven't had a resident on their executive committee for years, they do no outreach to the residential community and the executive committee has been business owners/property owners that don't live within the boundaries. The meetings I attended had about 10 people there, mostly representatives from the Assembly, the Muni and some from agencies. There were only a couple of actual members there. I wasn't impressed and feel like they are just another Chamber of Commerce, only for Midtown.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Midtown	28
222	Spenard	Disagree	Yes	The mid town community council is made up in part of previously Spenard Community Council area. The current board of the Midtown Community Council has its meeting at noon on a weekday ensuring residents can't come. The current board of MCC is not made up of residents, but business owners. Returning those residents and businesses to SCC would allow the residents to have a voice in their community council.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Midtown	28
94	Spenard	Disagree	Yes	It would make more sense to help the Spenard Community Council more closely match neighborhoods, for example put the rectangle north of Fireweed with the rest of the neighboring council. I'd also like to see the Spenard Community Council follow the new boundaries for the Assembly district and the state legislative districts if that works naturally. Right now some of those representatives have to hop to several meetings a month.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_,other	Allow our representatives to work with councils that more closely match their districts.	Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Spenard	29
203	Turnagain	Disagree	Yes	Combine Spenard and Turnagain community councils, no changes to existing boundaries.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_,other	Our 2040 land use plan calls for more mixed use development, let residential Turnagain and commercial Spenard start working together now. Spenard is the closest commercial area for Turnagain, both areas should work together in its redevelopment.	Too small	Spenard	I live within the Community Cou	I have not attended a meeting	Turnagain	30

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298	Taku Campbell	Disagree	Yes	The southern boundary should be moved north to end at Dimond Blvd.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year	South of Dimond Boulevard to 92nd Avenue	33
371	Bayshore/Klatt	Disagree	Yes	Bayshore/Klatt should be divided into 2 separate Community Councils	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Bayshore/Klatt	34

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241	Old Seward/Oceanview	Agree	Yes	Add the area of C Street on the West, O'Malley/Minnesota to the North, New Seward Highway to the East, and Klatt Road to the South to the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council Boundary. When you look at the map, this small area seems naturally joins the OSOV CC area rather than the Bayshore area. Currently, the North boundary stops at Klatt Road. The North Boundary should include the area to O'Malley/Minnesota Drive as above.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	South of O'Malley Road to Klatt Road, East of C Street	35
318	Old Seward/Oceanview	Disagree	Yes	extend to Minnesota / Omalley	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Too small	Bayshore/Klatt	I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	South of O'Malley Road to Klatt Road, East of C Street	35
422	Old Seward/Oceanview	Disagree	Yes	The area adjacent to the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council area, currently contained within the Bayshore/Klatt CC, extends from C Street east to New Seward Highway and from Klatt Rd. north to O'Malley Rd. This area is demographically and geographically similar to the rest of the OSOVCC; residents shop in the same businesses (Huffman Center), go to the same schools. It is not separated from the rest of the CC by any major thoroughfare. Furthermore, this area does not seem to be as well connected to the bulk of Bayshore Klatt CC, given its separation by a maze of parkland , commercial development, and transportation corridors. I propose annexing this area into the OSOVCC.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	South of O'Malley Road to Klatt Road, East of C Street	35
137	Old Seward/Oceanview	Disagree	Yes	Oceanview east of Old Seward should be folded into the Huffman CC.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Oceanview East of Old Seward Highway	36
166	Huffman/O'Malley	Disagree	Yes	Huffman/O'Malley should stop on the east at Elmore Road. Uphill from Elmore is a much different neighborhood than downhill from Elmore.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	East of Elmore Road from 104th Ave to De Armoun Road	37
112	Rabbit Creek	Disagree	Yes	Upper hillside concerns align much more closely with Bear Valley area than mid-hillside and lower Potter marsh areas. Goldenview Drive north could merge into Bear Valley for example.	Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	Last year (in 2021)	Higher Elevations of Rabbit Creek	38
306	Rabbit Creek	Disagree	Yes	rabbit creek.	Use_clearly_identifiable_bounda		Too large		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Staff could not determine a boundary study area.	
89	Rogers Park	Strongly disagree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Staff could not determine a boundary study area.	

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183	Rogers Park	Strongly disagree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Staff could not determine a boundary study area.	
139	Russian Jack	Strongly disagree	No				In an optimal size range		I live within the Community Cou	This year (in 2022)	Staff could not determine a boundary study area.	
405	Sand Lake	Disagree	No				Not sure or do not know			This year (in 2022)	Staff could not determine a boundary study area.	
374	University Area	Disagree	Yes		Align_the_district_with_areas_s,Align_the_district_with_communi,Maximize_opportunities_for_all_,Provide_representation_for_all_		Not sure or do not know		I live within the Community Cou	Before last year	Staff could not determine a boundary study area.	

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Email or Phone Comment No.	Community Council District	Comment Summary	Format Received	Date Received	Source	Letter Documentation	Assignment of Boundary Study Areas based on comment responses	Boundary Study Area No.
Comment No. 431	Girdwood	The Assembly has recognized the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) as the community council ex-officio for the Girdwood community council district. The boundaries of the GBOS service area is smaller than the boundaries of the community council district. This means that persons outside of the service area, who are part of the community council district, cannot vote for the community councils that represents them – GBOS. This is problematic and is counter to the intent of community councils to provide maximum citizen participation. The boundaries of the service area should match the boundaries of the community council district.	Email	2/17/2023	Darrel Hess	n/a	Girdwood	4
Comment No. 435	Girdwood	The Community Councils Center has received calls over the past several years from people asking why Girdwood does not have its own community council. The GBOS is a governmental entity as a service district, and makes decisions as a government entity. This seems like a different function from a community council, which is independent and advises government entities. There are people in Girdwoood who want to create a community council; if people get together and propose it, then Girdwood should have its own community council.	Phone conversation	2/21/2023	Mark Butler	n/a	Girdwood	4
Comment No. 438	Girdwood	A community council for Glacier Valley should be created. This would include Girdwood and the existing Crow Creek neighborhood, essentially all of the residents in the larger Girdwood Valley. The current Girdwood Board of Supervisors represents only those within the town of Girdwood, but doesn't include Crow Creek. We believe that we as a community need our own community council.	Email	2/24/2023	Kellie Okonek	n/a	Girdwood	4
Comment No. 439	Girdwood	A community council for Glacier Valley should be created. This would include Girdwood and the existing Crow Creek neighborhood, essentially all of the residents in the larger Girdwood Valley. The current Girdwood Board of Supervisors represents only those within the town of Girdwood, but doesn't include Crow Creek. We believe that we as a community need our own community council.	Email	2/24/2023	Brooke Lavender	n/a	Girdwood	4
Comment No. 440	Girdwood	Consider having a community council for the area of Girdwood and Crow Creek as we do not have a Community Council at present. It might be called the Glacier Valley Community Council. Both of our communities reside in the Glacier Valley bowl.	Email	2/26/2023	Grace Pleasants	n/a	Girdwood	4
Comment No. 433	Portage Valley	Portage Valley Community Council has not submitted revised bylaws which are required by the code changes in 2014. The Municipality has communicated with multiple individuals over the years, who have stated that they were going to get the council up and running, but they have not. This community council district could be merged with an adjacent district or districts, or the Assembly could pull recognition and it would be up to the residents and property owners to petition to establish a new council. Failing to meet the meeting requirements in the code means they should no longer be recognized.	Email	2/17/2023	Darrel Hess	n/a	Portage Valley	5
Comment No. 436	Portage Valley	Portage Valley Community Council is nonexistant; it has not been an active organization for years.	Phone conversation	2/21/2023	Mark Butler	n/a	Portage Valley	5
Comment No. 425	Northeast	Northeast Community Council district is far too large. Perhaps the Nunaka Valley Area should be switched to the Russian Jack Community Council, or even formed into their own council?	Email	11/4/2022	Forrest Dunbar	n/a	Northeast	6

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Table 2.2: Identification of Boundary Study Areas from Comments by Email and Phone

Email or Phone Comment No.	Community Council District	Comment Summary	Format Received	Date Received	Source	Letter Documentation	Assignment of Boundary Study Areas based on comment responses	Boundary Study Area No.
Comment No. 434	Tudor Area	With respect to Tudor Area: Failing to meet the meeting requirements in the code means a community council should no longer be recognized. If Tudor Area is not making the meeting requirements (at least once per calendar quarter), the district should be merged with an adjacent district or districts, or the Assembly should just pull their recognition, and it would be up to the residents, businesses, and property owners in the district to petition the form a new council.	Email	2/17/2023	Darrel Hess	n/a	Tudor Area	12
Comment No. 437	Tudor Area	Tudor Area has not been meeting regularly or making quorum. The acting chair has been willing in the past to merge with another council. Merging with Rogers Park seems like a natural fit.	Phone conversation	2/21/2023	Mark Butler	n/a	Tudor Area	12
Comment No. 427	Midtown	Spenard Community Council (SCC) Executive Board is taking the position that the boundaries of SCC should be extended to return to the original boundaries of SCC as outlined in the Anchorage Municipal Charter (AMC). This opinion is based on factors that include historical realities, current representation, and maintaining the Spenard neighborhood's character and sense of community. As outlined in the AMC in 1975, the borders for the SCC were generally between Fish Creek/Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport to the west and the New Seward Highway to the east, and portions of Northern Lights Boulevard, Fireweed Lane, and 36th Avenue to the north and International Airport Road to the South. Boundary changes in 2003 redrew these boundaries to mark Arctic Boulevard as Spenard's Eastern border and created the Midtown Community Council (MCC). In 2016, the MCC moved their meeting time from 7:00pm to 12:00pm, creating a barrier to participation from most Midtown residents. The SCC passed resolution 2017-2-1 in February 2017 in support of adding a portion of the MCC to match the map included in the AMC with the remainder of the MCC becoming part of the North Star Community Council. This resolution was drafted after talks with members of all three councils, who reported that MCC was having difficulty getting a quorum on a regular basis and recognized that MCC and SCC had common character and interests.	Email and Letter	1/5/2023	SCC Executive Board	12/29/2022 Letter from SCC Executive Board	Midtown	28

Introduction

Appendix A-3 is a summary table of the 38 Boundary Study Areas identified from public comments in Appendix A-2. Appendix A-3 provides a brief description of each Boundary Study Area and the proposed boundary change(s) from the public comments. It also indicates the total number of comments that called for the Boundary Study Area, and cross-references back to those source comments as documented in Appendices A-1 and A-2.

Appendix A-3 also identifies the community councils that are potentially affected by each Boundary Study Area, in the middle three columns of the table. The community council district that is the main subject of the comments or that currently represents the Boundary Study Area in question is listed first. The neighboring community council district(s) whose boundaries may be affected by any potential changes are listed next, to the right of the first community council.

The Boundary Study Areas in Appendix A-3 appear in the same order as in Appendix A-2 and in Part 2 of the *Report and Recommendations*. They are numbered and organized geographically starting in Chugiak-Eagle River, then Turnagain Arm, and finally the Anchorage Bowl. Within each of these three regions of the Municipality, the Boundary Study Areas are arranged geographically from north to south.

Table 3.1: Summary of Boundary Study Areas

Table 3.1 provides the information forming the basis for the Boundary Study Areas addressed in the Public Hearing Draft *Report and Recommendations*. A "Boundary Study Area" means that a community council district boundary was identified for further evaluation in this *10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries* project. A Boundary Study Area may include all or a part of a community council district or certain boundary segments where the public comments suggest consideration for changes.

The Boundary Study Areas are evaluated in Part 2 of the *Report and Recommendations*. Part 2 of the report applies the boundary review criteria from Part 1 of the report to assess each Boundary Study Area and identify options for addressing the boundary issue.

A Boundary Study Area did not necessarily mean any changes to a community council district would be recommended. After assessing a Boundary Study Area, and requesting feedback from affected community councils, the staff recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) and Assembly most often is "no change" – i.e., to preserve the existing boundary, as provided in Part 2 of the *Report and Recommendations*.

See the *Report and Recommendations* for information about the public comment process, the boundary review criteria, and the evaluation of Boundary Study Areas.

Index of Community Councils

The index table at right provides a cross-reference from each community council district in the Municipality to the Boundary Study Area(s) in this Appendix A-3 that may affect that community council.

Community Council District Name	Boundary Study Areas that May Affect the Community Council *(by Boundary Study Area No.)*
Abbott Loop	#33
Airport Heights	#15, #16, #17, #18, #21
Basher	#9
Bayshore/Klatt	#33, #34, #35
Bear Valley	#38
Birchwood	none
Campbell Park	#12, #13
Chugiak	#1
Downtown	#19, #22, #25
Eagle River	#2, #3
Eagle River Valley	#2
Eklutna Valley	none
Fairview	#14, #19, #20, #21, #22, #23, #24
Girdwood	#4, #5
Glen Alps	none
Government Hill	#14
Hillside	#37
Huffman/O'Malley	#36, #37
Midtown	#26, #28, #29
Mountain View	#14, #15, #19
North Star	#26, #27, #28, #29
Northeast	#6, #7
Old Seward/Oceanview	#33, #34, #35, #36
Portage Valley	#5
Rabbit Creek	#38
Rogers Park	#11, #12, #16, #17, #18
Russian Jack	#6, #15
Sand Lake	none
Scenic Foothills	#6, #7, #8, #9
South Addition	#22, #23, #24, #25
South Fork	#3
Spenard	#26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32
Taku Campbell	#33
Tudor Area	#11, #12
Turnagain	#30, #31, #32
Turnagain Arm	#4, #5
University Area	#8, #9, #10, #12, #13

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#1 Chugiak Community Council District	1 questionnaire response indicated that the Chugiak Community Council district is too large to afford all members the opportunity for participation and representation.	Chugiak			1	261
#2 Eagle River and Eagle River Valley Community Council Districts	10 questionnaire responses indicated that the Eagle River and/or Eagle River Valley Community Council districts do not or may not reflect actual neighborhoods or natural communities. 2 of the responses recommended that the Eagle Ridge Subdivision, Parkview Terrace Subdivision, Gruening Middle School, and Eagle River Lions Park area southwest of Eagle River Road and Eagle River Loop Road be transferred from Eagle River Valley Community Council to Eagle River Community Council. One of the responses indicated the natural boundary is farther east, at Mile Hi Avenue and Eagle River Road. One of the responses recommended to merge the two community council districts. The other responses did not recommend specific changes.	Eagle River Valley	Eagle River		10	260 262 184 84 257 268 409 200 266 296
#3 North of Eagle River Loop Road to Eagle River (the waterbody)	2 questionnaire responses recommended to transfer the Eagle Nest Subdivision, Eagle River High School, and Wolf Den Drive area northwest of Eagle River Loop Road from South Fork Community Council to Eagle River Community Council.	South Fork	Eagle River		2	37 262
#4 Girdwood Community Council District	5 commenters (including the municipal Ombudsman and the Community Councils Center manager) indicated concern that the boundaries of the GBOS service area is smaller than the boundaries of the Girdwood community council district. The Municipality has recognized the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) Land Use Committee as the community council for Girdwood. Persons living outside of the GBOS service area, who are part of the community council district, cannot vote for the community council organization that represents them (GBOS Land Use Committee). 3 of the emails indicated that the GBOS represents residents within the town of Girdwood, but not residents in Crow Creek. 1 of the responses recommended that the boundaries of the service area should match the boundaries of the community council district. 4 of the responses recommended to establish a separate community council organization from the GBOS service district, to include all of Girdwood including the Crow Creek neighborhood.	Girdwood	Turnagain Arm		5	431 435 438 439 440 *(on page 15 of Appendix B)*
#5 Portage Valley Community Council District	The municipal Ombudsman and the Community Councils Center manager indicated that the Portage Valley Community Council has not submitted revised bylaws required by municipal code changes in 2014. There has not been an active community council meeting quorum for years. Failing to meet these requirements means this community council should no longer be recognized by the Municipality. The commenters recommended to consider an option to merge it with an adjacent community council district.	Portage Valley	Turnagain Arm	Girdwood	2	433 436 *(on page 15 of Appendix B)*
#6 Northeast Community Council District	16 responses indicated that the Northeast Community Council district is too large to afford all members the opportunity for participation and representation, and recommended to either divide it into two separate community council districts or transfer parts of it to an adjacent community council district. Some of these commenters recommended to divide Northeast into east and west districts with a few specifying using Turpin Street, Beaver Place, and/or political districts as boundaries. 1 of the commenters recommended to divide Northeast into north and south districts using DeBarr Road as a boundary. 4 of the commenters recommended to transfer western portions of Northeast Community Council (including Nunaka Valley) to the Russian Jack Community Council district or merge those western areas with parts of Russian Jack.	Northeast	Russian Jack	Scenic Foothills	16	40 44 90 99 114 126 158 186 189 233 235 285 308 408 418 425

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#7 North of E. Northern Lights Boulevard to Foxhall Drive	1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the Foxhall Drive area north of E. Northern Lights from Northeast Community Council to Scenic Foothills Community Council district.	Northeast	Scenic Foothills		1	368
#8 West of Baxter Road South of Northern Lights Boulevard	9 questionnaire responses indicated that areas west of Baxter Road are more aligned with the neighborhoods of Scenic Foothills Community Council than with University Area Community Council district. Some recommended to transfer the area between Baxter Road and Boniface Parkway from University Area Community Council to Scenic Foothills Community Council.	University Area	Scenic Foothills		9	415 48 52 66 297 299 370 368 146
#9 Scenic Foothills Community Council District	2 questionnaire responses indicated that Scenic Foothills Community Council district is too small, and should be merged. One recommended merging with Basher Community Council, and the other recommended merging with University Area Community Council.	Basher	Scenic Foothills	University Area	2	22 415
#10 University Area Community Council District	3 questionnaire responses indicated dissatisfaction with University Area Community Council's district area in general. One indicated it is too large. The others indicated it is disjointed and should more closely follow Assembly or legislative district boundaries.	University Area	Scenic Foothills		3	23 188 213
#11 College Village	1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the College Village neighborhood out of Rogers Park Community Council district.	Rogers Park	Tudor Area		1	35
#12 Tudor Area Community Council District	7 questionnaire respondents plus the municipal Ombudsman and the Community Councils Center manager indicated that Tudor Area Community Council has been having difficulty making meeting quorum requirements or is too small, and recommended to merge Tudor Area into one or more of 3 adjacent community council districts.	Tudor Area	Rogers Park	University Area; Campbell Park	9	354 12 53 340 381 403 52 434 437 *(436 & 437 on p. 15 of Appendix B)*
#13 South of Tudor Road and East of Lake Otis Parkway	4 questionnaire responses recommended to transfer some or all of the neighborhoods south of Tudor Road and east of Lake Otis Parkway (and north of Dowling Road) out of Campbell Park Community Council to another community council district. 1 of these responses recommended to transfer the neighborhood along the south side of Tudor Road to University Area Community Council. Another suggested considering to transfer the public lands and facilities along the south side of Tudor Road in the MLK Jr. Parkway vicinity to University Area Community Council.	Campbell Park	University Area		4	190 280 400 387
#14 West of Reeve Boulevard	2 questionnaire responses indicated that the western, industrial portion of Mountain View Community Council district seems more aligned with the Ship Creek industrial areas to the west, and recommended to transfer those areas out of Mountain View Community Council district.	Mountain View	Fairview	Downtown	2	136 253
#15 Penland Park and Brighton Park	3 questionnaire responses recommended to transfer Penland Mobile Home Park, the Brighton Park apartments, and/or all areas north of DeBarr Road from Airport Heights Community Council to Mountain View Community Council district.	Airport Heights	Mountain View	Russian Jack	3	104 181 206
#16 Anchor Park	4 questionnaire responses indicated that Anchor Park Subdivision (on the northeast corner of Lake Otis Parkway and E. Northern Lights Boulevard) may be more aligned with the Airport Heights neighborhood and should be considered for transfer from Rogers Park Community Council to Airport Heights Community Council.	Rogers Park	Airport Heights		4	49 205 372 132
#17 Eastridge	1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer Eastridge Subdivision from Airport Heights Community Council to Rogers Park Community Council district.	Airport Heights	Rogers Park		1	206

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#18 24th Avenue west of Lake Otis Parkway	1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the lots on 24th Avenue west of Lake Otis Parkway from Rogers Park Community Council to Airport Heights Community Council district.	Rogers Park	Airport Heights		1	372
#19 Fairview North of 5th Avenue	1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the area north of 5th Avenue out of Fairview Community Council district.	Fairview	Downtown		1	279
#20 Fairview East and West of Gambell-Ingra Corridor	2 questionnaire responses observed the differences between eastern and western Fairview and the division created by the Gambell-Ingra corridor. One of these responses indicated Fairview is too small and should be merged with another community council district.	Fairview			2	77 286
#21 Sitka Street Park	1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the open space area west of Sitka Street from Airport Heights Community Council to Fairview Community Council district.	Airport Heights	Fairview		1	107
#22 North of 15th Avenue between Ingra and I Streets	1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the area between I Street, Ingra Street, 9th Avenue, and 15th Avenue from the Fairview and South Addition Community Councils to the Downtown Community Council district.	Fairview	South Addition	Downtown	1	121
#23 West of Cordova Street from 9th to 15th Avenue	4 questionnaire responses recommended to transfer, or at least consider to transfer, some or all of the areas west of Cordova Street (between Cordova and C Street) from South Addition Community Council to Fairview Community Council district.	South Addition	Fairview		4	119 336 421 107
#24 A and C Street Corridor South of 15th Avenue	1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the area between A and C Street south of 15th Avenue (between 15th Ave. and Chester Creek) from Fairview Community Council to South Addition Community Council district.	Fairview	South Addition		1	279
#25 Northwest of 9th Avenue and L Street	1 questionnaire response recommended a reassessment to determine the appropriate community council designation for the areas northwest of 9th Avenue and L Street, including Bootleggers Cove. Another suggested to include more of Downtown north of 9th Avenue in South Addition Community Council by extending further east into residential areas.	South Addition	Downtown		2	230 421
#26 North Star Community Council District	3 questionnaire responses indicated that North Star Community Council district is too small and recommended to merge it with Midtown and/or Spenard Community Councils.	North Star	Midtown	Spenard	3	72 85 116
#27 Romig Park near Hillcrest Drive	1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the Romig Park neighborhood along Spenard Road (up to the Hillcrest Drive area) from North Star Community Council to Spenard Community Council district.	North Star	Spenard		1	251
#28 Midtown Community Council District	6 questionnaire responses and one email indicated that Midtown Community Council is not providing representation for its residents because it is focused on representing commercial property owners and businesses, for example by moving its membership meeting time to noon. The responses recommended to merge Midtown Community Council with North Star and/or Spenard Community Councils.	Midtown	Spenard	North Star	7	56 172 390 191 199 222 427 *(427 on page 15 of Appendix B)*

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#29 Spenard Community Council District	1 questionnaire response recommended to realign the Spenard Community Council district boundaries to follow Assembly district boundaries.	Spenard	Midtown		1	94
#30 Turnagain Community Council District	1 questionnaire response indicated that Turnagain Community Council is too small and recommended to merge it with Spenard Community Council district.	Turnagain	Spenard		1	203
#31 West of Fish Creek to Wisconsin Street	1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the neighborhoods south of W. Northern Lights between Fish Creek and Wisconsin Street from Turnagain Community Council to Spenard Community Council district.	Turnagain	Spenard		1	191
#32 Spenard Beach Park	1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer Spenard Beach Park from Turnagain Community Council to Spenard Community Council district.	Turnagain	Spenard		1	191
#33 South of Dimond Boulevard to 92nd Avenue	1 questionnaire response indicated that Taku Campbell Community Council district is too large and recommended to transfer the area south of Dimond Boulevard (between Dimond and 92nd) out of Taku/Campbell.	Taku Campbell	Bayshore/ Klatt	Abbott Loop; Old Seward/ Oceanview	1	298
#34 Bayshore/Klatt Community Council District	1 questionnaire response indicated that Bayshore/Klatt Community Council district is too large and recommended to divide it into two community council districts.	Bayshore/ Klatt	Old Seward/ Oceanview		1	371
#35 South of O'Malley Road to Klatt Road, East of C Street	3 questionnaire responses recommended to transfer the area of C Street on the west, O'Malley Road on the north, New Seward Highway on the east, and Klatt Road on the south, from Bayshore/Klatt Community Council to Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council district.	Bayshore/ Klatt	Old Seward/ Oceanview		3	241 318 422
#36 Oceanview East of Old Seward Highway	1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer the area of Oceanview neighborhood between the Old Seward Highway and the Seward Highway from Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council to Huffman/O'Malley Community Council district.	Old Seward/ Oceanview	Huffman/ O'Malley		1	137
#37 East of Elmore Road from 104th Ave to De Armoun Road	1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer areas east of Elmore Road from Huffman/O'Malley Community Council to Hillside Community Council district.	Huffman/ O'Malley	Hillside		1	166
#38 Higher Elevations of Rabbit Creek Community Council	1 questionnaire response recommended to transfer higher-elevation portions of Rabbit Creek Community Council district out of Rabbit Creek.	Rabbit Creek	Bear Valley		1	112
#39 Boundary Study Area Undetermined	6 questionnaire responses indicated dissatisfaction with existing boundaries in 5 community council districts, however staff was unable to determine their specific issue. These six responses did not provide enough information for staff to be able to determine the issue or boundary segment of concern, and the questionnaire responses did not provide contact information for staff to be able to request clarification.	Rabbit Creek, Rogers Park (2), Russian Jack, Sand Lake, University Area			6	306 89 183 139 405 374

Attachment 5

Appendix B

10-Year Review of
Community Council Boundaries

Boundary Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes and Action Summary

Municipality of Anchorage
Planning Department

October 2024

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Municipality of Anchorage
10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries Project
Boundary Advisory Committee

Action Summary from Boundary Advisory Committee Meetings

Meeting #1
Monday, February 27, 2023
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting #2
Monday, April 3, 2023
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting #3
Monday, April 24, 2023
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting #4
Monday, May 1, 2023
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting #5
Monday, June 12, 2023
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Boundary Advisory Committee for the 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries project completed its review of the 39 Boundary Study Areas that were identified based on the project's initial outreach to community councils and the public. The following pages provide a summary of the Boundary Advisory Committee's recommendations regarding each of the Boundary Study Areas.

Minutes from the Boundary Advisory Committee meetings documenting its deliberations are provided in the later sections of this Appendix B to the December 9, 2024, public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations*. More information regarding each of the Boundary Study Areas, including applicable boundary review criteria and other options considered for boundaries, is available in Part 2 of the *Report and Recommendations*.

CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER – BOUNDARY STUDY AREAS #1 - #3

1. Chugiak Community Council District

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on April 3, 2023).

> Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries. In the future, if the local community shows sufficient interest to support creating a separate community council for a part of the area covered by Chugiak, then consider establishing such a council district at that time.

2. Eagle River and Eagle River Valley

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on April 24, 2023).

> Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

3. North of Eagle River Loop Road to Eagle River

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on April 3, 2023).

> Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

TURNAGAIN ARM – BOUNDARY STUDY AREAS #4 - #5

4. Girdwood Community Council District

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by a vote of 10 in favor and 1 opposed on April 24, 2023).

> Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries and organizational structure.

5. Portage Valley Community Council District

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option C (by unanimous vote on May 1, 2023).

> Option C: Merge the Portage Valley Community Council district into the Turnagain Arm Community Council district. Residents, property owners, and businesses in the Portage Valley area would receive representation from the Turnagain Arm Community Council.

ANCHORAGE BOWL – BOUNDARY STUDY AREAS #6 - #39

6. Northeast Community Council District

and

7. North of E. Northern Lights Boulevard to Foxhall Drive

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option G (by unanimous vote on June 12, 2023).

> Option G: Adopt an Assembly Resolution in support of the establishment of a separate community council to serve the Northeast neighborhoods south of DeBarr Road, once a voluntary association from that area meeting the requirements of AMC subsection 2.40.030B. requests recognition by the Assembly. Northeast Community Council would focus on representing the areas north of DeBarr Road. Until such a voluntary association receives recognition from the Assembly, Northeast Community Council should continue to represent its existing district area with no changes to boundaries.

8. West of Baxter Road South of Northern Lights Boulevard

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option B (by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 opposed on June 12, 2023).

> Option B: Transfer the area between Baxter Road and Boniface Parkway from University Area Community Council to Scenic Foothills Community Council.

9. Scenic Foothills Community Council

Staff believes that a Boundary Advisory Committee intended to recommend Option A, *No Change*, and on June 12 the members and staff assumed that they had voted for this recommendation in April or May. However, through a staff error, a vote on this item was never placed on the agendas, so the Committee was not able to make a recommendation. *(June 12 minutes, page 3, fourth paragraph.)*

10. University Area Community Council

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A with a clarification to its wording (by unanimous vote on June 12, 2023).

> Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries, except where the Committee recommends in other Boundary Study Areas.

11. College Village

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on May 1, 2023).

> Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

12. Tudor Area Community Council

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option C (by unanimous vote on June 12, 2023).

> Option C: Merge the Tudor Area Community Council district into the University Area Community Council.

13. South of Tudor Road and East of Lake Otis

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on June 12, 2023).

> Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

14. West of Reeve Boulevard

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on April 3, 2023).

> Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

15. Penland Park and Brighton Park

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on June 12, 2023).

> Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

16. Anchor Park

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option B (by unanimous vote on May 1, 2023).

> Option B: Transfer Anchor Park Subdivision on the northeast corner of Lake Otis Parkway and E. Northern Lights Boulevard from Rogers Park Community Council to Airport Heights Community Council.

17. Eastridge

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on May 1, 2023).

> Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

18. 24th Avenue West of Lake Otis Parkway

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on May 1, 2023).

> Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

19. Fairview North of 5th Avenue

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on May 1, 2023).

Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

20. Fairview East and West of Gambell-Ingra Corridor

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on April 3, 2023).

Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

21. Sitka Street Park

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on April 3, 2023).

Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

22. North of 15th Avenue between Ingra and I Streets; and North of 9th Avenue east of Cordova Street

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by a vote of 7 in favor and 1 opposed on May 1, 2023).

Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

23. West of Cordova Street from 9th to 15th Avenue

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by a vote of 6 in favor and 2 opposed on May 1, 2023).

Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

24. A and C Street Corridor South of 15th Avenue

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option B (by unanimous vote on May 1, 2023).

Option B: Transfer the area between A and C Street, 15th Avenue and Chester Creek from Fairview Community Council to South Addition Community Council.

25. Northwest of 9th Avenue and L Street

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on June 12, 2023).

Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

26. North Star Community Council District

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on April 3, 2023).

Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

27. Romig Park Near Hillcrest Drive

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on April 3, 2023).

Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

28. Midtown Community Council District

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by a vote of 10 in favor and 1 opposed on April 24, 2023).

Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

29. Spenard Community Council District

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on April 3, 2023).

Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

30. Turnagain Community Council District

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on April 3, 2023).

Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

31. West of Fish Creek to Wisconsin Street

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on June 12, 2023).

Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

32. Spenard Beach Park

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option C (by a vote of 7 in favor and 2 opposed on June 12, 2023).

> Option C: Include Spenard Beach Park in both Turnagain and Spenard Community Councils, by overlapping their district areas in the park.

33. South of Dimond Boulevard to 92nd

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option B (by unanimous vote on June 12, 2023).

> Option B: Transfer all areas south of Dimond Boulevard from Taku Campbell Community Council to Bayshore/Klatt Community Council.

34. Bayshore/Klatt Community Council District

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on June 12, 2023).

> Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

35. South of O'Malley Road to Klatt Road, East of C Street

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option B (by unanimous vote on May 1, 2023).

> Option B: Transfer the area of C Street on the west, O'Malley Road on the north, Seward Highway on the east, and Klatt Road on the south, from Bayshore/Klatt Community Council to Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council.

36. Oceanview East of Old Seward Highway

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on May 1, 2023).

> Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

37. East of Elmore Road from 104th Avenue to DeArmoun Road

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on June 12, 2023).

> Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

38. Higher Elevations of Rabbit Creek Community Council

The Boundary Advisory Committee recommends Option A (by unanimous vote on May 1, 2023).

Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.

39. Undetermined Boundary Study Areas

The Boundary Advisory Committee concurs with the recommended Option A (by unanimous vote on April 3, 2023).

Option A: No changes to boundaries based on the [survey questionnaire] responses.

February 15, 2023

To the Federation of Community Councils Board of Delegates and Community Councils Executive Boards:

Thank you to the Community Council officers, members, and Federation delegates who responded to our online survey questionnaire since it opened in November or who helped find volunteers for a Boundary Advisory Committee. The following is an update regarding the *10-year Review of Community Council Boundaries* project:

For Updated Project Information. Every 10 years, the Municipality reviews community council boundaries and seeks input on whether any boundaries between the community council districts should be adjusted. This 10-year review was initiated in November with visits to the Federation and an online questionnaire. For more information, its overall requirements, and upcoming meetings, visit our project web page. It includes **White Paper #1**, which summarizes the public process requirements and boundary review criteria.

Public Questionnaire Responses – Identifying Boundary Study Areas. Many thanks to the several hundred people who responded to the online survey questionnaire or who emailed comments to me. That feedback is the basis for identifying boundary study areas. Last week, the Community Councils Center broadcast a mass public info alert that the questionnaire comment deadline is extended to Friday, February 17. The online questionnaire closes at 5 p.m., so please take a few minutes to respond to this brief questionnaire if you have not already, or encourage others to do so. **White Paper #2** *(forthcoming)* will summarize the public feedback and list the resulting Boundary Study Areas.

Boundary Advisory Committee. The Planning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) are responsible for consulting with the community councils and recommending any proposed boundary adjustments to the Assembly. Because of the number of questionnaire responses and Boundary Study Areas identified by respondents, the Planning Department organized a *Boundary Advisory Committee*, with help from the Federation delegates and Community Council officers in finding volunteers. The Boundary Advisory Committee is a geographically representative group of 12 Community Council members. Its purpose is to serve as a sounding board, giving feedback to the Planning Department and the PZC regarding proposed changes to boundaries. Committee meetings will be noticed and open to the public.

To solicit volunteers, staff emailed the Federation's updated (12/27/2022) master contact list of officers on January 5, seeking volunteers or suggested names. Community Councils Center staff, the Municipal Ombudsman, the chair of the Chugiak-Eagle River Advisory Board, a former Assembly member and HALO official, and several Community Council officers were contacted for help in finding volunteers to ensure representation for certain parts of the Municipality. Twelve people volunteered for the Committee (roster attached), and its first meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27.

Your Community Council's Role. With the Committee's advice, the Planning Department will prepare and within several months release a draft set of recommendations as to the Boundary Study Areas. There will be at least a 2-month period seeking public comments from the Community Councils in the form of resolutions from your council and addressed to the PZC. The PZC will then hold a public hearing. Please contact me at **(907) 343-7916** or tom.davis@anchorageak.gov if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Tom Davis, AICP
Senior Planner - Urban Designer

Attachment: Boundary Advisory Committee Roster

Municipality of Anchorage

10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries Project

Boundary Advisory Committee

M E M B E R S

Member Name	Subarea of Representation or Other Committee Position	Home Community Council or Other Organization
Melinda Gant	Northwest Anchorage Committee Chair	Government Hill
Matt Burkholder	At-Large Committee Member	Huffman/O'Malley
Mark Butler	Northwest Anchorage	North Star Community Councils Center
Care Clift	Northeast Anchorage	Scenic Foothills
Darrel Hess	Ex Officio Committee Member	Municipality of Anchorage Ombudsman
Karl von Luhrte	Chugiak-Eagle River	South Fork
Al Milspaugh	Northeast Anchorage	University Area
Stan Moll	Southwest Anchorage	Old Seward/Oceanview
Michael Packard	Turnagain Arm and Girdwood	Turnagain Arm
Carolyn Ramsey	Northeast Anchorage	Airport Heights
Carmela Warfield	Southeast Anchorage	Hillside
Emily Weiser	At-Large Committee Member	Airport Heights
Charlie Welch	Northeast Anchorage	Mountain View

Project staff: Tom Davis, Senior Planner, Long-Range Planning Division, Planning Department

Project staff contact info: (907) 343-7916 or (907) 343-7921; tom.davis@anchorageak.gov

Project web page:
https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/Pages/CommunityCouncilBoundariesReview.aspx

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Planning Department **(907) 343-7931**

Mayor Dave Bronson

February 21, 2023

To Boundary Advisory Committee Members:

Thank you for volunteering to serve on the Boundary Advisory Committee for the 10-Year Community Council Boundaries Review project. I look forward to our first meeting on Monday, February 27. Attached are several documents for that meeting. The overall information clearinghouse for the project is the project web page, which Planning Department staff will keep updated. **White Paper #1**, available on the web page (and attached), summarizes the objectives and public process requirements for this project.

A list of the members is attached. To find volunteers for the committee, the Planning Department emailed the Community Councils Center's master contact list of officers on January 5, seeking interested officers or suggested names. Planning staff also contacted the Community Councils Center, the Municipal Ombudsman, the Chair of the Chugiak-Eagle River Advisory Board, a former Assembly member and HALO official, and several individual Community Council officers for help in finding volunteers to ensure representation for all parts of the Municipality. I am grateful for this geographically representative group of 12 active community council members who have volunteered and collectively bring so much experience as officers or committee members in your community councils.

The role of the Boundary Advisory Committee is to provide advice and feedback to the Planning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) in preparing their recommendations for proposed changes to community council district boundaries. The Boundary Advisory Committee's recommendations will also be forwarded to the Anchorage Assembly.

The Boundary Advisory Committee will provide valuable advice and feedback at key points in the process regarding:

- Identifying options for resolving boundary study areas that have been identified by the public. (The boundary study areas identified by the public will be listed in White Paper #2.)
- Applying the project's set of *boundary review criteria* (from White Paper #1) to each of these boundary study areas, to find a preferred, recommended option for resolving the boundary issue.
- Ensuring an open, inclusive process that incorporates comments from community councils and members of the public who wish to contribute.

For each of the above, you will receive working draft options and recommendations from staff in advance of meetings. The committee will discuss and may agree, recommend changes, suggest different options, or request further information. White Paper #1 (attached) and White Paper #2 (forthcoming) will provide the list *of boundary study areas* and the *boundary review criteria* to apply to each boundary study area.

Your knowledge and perspective regarding the needs of community councils and your experience helping lead community council organizations will be vital to the success of this project. I appreciate that many of you have also been involved with the Federation of Community Councils and other community-wide service organizations. As a result, you bring a broader perspective that includes the welfare of community councils in general.

The following page gives some details about the committee meetings, potential "field team" visits, and the boundary study areas.

Committee Meetings. To be inclusive and transparent, meetings will be publicly noticed and open to the public. There will be an opportunity for the public to speak. Agendas and meeting packet materials will be provided to you in advance and posted on the project web page. The meetings will be in a hybrid format, so that you and the public may attend either in-person or remotely via Microsoft Teams.

Committee meetings will follow the Roberts Rules of Order with an agenda of business items, like a community council or municipal board or commission meeting. Melinda Gant, an active member and former president of Airport Heights Community Council, has agreed to serve as Chair. Planning staff will provide draft meeting minutes and technical assistance in drawing up committee recommendations. When acting on its recommendations, the committee will make motions, take votes, and have its recommendations documented in a written Resolution.

"Field Teams". If staff and committee members find that any boundary study areas merit field visits with stakeholders to improve our understanding of the neighborhoods and boundary issues in question, staff can organize opportunities for staff, committee members, and other interested members of the public to visit those areas as additional "field teams" that report back to the committee.

Boundary Review Criteria. **White Paper #1**, attached, provides the boundary review criteria to use in evaluating each of the boundary study areas.

Boundary Study Areas. The Planning Department solicited comments regarding community council boundaries from the community councils' officers and members from November 4 through February 17. This included posting an online survey questionnaire that the Community Councils Center distributed in two public information alerts in November and February to its 9,500-member email contact list.

The feedback and information from community council officers and members, individual Assembly members, the Municipal Ombudsman, and the Community Councils Center has provided the basis for the "boundary study areas" – i.e., where there is an identified issue or a suggested change to a community council district area or its boundary with a neighboring community council – to be considered in the 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries project. **White Paper #2** *(forthcoming)* will summarize these public comments and questionnaire responses, and list the boundary study areas.

Thank you again for participating on this committee on behalf of the community councils, Municipality, and the public. I look forward to working with you.

Please contact me at **(907) 343-7916** or tom.davis@anchorageak.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tom Davis, AICP
Senior Planner - Urban Designer

Attachments:

- Boundary Advisory Committee Member List
- Boundary Advisory Committee – February 27, 2023 Meeting Agenda
- White Paper #1: Boundary Review Criteria

Municipality of Anchorage
10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries Project
Boundary Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Monday, February 27, 2023
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting #1
Hybrid Meeting Held In-person and Virtually in Microsoft Teams

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call

A quorum was present.

Present:	Matt Burkholder Mark Butler Care Clift* Melinda Gant, *Chair* Darrel Hess* Karl von Luhrte Al Milspaugh Stan Moll Michael Packard Carmela Warfield* Emily Weiser* Charlie Welch*
Excused:	Carolyn Ramsey
Absent:	none
Staff:	Tom Davis, Senior Planner, Planning Department Craig H. Lyon, Director, Planning Department*
Guests:	Lyn Franks, Treasurer, Northeast Community Council

B. Review of Agenda

The agenda was approved without changes.

2. Introductions

Chair Melinda Gant facilitated a round of self-introductions by the meeting attendees, including staff. The Committee members and guest introduced themselves:

- *Matt Burkholder*, member at-large of this Committee, chaired Spenard Community Council in the 2000s, chaired Huffman/O'Malley Community Council around 2015, and more recently served as the president of the Federation of Community Councils (FCC), and was also president of HALO.

- *Michael Packard* is president of Turnagain Arm Community Council.

- *Al Milspaugh* is vice-president of University Area Community Council and is also its delegate to the FCC and on one of its committees.

- *Stan Moll* is a member and former treasurer of Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council.

- *Melinda Gant*, chair of this Committee, is a member of Government Hill Community Council and has served on its leadership as treasurer, vice-president, secretary, and president. She also regularly attends Midtown Community Council meetings for work projects and attends Downtown Community Council meetings as a business representative.

- *Karl von Luhrte* is a 15-year member of South Fork Community Council and has served on its leadership as vice-chair and chair. He is also formerly with the U.S. Air Force.

- *Mark Butler* is vice-president of North Star Community Council, and serves as manager of the Community Councils Center.

- *Charlie Welch* is a member and longtime resident of Mountain View Community Council.

- *Carmela Warfield* is president of Hillside Community Council, a member of the municipal Budget Advisory Commission and Heritage Land Bank Advisory Commission, serves as a board member of HALO, and is an FCC delegate.

- *Emily Weiser*, member at-large of this Committee, is also member at-large of Airport Heights Community Council.

- *Darrel Hess*, ex officio member of this Committee (i.e., a non-voting member), has been involved with community councils for many years and served as president of Fairview Community Council for 5 years. As the municipal Ombudsman, he reviews community council bylaws and is responsible for reminding the Municipality to carry out its 10-year reviews of community council boundaries.

- *Care Clift* is treasurer for Scenic Foothills Community Council.

- *Lyn Franks*, meeting guest, is treasurer of Northeast Community Council.

3. Role of the Committee; Meeting Format

Tom Davis referenced the 2-21-23 introduction letter to the Boundary Advisory Committee, in the meeting packet, that provides information about the role of the Committee in this project.

Chair Melinda Gant directed the attendees' attention to the three bullet points on the first page of the introduction letter, as the areas of advice and feedback that the Committee should focus on. She believed that if the Committee sticks to the format of what its role is, it can quickly get through the process and review the draft reports from staff.

Chair Gant explained that the Committee meeting format will be public meetings, recorded, and minutes provided. The Committee process will include providing the Committee's recommendations regarding the Boundary Study Areas to Planning staff, who will compile the package and submit that to the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC), through a public review process. Once the PZC has completed its review, the recommendations will go to the Assembly for final approval.

Mark Butler urged that any recommendations should first go to the Community Councils and Federation. Community councils should get an opportunity to provide feedback to the Planning Department and the Boundary Advisory Committee before any formal recommendations are submitted to the PZC, since the boundary issues pertain to community councils. *Mr. Davis* clarified there will be several points of involvement by community councils. Where a boundary issue has been identified, staff will reach out to the community councils. Later, after formal recommendations are made, there will be at least two months of public review when staff will request community councils to provide written comments in formal resolutions. *Chair Gant* added that there have been several notifications that have gone out to community councils requesting their comments, and that there will be a second pass through the community councils. *(Note: This topic was discussed further under agenda item 6 below.)*

Tom Davis discussed "field teams." He referenced page 2 of the introduction letter to the Committee. If staff or Committee members determine that a field visit with interested members of the affected community council would be helpful for understanding the boundary area in question, staff can organize these "field teams" that can walk the area and then report back to the whole Committee.

4. Overall Project Requirements and Boundary Review Criteria

Chair Gant requested staff to go over the overall project requirements and boundary review criteria with the Committee. *Tom Davis* summarized White Paper No., 1, as provided in the meeting packet. White Paper No. 1 contains the public process requirements for 10-year community council boundary reviews. *Mr. Davis* explained that, although a Boundary Advisory Committee is not required by code, the Planning Department appreciates being able to call up this Boundary Advisory Committee for its advice because of the number of Boundary Study Areas the public has identified.

Mark Butler asked for assurance that the public comment period would not be during the summer, when many community councils are not in session to be able to respond. *Mr. Davis* confirmed that the two-month review period would not occur during June-July-August, since getting feedback from community councils is the purpose of the review. He explained that it will be important for community councils to provide their comments to PZC in the form of a resolution adopted by the community council. Planning staff can provide technical assistance in preparing resolutions.

Mr. Davis explained that the Boundary Advisory Committee is providing advice to staff in preparing the Planning Department's recommendations to PZC. However, the Committee is also welcome to submit its own resolution of recommendations to PZC. The Committee may find it disagrees with some of the Planning Department's boundary recommendations.

Mr. Davis summarized the boundary review criteria provided in White Paper No. 1, beginning on page 3, going through the guiding principles numbered 1 through 7 in that document. Those seven guiding principles are derived from the specific code standards and provide more specific criteria that are easier to use. *Chair Gant* responded that it was her understanding that we will apply the 7 guiding principles to each of the Boundary Study Areas. *Mr. Davis* confirmed.

In discussing guiding principle no. 6, "optimal size," *Mr. Davis* explained that small community council districts are legitimate as community councils if they are active and engaged in representing their neighborhood. *Stan Moll* asked if there is an enumeration of the number of residents in the community councils available. *Mr. Davis* responded he would seek updated population numbers for the Committee, if census block group population data has been released from the 2020 Census.

Mr. Davis reported that staff has received questions regarding whether the recently reapportioned Anchorage Assembly districts are used as criteria for changing boundaries. He explained that although 10-year boundary reviews occur after the decennial U.S. Census and Assembly reapportionment, the fundamental boundary criteria come down to "natural communities" and community desires as to boundaries. Political districts are not in the code criteria for defining neighborhoods or community councils. If all other factors are equal, political district or service district boundaries are a secondary consideration, however they do not override the main criteria.

Committee members further discussed if state and local political districts should be a consideration. *Care Clift* asked if there is consideration for using the updated State House of Representative district boundaries? Sometimes there are multiple state senators, representatives, and Assembly members reporting at community council meetings. It can be onerous for the elected representatives to have so many community council meetings to attend. Her observation was that it seems strange to have one community council in multiple political districts without coordinating. *Darrel Hess* responded that although staff could provide a map that overlays political boundaries as information or a secondary factor for consideration, it would be problematic for the Committee to use political boundaries as a major factor. *Mr. Hess* explained that there are 38 community councils and only 6 Assembly districts. Legislative boundaries frequently run through the middle of neighborhoods because legislative boundaries are not neighborhood oriented. *Karl von Luhrte* added that White Paper No. 1 on page 3 reads, "Community council districts are not determined by legislative districts." *Mr. Luhrte* did not support spending time on legislative boundaries as a boundary criteria. *Al Milspaugh* added that legislative boundaries change more often, so it would not make much sense to follow them. *Mark Butler* agreed. He stated that community councils are a neighborhood-focused organization, as established in the Municipal Charter, and should remain neighborhood-focused to allow neighborhood members being able to participate in their neighborhood.

Mr. Butler added that guiding principle no. 1 from White Paper No. 1, to preserve existing boundaries unless there is a reason to change, is important when considering proposals for changes.

5. Questionnaire Responses and List of Boundary Study Areas

Tom Davis presented the initial draft of White Paper No. 2, including a main document and three 11x17 tables as Appendices A, B, and C, that were emailed to Committee members earlier this evening and provided as hardcopies at the meeting. *Mr. Davis* summarized the public survey questionnaire responses and the list of Boundary Study Areas as provided in the initial draft of White Paper No. 2.

Mr. Davis explained that the Boundary Study Areas identified in the initial draft White Paper No. 2 arose from the survey questionnaire responses and other public comments. There are 38 Boundary Study Areas listed. Many community councils will find that some part of their district is included in at least one of the Boundary Study Areas. A Boundary Study Area does not necessarily mean any changes to a community council district will be recommended. A "Boundary Study Area" means that a community council boundary has been identified for further evaluation as part of this project, based on public comments. To consider the public comments, White Paper No. 2 will apply the *boundary review criteria* from White Paper No. 1 to assess each Boundary Study Area. After assessing a Boundary Study Area, the recommendation could be "no change." The Boundary Advisory Committee may find that it does not need to spend much time on some Boundary Study Areas.

Mr. Davis explained that the initial draft White Paper No. 2 will be revised and expanded to:

- Summarize how Planning staff solicited public comments to identify Boundary Study Areas.
- Document the email comments received in addition to the survey questionnaire responses.
- Provide information about each Boundary Study Area and the community councils affected.
- Summarize all questionnaire responses from members of the affected councils.
- Apply the boundary review criteria to assess the Boundary Study Area and identify options.

Chair Melinda Gant recommended also providing an easier way for people to be able to look up their community council in White Paper No. 2, so people can quickly find which Boundary Study Areas affect their own community council, and the public comments on which the study area is based. If the Committee recommends a boundary change, there should be an easy way for the public and the community councils to track if their community council districts are affected by a potential change in boundaries. *Al Milspaugh* agreed and suggested including a list of all the community councils that provides a cross-reference to any Boundary Study Areas and public comments about that council. If there are no comments affecting a council, it could indicate such. *Mr. Davis* agreed to provide that.

Stan Moll suggested the maps that will be used to illustrate proposed boundaries could also identify the affected community councils using map symbols. *Mr. Moll* suggested including citywide maps that show all the study areas, in addition to area-specific maps for individual study areas. *Mr. Davis agreed.*

6. Schedule and Next Steps

Mr. Davis indicated that the next Committee meeting is scheduled for March 13. *(Note: The meeting was later rescheduled to April 3.)*

Marc Butler commented that this 10-year review process is magnitudes larger and more procedural that the previous process 10 years ago. This time we have essentially requested comments from individuals, rather than just asking the community council boards. Some of the Boundary Study Areas

come from only one or a few individuals. It raises the question of whether such comments reflect the general will of the rest of the community council members, and whether the Boundary Study Area is valid just because one or a few individuals suggested it? There must be some logic in the comments. *Mr. Butler* is aware only 3 or 4 community council district boundary areas that are absolutely a hot issue, according to the boundary review criteria in White Paper No. 1, that we should be talking about extensively in this process. In other cases, the issue is more of a question, and he would need to study a map before responding. If we are going to take the comments of only a few people proposing to make changes, the community council broader membership may respond by expressing they like their boundaries just as they are. The Boundary Advisory Committee should hear from the community councils in evaluating the merits of proposed changes. Getting comments from individuals to identify Boundary Study Areas as has been done is great, but now we should hear from the community councils and get their input.

Stan Moll responded that he has visited 4 different community council meetings in the past two months and reported that those community councils are aware of this process. He believes they are waiting for a signal that "now" is the time to discuss it. Based on the Committee's discussion this evening about the process it seems to him like the community councils will have until September or October to weigh in, and that this process is on the right track.

Chair Gant added that it is important for this public process to value and consider each comment from the public who responded to the questionnaire, that staff should put the analysis together, and in the public process the community councils will have the opportunity to prepare their resolutions and weight in. The public process as it is laid out will bring out their positions. *Al Milspaugh* commented that sometimes it is a conundrum when only a few people express their views for the community, but the broader community does not get involved or comment.

Darrell Hess agreed it is important to value and consider each public comment, as community councils are about maximum participation. However, it also happens that there may be just one or two people that have an issue with a boundary in a community council district of 10,000 people. It is great to have the community evaluate their comment. But this process needs the community councils to weigh in before the recommendations are submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) or Assembly. It is important to know what the position of the community council is before this moves to PZC. It will otherwise be difficult to convince the Assembly to approve a boundary change that is opposed by the community council that currently represents the area proposed for change.

7. Public Comments

Lyn Franks expressed that the meeting has been very informative, because it gives her a sense of how the process will work and what the expectations are going forward, for preparing a resolution with the members of Northeast Community Council. She is looking forward to working with everyone.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Municipality of Anchorage
10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries Project
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MINUTES

Monday, April 3, 2023
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting #2
Hybrid Meeting Held In-person and Virtually in Microsoft Teams

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call

A quorum was present.

Present: Matt Burkholder
Mark Butler
Care Clift*
Melinda Gant, *Chair*
Darrel Hess
Karl von Luhrte
Al Milspaugh
Stan Moll
Michael Packard*
Carolyn Ramsey*
Emily Weiser
Charlie Welch

Excused: Carmela Warfield

Absent: none

Staff: Tom Davis, Senior Planner, Planning Department
Kristine Bunnell, Long-Range Planning Manager Planning Department*

B. Review of Agenda

The agenda was approved without changes.

C. Approval of February 27, 2023 Minutes

The February 27 minutes were approved without changes.

3. Briefing and Review of Information Materials

A. Project Update

Tom Davis gave an update regarding the outreach to the Federation Board of Delegates and to individual community councils.

B. Project Update

Tom Davis summarized the March 31 revised draft White Paper No., 2, as provided in the meeting packet. White Paper No. 2 contains the analysis of the nearly 40 study areas. There is a table of contents inside the front cover which provides the page numbers of each study area. There is also an index to community councils, on page 8, the provides a list of boundary study areas for each community council in the Municipality. Some community councils have no boundary study area, others are potentially affected by as many as six study areas.

Mr. Davis described the format of each boundary study area, and the accompanying map set referenced by the study areas. Most study areas do not show a staff recommendation yet. Mr. Davis also introduced an online community councils web map app that he shared onscreen during the meeting.

Responding to questions, *Mr. Davis* explained that the draft White Paper No. 2 and accompanying map set provide content for the boundary study areas to be covered on the agenda this evening. Future drafts will provide more complete information. If the Committee finds it needs more information about a study area on tonight's agenda, the Committee may request the information and table such study area for this evening.

3. Boundary Study Areas Recommended for Immediate Action: #1, #20, #26, #29, #30, and #39 *(Proposed Recommendation: "No change. Retain Existing Boundaries.")*

Chair Melinda Gant requested *Mr. Davis* to introduce each of the boundary study areas for discussion and point the participants to the page number in White Paper No. 2, and asked him to walk the Committee through the individual boundary review criteria in the first several study areas.

Boundary Study Area #1: Chugiak Community Council

Committee members discussed that the Chugiak Community Council may look large extending north to south on Maps #1 and #2, but its area has low density and a relatively small population for its size. *Karl von Luhrte* reported that longtime community council members in Chugiak he has spoken with indicate there would not be support for splitting Chugiak Community Council.

Karl von Luhrte moved to keep Chugiak Community Council's existing boundaries in agreement with the staff recommendation of "no change" (Option A) for Boundary Study Area #1. *Mark Butler* seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Boundary Study Area #20: Fairview East and West of Gambell-Ingra Corridor

The Committee reviewed the proposal to divide Fairview east and west in Boundary Study Area #20, and staff's recommendation. *Darrel Hess* commented that Fairview community council is a very active community council and a cohesive neighborhood despite the Gambell-Ingra corridor.

Care Clift moved to keep Fairview Community Council's existing boundaries in agreement with the staff recommendation of "no change" (Option A) for Boundary Study Area #20. *Karl von Luhrte* seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Boundary Study Area #26: North Star Community Council District

The Committee reviewed the proposal to merge North Star Community Council with adjoining community council districts in Boundary Study Area #26, and staff's recommendation. *Tom Davis* summarized the analysis using the boundary review criteria and reported that North Star has adopted a resolution requesting it retain its existing boundaries. *Al Milspaugh* commented that there is no basis for determining North Star is too small. *Mark Butler* explained that there is no logical partner to merge with in any of the neighboring community councils; it does not fit with the other community councils. *Mr. Butler* also expressed that North Star is an active, functional community council that has been getting work done for its area.

Karl von Luhrte moved to retain North Star Community Council district in agreement with the staff recommendation of "no change" (Option A) for Boundary Study Area #26. *Al Milspaugh* seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Boundary Study Area #29: Spenard Community Council District

The Committee reviewed the proposal to realign Spenard Community Council to follow legislative district boundaries. *Tom Davis* explained that Assembly district boundaries do not align with natural communities. *Mark Butler* added that legislative districts change over time, but the neighborhoods remain the same. *Chair Melinda Gant* referred to the Committee's previous discussion about avoiding the use of legislative boundaries to define community council districts.

Emily Weiser moved to retain Spenard Community Council boundaries in agreement with the staff recommendation of "no change" (Option A) for Boundary Study Area #29. *Charlie Welch* seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Boundary Study Area #30: Turnagain Council District

The Committee reviewed the proposal to merge Turnagain and Spenard Community Councils. *Tom Davis* walked through the evaluation of this proposal by the boundary study area.

Stan Moll asked if the Anchorage International Airport, the biggest industrial business member of these community councils, has been engaged in these community councils and should be consulted. *Tom Davis* and *Mark Butler* responded that the Airport representatives regularly visit Turnagain, Spenard, and Sand Lake Community Councils, and all three community councils find themselves affected by the Airport and communicate regularly with the Airport. *Karl von Luhrte* would be concerned if there Turnagain Community Council were not an active community council to advocate for its residents, but that does not seem to be a problem. *Mark Butler* explained that Turnagain provides the Airport with opportunities to speak and vote as a member of the Community Council, although the Airport does not choose to vote.

Charlie Welch moved to retain Turnagain Community Council district with its existing boundaries in agreement with the staff recommendation of "no change" (Option A) for Boundary Study Area #30. *Michael Packard* seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Boundary Study Area #39: Undetermined Boundary Study Areas

Tom Davis explained that this study area comprises miscellaneous questionnaire responses received that expressed dissatisfaction with their district boundaries but did not provide enough information for staff to determine what or where the concern is to identify a specific boundary study area. These comments are documented in Appendix A and staff recommends setting them aside.

Karl von Luhrte moved to recommend that no changes be made, in agreement with the staff recommendation (Option A) for Boundary Study Area #39. *Charlie Welch* seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Boundary Study Areas for Evaluation and Recommendation

Tom Davis explained that there is enough information for the Boundary Study Areas in this next group to identify a preferred option for each, and so brings them to the Committee for a recommendation.

Boundary Study Area #3: North of Eagle River Loop Road to Eagle River

The Committee reviewed the proposal to transfer the area northwest of Eagle River Loop Road from South Fork Community Council. *Karl von Luhrte* reported that South Fork Community Council is preparing to vote on a resolution stating that there is no desire based on any input that has been brought to the Community Council or its board for this proposed change. *Mr. von Luhrte* explained that although the study area in question does have different, more urban characteristics from the Hiland Road neighborhood, parts of the lower Hiland Road neighborhood has similar housing densities as the area northwest of Eagle River Loop Road.

Mark Butler observed that South Fork is an active community council. *Darrel Hess* commented that Eagle River (the waterbody) is a strong existing boundary. *Mr. von Luhrte* in response to a question reported that Eagle River Community Council has never approached South Fork about this area. *Mr. von Luhrte* pointed out that most of the questionnaire responses from South Fork members supported the existing boundaries. *Chair Melinda Gant* commented there were only 2 questionnaire responses that proposed this change.

Mark Butler moved to retain South Fork Community Council existing boundaries in agreement with the staff preferred alternative of "no change" (Option A) for Boundary Study Area #3. *Michael Packard* seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Boundary Study Area #14: West of Reeve Boulevard

Tom Davis walked through the evaluation of this proposal and the geography of this part of Ship Creek basin relative to the adjoining community councils and reported that the area in question is somewhat peripheral to all the adjoining councils, but it is somewhat closer to the core of Mountain View than to the core of Downtown, Government Hill, or even Fairview. There are no available strong, identifiable boundaries within this study area that would facilitate dividing it up. *Mark Butler* observed that Mountain View is a functional community council and that the study area is not harmed being within Mountain View. Business owners and land owners in that area have made successful petitions and proposals getting Mountain View's support. The Committee discussed the major land users in the area.

Michael Packard asked if there was consideration for creating an industrial community council for all the Ship Creek basin industrial area. *Mark Butler* responded that he has not seen industrial businesses interested in maintaining a business-focused community council. They just want to be able to have a community council to go to when they have an issue. Midtown is the only example of business interests starting a community council. *Darrel Hess* concurred that he has not seen industrial businesses interested in creating a community council.

Mark Butler moved to retain existing boundaries in the west end of Mountain View, in agreement with the staff preferred alternative of "no change" (Option A) for Boundary Study Area #21. *Al Milspaugh* seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Boundary Study Area #21: Sitka Street Park

Mark Butler explained this is study area is a clear zone for Merrill Field. He said he is not aware of any issue in this area that was discussed at a community council. Darrel Hess reported that, 20 years ago there was a lot of discussion on this boundary issue, and Fairview supported Sitka Street staying a part of Airport Heights. *Emily Weiser* commented that most of the access to the park is off Sitka Street (a local street) from Eastridge Subdivision in Airport Heights. *Carolyn Ramsey* explained that Airport Heights has done a lot of work with the improvements to Sitka Street Park.

Mark Butler moved to retain existing boundaries with Sitka Street Park within Airport Heights in agreement with the staff recommendation of "no change" (Option A) for Boundary Study Area #21. *Michael Packard* seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Boundary Study Area #27: Romig Park near Hillcrest Drive

Tom Davis walked through the evaluation of this boundary study area in the draft White Paper. *Mark Butler* explained that North Star has active members from the Romig Park area, and North Star has voted unanimously in favor of keeping Romig Park area in North Star.

Karl von Luhrte moved to retain the existing boundaries between North Star and Spenard in agreement with the staff recommendation of "no change" (Option A) for Boundary Study Area #27. *Al Milspaugh* seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Boundary Study Area #28: Midtown Community Council District

Tom Davis walked through the comments that recommend merging Midtown Community Council with one or more of the adjacent community councils (Spenard and/or North Star). The concerns behind the comments was that Midtown was not providing representation to its residents, because of its noon hour meeting time. *Mr. Davis* in responding to a question confirmed that providing representation is one of the boundary review criteria.

Darrel Hess explained that community council membership (not the Municipality) determines when a council meets. *Emily Weiser* responded that if a meeting is at noon and residents cannot attend at that time then the residents cannot vote to change the meeting time; if they are not being represented now then they aren't being represented in choosing the meeting time.

Mark Butler gave a brief history of Midtown and its community council. At some point 5 to 7 years ago Midtown was minimally functional and approached North Star about joining their meetings. However, then Midtown got new officers and it is functional now. *Chair Melinda Gant* concurred that she has been attending Midtown meetings and the community council is very functional, and that the Midtown executive board does not support merging or changing its boundaries. She commented that the Midtown area east of Arctic is very distinct from Spenard. *Mark Butler* explained that historically Midtown was undeveloped, but the area has grown up to be an economic center; going back to the old, historical boundaries does not seem helpful.

Chair Melinda Gant reported that Midtown community council has relatively few active or attending members who are residents of Midtown. 3 residents regularly attend. Most of the active members are the business community. Typically 10 to 15 members attend meetings, not including guests, and the agendas are busy.

Emily Weiser observed that it seems like a functional community council for businesses, but not representing residents, which is a concern. 3 questionnaire responses from its residents expressing concern is a relatively high number for its population size. *Darrel Hess* responded that 3 to 5 comments is not really a lot, and questioned how many residents would attend the meetings held in the evenings. *Care Clift* suggested to give the Midtown Community Council the opportunity to respond and indicate what the council doing to encourage residents to attend. *Chair Melinda Gant* added that staff should provide the Committee with a summary of the questionnaire responses from Midtown and Spenard, not just the responses that called for changes.

The Committee determined to continue the Midtown discussion to next meeting.

Care Clift moved to table the discussion of Boundary Study Area #28 regarding Midtown until next meeting. *Michael Packard* seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a vote of 11 in favor and 1 opposed.

5. Schedule and Next Steps

Tom Davis and the Committee discussed scheduling the next meeting for April 24.

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Municipality of Anchorage
10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries Project
Boundary Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Monday, April 24, 2023
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting #3
Hybrid Meeting Held In-person and Virtually in Microsoft Teams

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call

A quorum was present.

Present: Matt Burkholder
Care Clift
Melinda Gant, *Chair*
Darrel Hess
Karl von Luhrte
Al Milspaugh
Stan Moll
Michael Packard
Carolyn Ramsey
Emily Weiser
Carmela Warfield
Charlie Welch

Excused: Mark Butler

Staff: Tom Davis, Senior Planner, Planning Department
Kristine Bunnell, Long-Range Planning Manager, Planning Department

Guests: Lyn Franks, Treasurer, Northeast Community Council
Lynn Lovegreen
Felix Rivera, Anchorage Assembly
Mike Edgington, Girdwood Board of Supervisors
Kalie Harrison, Girdwood resident
Peggy Auth, Spenard Community Council
Bob Auth, Spenard resident
Ryan Quigley, Spenard resident
Tierra, Spenard resident

Kris Stoehner, Midtown Community Council
Kristen Newby, South Addition resident
Rosemary Karish, South Addition resident
Ted Gardeline, South Addition resident
Kathleen Plunkett, Russian Jack Community Council

B. Review of Agenda

The agenda was approved without changes.

C. Approval of April 3, 2023 Minutes

Al Milspaugh moved to approve the April 3, 2023 minutes. *Charlie Welch* seconded. A spelling error in Emily Weiser's name was found.

The draft minutes from the April 3, 2023 Boundary Advisory Committee meeting were approved unanimously with the spelling correction above.

2. Brief Project Update and Review of Revised White Paper #2 Materials

Tom Davis provided an update regarding the public process including outreach to the Federation of Community Councils and the presidents and officers of individual community councils. *Mr. Davis* has been contacting and hearing from the boards of individual community councils.

Mr. Davis gave an overview of the revised draft version of White Paper #2 and maps that the Committee received in advance of the meeting.

3. Boundary Study Areas for Evaluation and Recommendation

A. Boundary Study Area #28 in Midtown

Chair Melinda Gant explained that discussion on this item was continued from the April 3 meeting. *Tom Davis* recapped the draft analysis and recommendation to retain Midtown Community Council district with its existing boundaries as presented in White Paper #2.

Chair Gant invited guests to comment on the item. *Bob Auth*, longtime active member of Spenard Community Council, stated that historically Spenard included Midtown and was very active in representing Midtown, addressing issues in Midtown such as the creation of the Midtown trail, Midtown Cuddy Park, and reviewing liquor licenses. Midtown Community Council was created to give businesses a voice. Businesses predominate on the board. There have not been residents in a leadership role.

Peggy Auth, representing Spenard Community Council, stated that in 2016 Midtown Community Council was considering dissolving and merging with the neighboring councils because of low participation. The Midtown chair at the time stated they did not have residents attending. There are still few if any residents attending even though Midtown has thousands of residents. Spenard is an active, welcoming community council and it has since discussed transferring the residential areas of

western Midtown to Spenard so that the residents of Midtown can participate. Residents are shut out because they cannot attend community council meetings that are scheduled in the middle of the business day.

Tierra, a resident of Windemere Subdivision in southern Spenard Community Council, stated that the president of Midtown Community Council has been more supportive of Windemere residents than Spenard has regarding their concerns about a proposal for a homeless shelter across Arctic Boulevard from Windemere. *Ryan Quigley*, another resident of Windemere, further explained that his neighborhood did not feel they were being represented or having their concerns heard about the Arctic Boulevard homeless shelter proposal until Midtown Community Council provided them opportunities. *Peggy Auth* responded that Spenard Community Council is setting aside time to take up the homeless issue.

Kris Stoehner, president of Midtown Community Council, stated that Midtown has been very active in representing both residents and businesses in response to issues such as proposed homeless shelters and liquor licenses. *Ms. Stoehner* has walked residential neighborhoods to reach out to residents. Midtown has shut down a liquor license and has put restrictions on others. She stated that the people who have made comments calling for Midtown to be merged or reduced in size have not talked to her or Midtown Community Council. Midtown has about the same meeting attendance on average as Spenard and is putting in many volunteer hours.

Darrel Hess stated that Midtown Community Council meets the municipal requirement to have open meetings and open membership. Community Councils are not a part of government and determine when and where they meet.

Emily Weiser moved to recommend Option C, to transfer the areas west of C Street from Midtown Community Council to Spenard Community Council. There was no second. ***The motion failed.***

Carmela Warfield moved to recommend Option A, to retain Midtown Community Council district with its existing boundaries. *Charlie Welch* seconded.

Ms. Warfield, speaking to her motion, expressed appreciation for the community council members who spoke regarding the Midtown study area item. *Ms. Warfield* found that Midtown Community Council has made progress in its outreach to businesses and to residents and has demonstrated that it is a functioning well as a community council. *Ms. Warfield* has attended a Midtown Community Council meeting as a guest, and found it was an open meeting, and attendees were a mix of Midtown residents and business owners.

Chair Gant stated that she regularly attends Midtown meetings and has found that Midtown has made a lot of effort to reach out to and support neighborhood residents. *Chair Gant* noted the number of survey questionnaire response comments from North Star and Spenard calling for no changes versus those proposing boundary changes and found that most respondents from Spenard wanted to retain existing boundaries. The boundary review criteria do not support a boundary change.

Karl von Luhrte stated that Midtown has experienced ups and downs in its activity level over the past 10 years. It is beneficial to have consistency in staying active. If Midtown experiences another period of inactivity over the coming 10 years, this issue should be revisited in the next 10-year review of community council boundaries.

The motion to recommend Option A passed with 10 votes in favor and 1 opposed.

B. Boundary Study Area #2 in Eagle River Valley

Tom Davis introduced boundary study area #2: Eagle River and Eagle River Valley and summarized the analysis and options as provided in White Paper #2. In response to a question from a committee member, *Mr. Davis* stated he had not received feedback from the two community councils or their executive committees about this study area, although he contacted and had a phone conversation with the president of Eagle River Valley.

Karl von Luhrte moved to recommend Option A, no change; retain existing boundaries. *Matt Burkholder* seconded.

Mr. von Luhrte, speaking to his motion, stated that there has not been input by either of the two community councils supporting a definitive change. Also, in response to Option B proposed by staff, the Gruening Middle School and Lions Park area is a part of both community councils, and the road access to Gruening does not seem a substantial enough reason to transfer the school area to Eagle River Community Council. *Chair Melinda Gant* agreed that transferring a middle school from one community council to another would be a substantial boundary change without input from the affected community councils. There were no survey questionnaire comments suggesting making that specific change.

The motion to recommend Option A passed unanimously.

C. Boundary Study Areas #4 and #5 in Girdwood and Turnagain Arm

Tom Davis introduced boundary study area #4: Girdwood and summarized the analysis and options for this boundary study area as provided in White Paper #2 and Map #10.

Michael Packard stated that Option C, to expand the boundaries of the GBOS to annex Upper Crow Creek, does not solve the problem with having a government entity like GBOS operate a community council which is not supposed to be a part of government. *Darrel Hess* responded that the Assembly designated the GBOS as community council ex officio more than 20 years ago. However, ex officio is not defined in code, and his concern is that GBOS is an elected government body. This is also a representation issue for the residents of Upper Crow Creek outside of the GBOS service area boundary. Technically, they cannot vote at the community council meetings because they are outside the boundaries of GBOS. GBOS delegates its community council role to its Land Use Committee (LUC), which allows residents of Upper Crow Creek to participate and vote as members of the LUC, but from a legal perspective the GBOS should not be able delegate its role as community council granted by the Assembly.

Mike Edgington, speaking as a resident of the Girdwood, explained he is a board member of the GBOS but is not representing the GBOS or LUC this evening. *Mr. Edgington* stated that Upper Crow Creek Road is that only area in Girdwood Valley with residents outside the GBOS service area boundary. Recent GBOS elections indicate there are more than 800 voting members of GBOS. This is compared to approximately 47 property owners in Upper Crow Creek.

Care Clift moved to recommend Option C, recommending the adoption of an Assembly Resolution in support of a ballot measure that would propose to expand the boundaries of the GBOS to annex all areas within the boundaries of the Girdwood Community Council district except Chugach National Forest and Chugach State Park lands. *Matt Burkholder* seconded.

Mr. Edgington stated that although GBOS cannot delegate its role as community council ex officio to the LUC from a legal perspective, it does so in practice. The LUC operates the same way as a community council and has the same representation and membership as a community council would

have for voting purposes. One reason why residents of Girdwood strongly supported this model of organization in 2015 when they last voted on this issue, and are likely to indicate support for it again as the LUC and GBOS have each begun discussing this item for a vote, is that if Girdwood strictly followed the community council model where property owners and business owners have voting rights, there are far more non-resident business and property owners than residents in Girdwood. So, any vote of the community council could be a majority comprised of non-residents. That has been a delicate topic in Girdwood. The current organizational model works for Girdwood. *Mr. Edgington* had no objection to Option C, to expand the boundaries of GBOS, however he raised several points about Option C:

- Annexation to GBOS would increase taxes on Upper Crow Creek properties.
- Annexation would require a positive vote from both the existing GBOS area and the area to be annexed.
- If there is a "no" vote, then the annexation would fail. Then what would happen in that case?

Darrel Hess asked if the LUC allows absentee property owners and business owners to have voting rights. *Mr. Edgington* responded that it does, its membership rules are no different from community councils in Anchorage. However, the GBOS membership is residents only. The GBOS and LUC have a process in which if there is a difference of opinion between the GBOS and LUC on a land use matter, then both the resolutions from GBOS and LUC are forwarded to the decision-making body (PZC; Assembly). The opinion of the LUC is never suppressed but it is not the only opinion forwarded if the GBOS body elected by residents disagrees.

Care Clift asked *Mr. Edgington* his personal preference for which Option shown in White Paper #2 is best. Mr. Edgington responded that his own first choice is Option A, the simplest. He has no objection to Option C. He also sees potential for Option D because of common interests between Upper Crow Creek and other Turnagain Arm communities, but Option D should be up to the residents of Upper Crow Creek. Upper Crow Creek, Bird, and Indian are all suffering side effects from the housing problems in Girdwood. *Mr. Edgington* stated that he disagrees with Option B, and Option E does not seem sustainable.

Michael Packard stated that Option C would probably not be acceptable to property owners in Upper Crow Creek because it would result in higher taxes with little improvement in public services. GBOS members tax themselves for road services. Committee members asked questions about and discussed existing and potential service areas in Upper Crow Creek. Upper Crow Creek is a part of the Turnagain Arm police service area, which is different from the Girdwood police service area. Upper Crow Creek receives APD service in emergencies only. Girdwood receives regular police patrols under its contract with the Whittier police department. Upper Crow Creek is outside of any fire or parks service area. It does not have a road service area, but instead has a volunteer group that contributes to winter maintenance of Crow Creek Road. *Mr. Packard* concluded that he reviews police calls for the Turnagain Arm police service area and there have been no calls for police services from the Upper Crow Creek area.

Chair Melinda Gant called for a motion to extend the meeting. *Karl von Luhrte* moved to extend the meeting to 8:30 p.m. *Michael Packard* seconded. ***The motion to extend the meeting passed unanimously.***

Carmela Warfield asked what the expense would be of holding a ballot measure regarding expanding the GBOS service area according to Option C. *Darrel Hess* responded that a special election would be unlikely so it would likely be on the 2024 ballot. *Emily Weiser* asked if there would be future

opportunities for the community to bring forward proposed changes if Option A were approved as part of the current boundary review process. *Mr. Davis* responded affirmatively.

Kalie Harrison, a resident of Girdwood, expressed that Option A is most appealing to her. The Upper Crow Creek residents also have options for representation but should be involved in changes to how they are represented. The current LUC process is one person one vote, and there are often resolutions passed, which get forwarded to GBOS. Most often GBOS agrees with the LUC. Taking Girdwood back to the community council model would be going backwards. The current structure of the GBOS working with the LUC provides extra value. Residents can elect their GBOS representatives, whereas community councils are group projects determined by whoever attends a particular meeting.

Chair Gant then asked for a vote on the motion to recommend Option C for boundary study area #4. ***The motion to recommend Option C failed, with one vote in favor and 10 opposed.***

Matt Burkholder moved to recommend Option A, no change, to retain the existing boundaries and organizational structure. *Carmela Warfield* seconded.

Michael Packard stated that the current structure has been somewhat of a mess for 20 years, and this 10-year review process seems like an appropriate time to resolve the problem. *Chair Gant* stated that future housing development in the Crow Creek area may affect this conversation in the future, however as of today there have been no major developments or changes in the conversation on this issue in the past 20 years, leading her to support Option A for now. *Carmela Warfield* stated that the Committee has heard from a member of the Girdwood community who said that they have a great functioning system in place, and a member of GBOS who has shared what their processes are.

The motion to recommend Option A passed, with 10 votes in favor and 1 opposed.

Committee discussion on agenda items 3c (Portage Valley Community Council), 3d, 3e, and 3f was postponed to the subsequent meeting.

4. Schedule and Next Steps

The Committee discussed scheduling its next meeting for Monday, May 1, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

5. Public Comments *(none)*

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Municipality of Anchorage
10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries Project
Boundary Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Monday, May 1, 2023
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting #4
Hybrid Meeting Held In-person and Virtually in Microsoft Teams

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

A. Roll Call

A quorum was present.

Present: Matt Burkholder
Care Clift
Melinda Gant, *Chair*
Darrel Hess
Al Milspaugh
Stan Moll
Michael Packard
Emily Weiser
Charlie Welch

Excused: Mark Butler
Karl von Luhrte
Carolyn Ramsey
Carmela Warfield

Staff: Tom Davis, Senior Planner, Planning Department

Guests: Joan Henry, Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council
John Henry, Old Seward/Oceanview resident
Janet Walton, Fairview resident
Rosemary Karish, South Addition resident
Kristen Newby, South Addition resident
Ted Gardeline, South Addition resident
Kathleen Plunkett, Russian Jack Community Council

B. Review of Agenda

The agenda was approved without changes.

C. April 24, 2023 Minutes

The draft minutes from April were not yet available.

2. Boundary Study Areas with 1 public comment each, for immediate approval as a group, of the recommendation for "Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries."

Chair Melinda Gant asked if Committee members wanted to pull any of Boundary Study Areas #7, #9, #19, #11, #17, #18, #36, and #38 for discussion before voting. Committee members pulled Study Areas #7, #9, and #19 for discussion.

Charlie Welch moved to recommend "Option A: No Change" for the Boundary Study Areas not pulled for discussion, including Study Areas #11, #17, #18, #36, and #38. *Michael Packard* seconded.

The motion to recommend "Option A: No Change for Study Areas #11, #17, #18, #36, and #38 was approved unanimously.

The Committee discussed Boundary Study Areas #7 and #9. *Care Clift* explained that the Scenic Foothills Community Council board unanimously agreed to annex Study Area #7 plus all the area southeast of Chester Creek and Chanshtnu Muldoon Park. *Ms. Clift* discussed the land uses in the area and the rationale for this proposal. *Darrel Hess* suggested postponing a decision until the next meeting to give time for Northeast Community Council to respond, and *Ms. Clift* agreed. *Emily Weiser*, in reviewing Ms. Clift's proposal, suggested consideration for Patterson Street and DeBarr Road as an alternative boundary to Chester Creek, as that would be simpler and easier to follow. The Committee members and staff discussed the elementary school attendance area boundaries.

Tom Davis explained that the new proposal by Scenic Foothills Community Council to expand Study Area #7 also falls within Boundary Study Area #6 regarding Northeast Community Council, and said he would bring #6, #7, and #9 as a coordinated group back to the Committee at the next meeting.

Charlie Welch moved to table further deliberations on Boundary Study Areas #7 and #9 until the next Committee meeting, after getting input from Northeast Community Council. *Michael Packard* seconded.

The motion to postpone deliberations on Boundary Study Areas #7 and #9 until the next meeting passed unanimously.

The Committee discussed Boundary Study Area #19. *Stan Moll* moved to recommend Option A, to retain existing boundaries. *Al Milspaugh* seconded the motion.

Charlie Welch and *Darrel Hess* spoke in favor of the motion. *Mr. Welch* reported that Fairview's leadership expressed opposition to transferring areas north of 5th Avenue from Fairview, and that Mountain View's leadership is deferring to Fairview's position. *Mr. Hess* explained that Fairview's neighborhoods are closest to the study area. Fairview has been very active for the past 30 years with the social service providers in its area north of 5th Avenue.

Janel Walton, a resident of Fairview who attends its Community Council meetings, commented that she was not sure she agreed with opposition to the proposed boundary change, and that she had not heard of the issue being brought up at Fairview's general membership meetings. *Ms. Walton* commented that although the area north of 5th Avenue to Ship Creek has historically been a part of Fairview for a long time, 5th Avenue is a natural boundary. She believed most people would not think of that area as being a part of Fairview, but rather assume that area is a part of Downtown or Mountain View.

Chair Gant commented that the current northern boundary of Fairview does seem unusual, and that some people do not see the area near Third Avenue as a part of Fairview. There are more development projects taking place in eastern Downtown. There is a group called the Third Avenue Radicals in that area, and they see themselves as in between Downtown and Fairview, i.e., as a part of both. However, Fairview's board opposes a boundary change.

Stan Moll commented that the alignment of the Highway-to-Highway project through Fairview is still not settled, and suggested to leave the boundaries as they are until the community knows more about where that alignment will be.

The motion to approve Option A, to retain existing boundaries in Boundary Study Area #19, passed unanimously.

3. Boundary Study Areas from April 20, 2023 Revised Draft White Paper No. 2, for Discussion and Recommendation

A. Boundary Study Area #5 in Turnagain Arm

Chair Melinda Gant introduced Boundary Study Area #5 regarding Portage Valley Community Council.

Michael Packard moved to recommend Option C, to merge the Portage Valley into the Turnagain Arm Community Council. *Stan Moll* seconded the motion.

Darrel Hess explained the municipal code establishes that, to be recognized and maintain recognition, a community council must submit bylaws for acceptance by the Assembly. That code requirement was established in 2014, and Portage Valley has not submitted bylaws and it has not reported a meeting quorum since then.

Michael Packard explained there are very few residents in Portage Valley, which makes quorum more difficult to meet. Portage Valley is a long drive from Bird Creek, however now they can attend Turnagain Arm Community Council meetings remotely. Being a part of an active community council would give them the opportunity to provide organized comment and get representation on issues in the Portage Valley area, such as the Alaska Railroad, road projects, or Forest Service issues. Portage Valley and Girdwood have different issues and concerns, so Girdwood and Portage do not seem like a logical combination—Turnagain Arm has more in common with Portage Valley, such as the Seward Highway traffic. *Emily Weiser* noted that Girdwood GBOS would not seem to be a logical representative for Portage Valley. The Committee discussed the geographic separateness of Portage Valley from the other Turnagain Arm Communities of Bird, Indian Valley, and Rainbow due to distance and Girdwood being in between.

The motion to approve Option C passed unanimously.

B. Boundary Study Area #6 in Northeast

Emily Weiser moved to table discussion of Boundary Study Area #6 until the next meeting. *Michael Packard* seconded the motion.

Chair Gant agreed it made sense to hold until there is further information. *Kathleen Plunkett*, a guest representing Russian Jack Park Community Council, agreed it made sense for the Committee to wait, as it would give Russian Jack an opportunity to meet first and provide its input to the Committee. *Ms. Plunkett* said she personally supports retaining Russian Jack Park's existing boundaries with Northeast but would prefer to hear first from Northeast and her community council members before the Committee decides.

The motion to postpone further discussion on Boundary Study Area #6 passed unanimously.

C. Boundary Study Area #16 in Rogers Park

Emily Weiser moved to recommend Option B, to transfer Anchor Park Subdivision from Rogers Park to Airport Heights. *Charlie Welch* seconded.

Emily Weiser explained that the Airport Heights executive board does not have a strong position but does see a case for transferring. Anchor Park is a little pocket neighborhood NE of Northern Lights and Lake Otis. It feels a little disconnected from Rogers Park because of Lake Otis Parkway, and feels a little disconnected from Airport Heights by the Chester Creek greenbelt as there is no direct trail connection across. It is like an island separated from everybody else. But Anchor Park was built as a part of Airport Heights, at the same time. It has the same look and feel to it. There is a sidewalk connection along Lake Otis Parkway.

Chair Gant commented that Rogers Park feels like an island unto itself, so it seems strange that it extends further eastward beyond what seems to be its natural boundary of Lake Otis, and asked if anyone knew the history of why it does so.

Darrel Hess commented that Lake Otis is a busy street that separates Rogers Park and Anchor Park. Even though there is a creek separating Airport Heights and Anchor Park, it is a lot easier to get past that than the arterial roadway. *Chair Gant* agreed that Lake Otis provides a much stronger definition for the neighborhood boundaries. *Care Clift* added that all 3 other corners around the Lake Otis / Northern Lights intersection are commercial, which further divides Anchor Park from the residential neighborhoods to the west and south.

The motion to recommend Option B, to transfer Anchor Park to Airport Heights, passed unanimously.

D. Boundary Study Areas #22, #23, #24, and #25 in Downtown, Fairview, and South Addition

Boundary Study Area #22 was discussed, as follows.

Tom Davis explained the geography and comments behind Boundary Sudy Area #22, which basically includes two separate areas. It includes the areas north of 15th Avenue between Ingra and I Streets, and the areas north of 9th Avenue east of Cordova Street, so it is a bit disjointed. *Mr. Davis* explained that it is essentially what should have been two study areas that got bunched together into one. Basically, the first commenter proposed transferring a lot of the neighborhoods south of 9th Avenue to 15th Avenue from South Addition and Fairview into Downtown—that Downtown should grow to

include most of South Addition and western Fairview. A completely different commenter, from Fairview Community Council's board, proposed transferring the areas of Downtown east of Cordova Street that 20 years ago were once a part of Fairview Community Council back to Fairview.

Michael Packard moved to recommend Option A, retain existing boundaries. *Charlie Welch* seconded.

Darrel Hess responded to a question regarding the history of why areas east of Cordova Street were transferred to Downtown 20 years ago. He recalled that there were a couple of business owners that pushed for that boundary change so that they could be in Downtown. *Mr. Hess* did not support revisiting the boundary decision of 20 years ago. He said that the Third Avenue Radicals group that is active in that area consider themselves a part of Downtown not Fairview.

There was further discussion about the rationale behind the comments. *Mr. Hess* noted that there are very few residents in the area east of Cordova Street in Downtown. *Kristine Bunnell* commented that some of the properties east of Cordova Street are in the Downtown District Plan area and are within the Downtown zoning districts. *Janel Walton*, resident of Fairview, did not support changing the boundary and suggested that the same criteria should be applied here as in Boundary Study Area #19.

The motion to approve Option A passed, with 7 votes in favor and 1 opposed.

Boundary Study Area #23, the area west of Cordova Street between 9th and 15th Avenues, was discussed as follows.

Charlie Welch moved to recommend Option A, retain existing boundaries. *Emily Weiser* seconded.

Darrel Hess explained that the area west of Cordova Street including the A and C Street Corridor was historically part of Fairview, and 20 years ago 115 residents in that area signed a petition that they wanted to become a part of South Addition and the Assembly approved the boundary change. It is important to hear what South Addition thinks of this, as some of those residents who signed that petition still live there.

Chair Gant opened the discussion to meeting guests. Several attending South Addition residents commented in favor of retaining the existing boundaries. *Ted Gardeline*, South Addition resident, expressed that the current alignment of the homes west of Cordova Street with similar neighborhoods in South Addition seems consistent with the "natural communities" boundary review criteria. He said that Cordova Street, like A and C Streets, is a higher traffic street and provides a natural boundary. The more than 100 residents signing the petition 20 years ago, and the position of the South Addition executive board that the area still belongs in South Addition, follow the "community desires" criteria. As a resident of the area, he does feel that the area is somewhat like an island "in between" the two community councils.

Kristen Newby, South Addition resident in the study area, stated that her neighborhood (Pilots Row/Block 13) is a designated historic area and is naturally a part of South Addition. *Rosemary Karish*, a resident in the same area, stated that she feels a part of South Addition and explained that she talked with 13 households in that area who endorse remaining in South Addition.

Darrel Hess explained that the reason that the boundary deviates from Cordova Street a half block north of 15th Avenue to include Central Lutheran Church in Fairview is because when the current boundary was being decided 20 years ago this church was adamant that it wished to remain a part of Fairview. *Mr. Hess* did not see merit in re-hashing this boundary issued decided 20 years ago. He stated that although A Street may be a stronger natural boundary than Cordova Street, community

desires are also an important factor: more than 100 people signed a petition; and the church expressed its desire.

Tom Davis drew attention to the large undeveloped parcel on the south side of 13th Avenue, abutting the north property line of the Central Lutheran Church. He reported that in his correspondences, board members of both South Addition and Fairview thought it would be appropriate to consider "Option B" to transfer this property to Fairview while keeping the residentially occupied neighborhood north of 13th Avenue between A Street and Cordova Street in South Addition.

Darrel Hess responded, explaining that 20 years ago when Fairview and South Addition negotiated this boundary, 13th Avenue was set to become the boundary, and the large undeveloped parcel was to stay in Fairview. Then, a week before the Assembly was to vote on it, two of the petitioners from the South Addition neighborhood advocated to the Downtown Assembly Member to include the large undeveloped parcel on the south side of 13th Avenue in the area to be transferred to South Addition. The two petitioners did not trust Fairview to ensure it would be developed properly. *Mr. Hess* said he was Fairview's president at the time, and Fairview's board decided that they were not going to fight over that vacant parcel.

Emily Weiser commented that she would not be comfortable transferring the vacant parcel back to Fairview ("Option B") without knowing what kind of development will eventually go on the vacant parcel. She supported Option A, no change.

Janel Walton, resident of Fairview, commented that most Fairview residents assume areas just west of Cordova are more naturally a part of Fairview than South Addition. The stronger natural boundary is at A Street, or even potentially C Street. The neighborhood between A and C Streets is cut off from the surrounding neighborhoods. She believed that most people assume that AWAIC, the women's shelter between A and C, is in Fairview not South Addition. The Denali Elementary School attendance area including western Fairview uses A Street as its western boundary. Making A Street the boundary seems natural and the current boundary seems like a bizarre jig-saw. *Ms. Walton* continued, that the strangest part of the current boundary was that it zig-zagged around certain property lines to not include the large undeveloped parcel south of 13th Avenue in Fairview. That empty lot attracts homeless camps and needs to get developed and be in a community council that will support it getting developed.

Tom Davis, responding to a question, explained that the current zoning is R-4, and the future land use designation for this site in the city's Comprehensive Plan supports rezoning to even higher density mixed-use, such as mid-rise apartments with a corner retail shop. He explained that one reason why both South Addition and Fairview board members told him they believe it is more appropriate to transfer that parcel to Fairview is that the anticipated type of housing development there would be more consistent with what Fairview proposes in its neighborhoods. Also, the board members believed that 13th Avenue would be a more appropriate boundary than continuing to use a rear property line.

The motion to recommend Option A passed, with 6 votes in favor and 2 opposed.

Boundary Study Area #24, the A and C Street corridor south of 15th Avenue, was discussed as follows.

Emily Weiser moved to recommend Option B, to transfer the area between A and C Street south of 15th Avenue from Fairview to South Addition. *Care Clift* seconded.

Emily Weiser noted that White Paper #2 documents that both community council boards supported this transfer and that issues in this area affect South Addition. She believed that, in looking at the map, the area is more isolated from the Fairview neighborhood by the Mulcahy sports park and geographically it seems to fit better with South Addition.

Chair Melinda Gant opened the discussion to meeting guests from the two neighborhoods. *Rosemary Karish*, a resident of South Addition, said that the area contains few residential dwellings and is mostly commercial office buildings and the Salvation Army facility. She did not think a commercial office area aligns with South Addition, which is made up of residential homes.

Darrel Hess thought that the reason Fairview board members were willing to transfer the area out of Fairview may be that it has few residents and the businesses and non-profits there do not interact with the Fairview Community Council. Perhaps both boards think that A Street is a more natural boundary. *Tom Davis* responded that a South Addition board member also expressed that South Addition is impacted by what goes on in this area and spillover activity from Mulcahy Park area, and would benefit from having its district boundary fronting A Street across from Mulcahy Park.

Stan Moll suggested transferring the area further east with apartments SE of 15th Avenue and A Street to South Addition. *Darrell Hess* explained that 20 years ago there was discussion about transferring the area between A Street and Cordova Street south of 15th Avenue from Fairview to South Addition but it was determined to not be a good idea, in part because it would split up that high-density neighborhood and the sports complex.

Chair Gant commented that A Street seems to be a strong, simple natural boundary. *Charlie Welch* responded that C Street is also a strong natural boundary—they seem to be equal barriers.

The motion to approve Option B, to transfer the area to South Addition, passed unanimously.

Boundary Study Area #25, northwest of 9th Avenue and L Street, was discussed. *Tom Davis* reported that the South Addition board proposed that the Municipality consider transferring Bootleggers Cove from South Addition to Downtown, for reasons documented in White Paper #2. *Chair Gant* and staff discussed if such a transfer would affect the recently adopted *Downtown District Plan* or the *South Addition Neighborhood Plan* currently under development.

Rosemary Karish, a resident of South Addition, expressed that Bootleggers Cove has been a part of South Addition for decades, and she found it surprising that it would be considered to become a part of Downtown. It is primarily residential, and South Addition historically has been active in representing this area. *Kristen Newby*, South Addition resident, takes walks in Bootleggers Cove and it has a residential feel rather than feeling like Downtown. *Ms. Newby* did not think residents had much knowledge of this boundary review process. *Ted Gardeline*, South Addition resident, commented that L Street is a demarcation line. East of L Street is definitely in Downtown. The area west of L Street has the Inlet views, the homes, a different community. It is next to Downtown but not a part of Downtown.

Chair Gant said that she was a former resident of Bootleggers Cove. Although she worked in Downtown and walked there nearly every day, she never felt that her neighborhood in Bootleggers Cove was a part of Downtown. The bluff slope creates a separation between Downtown and Bootleggers. *Al Milspaugh* and *Stan Moll* agreed that Bootleggers Cove feels different from Downtown and more a part of South Addition.

Chair Gant asked *Kristine Bunnell* if, during the *Downtown District Plan* process, there was discussion about Bootleggers Cove being a part of Downtown. *Ms. Bunnell* responded there was not.

Darrel Hess said that a lot of people he knows who live in South Addition consider Delaney Park and 9th Avenue as the natural northern boundary of South Addition. He believed that one advantage of transferring the area to Downtown is that Downtown struggles to engage residents because there are few residents in Downtown, and this transfer would transfer more than 700 new residents into Downtown. *Chair Gant* responded that it is not certain if the residents of Bootleggers Cove want to be a part of Downtown. And she has attended Downtown Community Council meetings regularly for 10 years and does not recall Downtown discussing Bootleggers Cove as part of South Addition. *Darrell Hess* responded that the public hearing process will give residents opportunity to weigh in. Staff suggested providing South Addition's board an opportunity to gather more comments from residents of Bootleggers Cove. Committee members also noted that Downtown has not weighed in.

Michael Packard moved to table further discussion on Boundary Study Area #25 until the Committee gets more information about what the residents in the area prefer. *Charlie Welch* seconded.

The motion to postpone passed, with 6 votes in favor and 2 opposed.

Stan Moll moved to extend the meeting to 8:15 p.m. *Al Milspaugh* seconded. ***The motion to extend the meeting passed unanimously.***

4. Boundary Study Areas from April 28 Memorandum, for Discussion and Recommendation

A. Boundary Study Area #35 in Bayshore/Klatt

Emily Weiser moved to recommend Option B, to transfer the areas SE of C Street and O'Malley Road from Bayshore/Klatt to Old Seward/Oceanview. *Al Milspaugh* seconded.

Joan Henry, president of Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council, explained that the neighborhoods north of Klatt Road are more a part of the neighborhoods south of Klatt Road and are geographically isolated from Bayshore. She believed they would be better represented by Old Seward/Oceanview. C Street is a more natural boundary.

Stan Moll added that during his time on the board of Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council one of the other board members moved across the street to the north side of Klatt Road, and could no longer serve on the board because technically they were in Bayshore. *Mr. Moll* found that did not make sense because he had considered the area north of Klatt Road to be a part of the same neighborhood as the area south of Klatt Road. The residents both north and south of Klatt Road shop at the same stores on C Street and along Old Seward and are considered neighbors, a part of the same community. They are separated by distance from Bayshore. *Chair Gant* added that the large open space west of C Street isolates the study area from Bayshore.

Stan Moll concluded that in his correspondence with the president of Bayshore/Klatt regarding the proposal he did not sense any opposition. *Tom Davis* added the president of Bayshore/Klatt had also indicated to staff that he thought the transfer of this area made sense and did not oppose the transfer.

The motion to recommend Option B, to transfer Boundary Study Area #35 to Old Seward/Oceanview, passed unanimously.

5. Schedule and Next Steps

The Committee discussed scheduling its next meeting for Monday, June 12, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

6. Public Comments *(none)*

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Municipality of Anchorage
10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries Project
Boundary Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Monday, June 12, 2023
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting #5
Hybrid Meeting Held In-person and Virtually in Microsoft Teams

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

A. Roll Call

A quorum was present.

Present:	Matt Burkholder Care Clift Melinda Gant, *Chair* Darrel Hess Al Milspaugh Stan Moll Michael Packard Emily Weiser Charlie Welch Carmela Warfield
Excused:	Mark Butler Karl von Luhrte Carolyn Ramsey
Staff:	Tom Davis, Senior Planner, Planning Department
Guests:	Kathleen Plunkett, Russian Jack Community Council

B. Review of Agenda

Chair Melinda Gant proposed adding an item 3.E. to address unfinished Boundary Study Area #25. *Care Clift* proposed adding an item under section 4 regarding criteria for community councils to show their participation levels. *Al Milspaugh* moved to approve the agenda with the two proposed changes. *Michael Packard* seconded.

The motion to approve the agenda as modified passed unanimously.

C. Minutes

The draft minutes from April and May were not yet available.

2. Boundary Study Areas for immediate approval as a group, of the staff recommended option as provided in the June 9, 2023, Revised Draft White Paper No. 2.

Chair Gant asked Committee members wanted to pull any of Boundary Study Areas #15, #31, #37, and #34 for discussion before voting. None were pulled for discussion. *Chair Gant* observed that the four study areas were brought forward by only one questionnaire responder each and that the boards of the affected community councils opposed any boundary changes.

Charlie Welch moved to approve the staff recommendations for Boundary Study Areas #14, #31, #37, and #34. *Matt Burkholder* seconded.

The motion to approve the staff recommendations for Boundary Study Areas #15, #31, #37, and #34 passed unanimously.

3. Boundary Study Areas from June 9, 2023, Revised Draft *White Paper No. 2*, for Discussion and Recommendation,

A. Boundary Study Areas #6, #7, and #9 in Northeast and Scenic Foothills

Michael Packard moved to approve Option G for Boundary Study Areas #6 and #7, as provided on page 16 of the June 9, 2023, revised draft White Paper No. 2. *Emily Weiser* seconded the motion.

Michael Packard spoke to the motion, and explained that DeBarr Road seems like a good dividing line, as it's a huge separator between neighborhoods. *Chair Gant* noted that she had attended the most recent Northeast Community Council meeting, where the community council including all 20 or so members attending opposed changing Northeast's boundaries in a straw vote. *Care Clift* responded that 20 people is a small group, and not necessarily representative of the neighborhood desires as to boundaries. A resolution will be voted on at their next meeting. People who do not feel represented or welcome are not showing up to the meetings.

Emily Weiser added that a relatively large number of questionnaire respondents (16) said that Northeast is too big. She believed that the people who don't attend the meetings and vote are the ones who don't feel they are a part of the community council.

Care Clift commented that Option G is a more drastic change than what Scenic Foothills is proposing in Option C. *Darrel Hess* responded that Option G would not change any boundaries or split the council. Option G recommends that the Assembly create a new community council in the future *after* people from the neighborhood petition to become a community council. That would give opportunity for people who do not feel represented to come forward, hold meetings, submit bylaws, and petition to be recognized as a new community council. They would need to make the effort to initiate a community council. *Carmela Warfield* responded that people who do not feel represented also have the opportunity run for officer positions at Northeast and become active, regardless of where they are within the district.

Stan Moll supported Option G more than Option F. He said that splitting Northeast between north and south makes more sense than splitting it east-west, because Turpin/Baxter is not as strong of a boundary. The areas north and south of DeBarr are different from one another.

Tom Davis explained that either Option F or G would leave a future group of residents the opportunity to suggest a different boundary for initiating a new community council. *Darrel Hess* added that community councils can bring forward proposed boundary changes or initiate new community councils outside of the 10-year review process. He pointed to the merger of two community councils on Hillside several years ago and the creation of Midtown Community Council in 2004 as examples.

The motion to recommend Option G for Boundary Study Areas #6 and #7 passed unanimously.

Tom Davis, in response to a question about Boundary Study Area #9, said that the Committee had recommended Option A, no change to boundaries, in Study Area #9.

B. Boundary Study Areas #8, #10, #12, and #13 in University Area, Tudor Area, and Campbell Park

Tom Davis explained the geographic interrelationships between these four boundary study areas. The Committee then determined to address them individually. The Committee discussed Boundary Study Area #8 first, as follows:

Emily Weiser moved to recommend Option A, no change to boundaries in Boundary Study Area #8. *Charlie Welch* seconded the motion.

Emily Weiser explained her motion by noting that the president of University Area Community Council (UACC) is already concerned about having enough residents to run the community council, and that losing the residents in study area #8 would negatively affect its ability to function.

Al Milspaugh supported Option B. He explained that he is an officer of UACC and that UACC has good geographic representation of officers. UAA is also an active participant at council meetings. UACC has a couple of officers on its board who are from the area east of Baxter Road, who feel that they are more a part of Scenic Foothills than University Area. Boniface Parkway is a natural boundary, a four-lane arterial that has commuter traffic and is harder to walk across than Baxter Road. *Mr. Milspaugh* continued, reporting that a few years ago he and another officer had walked the neighborhood east of Boniface to encourage people to become active in UACC, and found there was not much interest there in participating in UACC. *Care Clift* added that people from that area have attended Scenic Foothills meetings at times.

Emily Weiser responded that she had once lived on one of the dead-end cul-de-sacs on the east side of Boniface, and did not at that time feel a part of Scenic Foothills. She felt more a part of University Area. There were no street connections from where she was living to areas east.

Chair Gant asked if anyone knew the history of the how the boundary came to be at Baxter Road. *Darrel Hess* surmised that there may have not been many residents in the Boundary Study Area when the council districts were formed many years ago. *Stan Moll* asked about the distribution of the population of UACC, and suggested consideration for dissolving UACC by transferring its eastern portion including all of Boundary Study Area #8 east of the UMED campuses to Scenic Foothills, and the western portion to community councils to the west. There was also discussion about a merger of UMED and Scenic Foothills.

Al Milspaugh responded that there has not been any discussion at UACC regarding merging with Scenic Foothills. *Mr. Milspaugh* continued, explaining that concerns about adequate population or

losing existing officers is not a boundary review criteria. The "natural communities" boundary criteria calls for community council districts based on neighborhoods. Community councils should draw their officers from the neighborhoods within their boundaries.

The motion to recommend Option A failed by unanimous vote.

Al Milspaugh moved to recommend Option B, to transfer the area east of Boniface Parkway to Scenic Foothills. *Emily Weiser* seconded.

Al Milspaugh, speaking to his motion, said that Boniface Parkway is a natural boundary. People east of Boniface have expressed concerns about why they are not a part of Scenic Foothills, and. *Chair Gant* asked if there is concern about losing so much population. *Al Milspaugh* responded that, other than a couple of board members, there have been few participants from the area in question. *Chair Gant* noted that Scenic Foothills has a concern that it is too small, and that Option B might help solve their problem. *Emily Weiser* added that the Committee will next be considering adding Tudor Area to UACC which will add some population to UACC.

The motion to recommend Option B passed, with 8 votes in favor and 1 opposed.

The Committee next discussed Boundary Study Area #12, Tudor Area Community Council, as follows:

Darrel Hess commented that Tudor Area is very small, and inactive. *Mr. Hess* explained that Tudor Area has struggled for years. *Tom Davis* explained that he had corresponded with the acting chair of Tudor Area, Todd Butler, and included what he learned from Todd Butler and a few others in White Paper No. 2. *Mr. Davis* reported that Tudor Area has resumed meetings in 2023, however only 2 or 3 people are attending. *Darrel Hess* explained that Todd Butler has made herculean efforts for many years but Tudor Area is so small that he has had trouble getting enough people engaged to make it viable. *Chair Gant* asked what the history of the area was that led to the creation of this community council however no attendees were familiar with that history.

Al Milspaugh offered that UACC would not object if people in Tudor Area want to join UACC.

Emily Weiser moved to recommend Option C, to merge Tudor Area Community Council into UACC. *Michael Packard* seconded.

Emily Weiser explained that Option C will be mutually beneficial. It will allow Tudor Area to be a part of a community council that is already active, and will help address concerns about whether UACC will have enough people to run its community council. *Al Milspaugh* responded that UACC has not had any problems remaining active, and reiterated that the people in Boundary Study Area #8 (discussed above) have not participated much. The relative populations of Tudor Area Community Council and Boundary Study Area #8 were then discussed.

Stan Moll asked why Rogers Park Community Council was not interested in combining with Tudor Area. *Tom Davis* reported that he has asked the Rogers Park board this question but it has not yet met to respond. *Darrel Hess* explained that Rogers Park, in general, is a very old and self-contained, insular neighborhood. *Al Milspaugh* added that *Rogers Park* is a strong, active community council. *Stan Moll* concluded he supports merging Tudor Area with UACC because Rogers Park opposes being merged, while UACC will apparently be happy to have Tudor Area join.

Emily Weiser noted that the only negative aspect of merging Tudor Area into UACC was that it looks less clean on the map than does merging Tudor Area with Rogers Park—Tudor Area will look "tacked on" to the west end of UACC. However, beyond the aesthetics of the map, the roadways form a natural set of boundaries around the combination of Tudor Area and UACC. 36th Avenue is a

strong boundary. *Chair Gant* added that in her experience the Tudor Area district feels like it is a part of the University area.

The motion to recommend Option C, to merge Tudor Area into University Area, passed unanimously.

The Committee next addressed Boundary Study Area #10, University Area Community Council, as follows:

Emily Weiser moved to recommend Option A with a clarifying adjustment to its wording to: No changes to UACC boundaries, except where the committee recommends in the other Boundary Study Areas. *Michael Packard* seconded.

The motion to recommend Option A with the clarified wording passed unanimously.

The Committee next addressed Boundary Study Area #13, South of Tudor Road and East of Lake Otis, as follows:

Carmela Warfield moved to recommend Option A, no change. *Emily Weiser* seconded.

Al Milspaugh noted that Campbell Park is trying to be active and address community issues in its area, although they do not have a big area or population. *Carmela Warfield* noted that Kevin Fimon, an officer of Campbell Park's board, is an experienced community council federation leader and mentor. If as documented in White Paper #2 the preference of Campbell Park's board is to retain its existing boundaries, and that the board is working hard to actively represent its existing district areas, that she would support their preference.

Darrel Hess commented that UACC will still receive notice and be asked to comment about municipal public facility decisions south of Tudor Road, such as regarding the proposed Navigation Center for people who are homeless, even if the UACC district does not include the areas south of Tudor. *Al Milspaugh* said that UACC is already involved in the Navigation Center issue.

Emily Weiser commented that she would be concerned about reducing the population of Campbell Park Community Council and its capacity to remain active if neighborhoods south of Tudor Road were to be transferred to UACC.

The motion to recommend Option A, no change, passed unanimously.

C. Boundary Study Area #32 in Turnagain

Boundary Study Area #32, Spenard Beach Park, was discussed as follows.

Tom Davis explained that representatives from Turnagain and Spenard Community Councils had recently agreed to jointly propose to share Spenard Beach Park between Turnagain and Spenard by overlapping their district boundaries. *Mr. Davis* reported that Turnagain's general membership has voted and approved a resolution in favor of the proposal. The Spenard representative is bringing the idea to Spenard's general membership for consideration. Turnagain Community Council's chair did not think Option B, for each community council district include half the park, would make sense. The Planning Department staff therefore had added Option C, to share Spenard Beach Park, to the list of options for this Boundary Study Area in White Paper No. 2.

Charlie Welch moved to recommend Option C, to include Spenard Beach Park in both Turnagain and Spenard Community Councils, by overlapping their district area boundaries in the park. *Care Clift* seconded.

Emily Weiser said that she liked that the two community councils are working together on this item, and since the name of the park is Spenard it makes sense that Spenard Community Council would have some ownership over it. Therefore, if it is technically allowed to share an area between two community councils, she would support Option C.

Carmela Warfield asked if community council boundaries have ever overlapped in this manner, or could they be allowed to? *Darrel Hess* responded that he believed they could if the Assembly approved it. He continued that, since there is no population or businesses in the proposed overlap, there does not seem to be any harm. *Mr. Hess* and *Emily Weiser* added that, if PZC and Assembly support a different option besides Option C, they can do so.

Carmela Warfield asked, if the boundaries of community council districts are supposed to be unique, can the Boundary Review Committee establish a new precedent by recommending an overlap in this location? Is this recommendation unique to this area, or should we consider that it will lead to proposed overlapping boundaries in other areas? *Tom Davis* responded that it could set a precedent in other areas. He explained that there have been boundary disputes between community councils in the past over other public lands and facilities. He also cautioned that overlapping districts could present problems for municipal administrative functions, for example for sending out public notices or maintain geographic information databases.

Committee members discussed what the downsides of Option C could be. *Chair Gant* suggested that one downside could be if the two community councils develop different visions for the park in the future. Could this overlap create problems regarding who makes decisions in this area? *Darrel Hess* responded that community councils are only advisory and do not make decisions about what happens at the park.

Matt Burkholder added that since Spenard and Turnagain are each individual community councils, it is ok if they have their own opinions on the overlapping area. *Mr. Burkholder* noted that there are no residents in this park and the community councils are cooperating—two factors that could set a precedent for making similar decisions in the future.

Chair Gant and *Darrel Hess* noted that if at some time in the future the overlap is found to not be working well, anyone can propose to change the boundaries back again.

Darrel Hess noted that Option C might be a precedent for public facilities, such as parks and airports. In the future, community councils could have overlapping boundaries if it makes them feel that they have a vested interest in such facility. *Care Clift* gave an example of a recent dispute over a park, and pointed out that no community council has ownership over a public park. However, *Chair Gant* and *Al Milspaugh* responded with different examples in which community councils were very active in the development and maintenance of the parks in their districts and had a strong sense of ownership.

The motion to recommend Option C, to include Spenard Beach Park in both community councils, passed with 7 votes in favor and 2 opposed.

D. Boundary Study Area #33 in Taku Campbell

Boundary Study Area #33, south of Dimond Boulevard to 92nd Avenue, was discussed, as follows.

Tom Davis introduced this Boundary Study Area and the proposed boundary change supported by the officers of both community councils. *Mr. Davis* and *Stan Moll* reported that the presidents of Taku

Campbell, Bayshore/Klatt, and Old Seward Oceanview had met with them and had agreed to support the transfer of Boundary Study Area #33 from Taku Campbell to Bayshore/Klatt.

Emily Weiser moved to recommend Option B, to transfer the area south of Dimond Boulevard from Taku Campbell to Bayshore/Klatt Community Council. *Carmela Warfield* seconded.

Darrell Hess commented that Dimond Boulevard and Seward Highway are strong natural boundaries.

The motion to approve Option B passed unanimously.

E. Boundary Study Area #25 in South Addition

Discussion of Boundary Study Area #25, north of 9th Avenue and West of L Street was discussed, as follows:

Chair Gant explained that the discussion of Boundary Study Area #25 is a continuation from Committee meeting #4. This item had been tabled to give Downtown Community Council and South Addition residents in Bootlegger's Cove more time to provide input before the Committee makes its recommendation. *Tom Davis* reported that SACC's board is apparently reaching out to residents in Boundary Study Area #25, and that because of this Downtown's board is waiting for the outcome of SACC's efforts before deciding its own position. In absence of having more information about the community desires, the Committee determined to apply the project's Boundary Review Criteria to determine its recommendation for Boundary Study Area #25.

Michael Packard moved to recommend Option B, to transfer the areas west of L Street and north of 9th Avenue from South Addition to Downtown Community Council. *Charlie Welch* seconded.

Mr. Packard, speaking to his motion, explained that Option B would increase the resident population of Downtown, giving it a larger and more diverse group of people who can be active members.

Emily Weiser found no compelling reason to transfer the people in this area to Downtown. The proposal to change the boundary is not coming from the residents of the affected area. She is inclined to default to Option A, retain existing boundaries.

Chair Gant explained that she used to live in Bootlegger's Cove and never felt a part of Downtown while living there. She explained there is a big physical barrier between Bootlegger's Cove and Downtown, because of the topography that drops off west of L Street and creates a natural divide. L Street is also a large state roadway. *Chair Gant* continued that many residents walk recreationally in the area and they tend to stay in Bootleggers or go to and from South Addition and Westchester—not Downtown. She did not support the transfer. *Darrel Hess* added that he has bicycled in the area for years he finds that it seems like Bootleggers is a part of South Addition; it has the same atmosphere as South Addition. It does not feel like Downtown to him.

Darrel Hess added that although there is a desire to add more resident population to Downtown, transferring this study area is not necessarily the right way to do that. There is a lot of housing being developed within Downtown.

Stan Moll agreed that the neighborhood identity in the Boundary Study Area is the same as South Addition and it should remain in South Addition. *Mr. Moll* and *Chair Gant* questioned why the SACC board supports consideration for transferring the area to Downtown. *Chair Gant* noted the South Addition residents who attended the Committee's previous meeting (Meeting #4) had opposed such a transfer.

The motion to recommend Option B failed unanimously.

Charlie Welch moved to recommend Option A, to retain existing boundaries. *Emily Weiser* seconded.

The motion to recommend Option A passed unanimously.

4. Schedule and Next Steps

A. Criteria for Community Councils to Show Participation Levels

Care Clift explained her concern about the lack of a consistent set of minimum quorum requirements and the activity levels at community councils. During this boundary review project, a small group of people attending a community council meeting representing all of Northeast, a very large community council, took a position opposing a boundary change. *Ms. Clift* said she did not believe their position was truly representative of the community desires regarding district boundaries in at least some parts of Northeast. *Ms. Clift* suggested that the Committee recommend the Federation of Community Councils evaluate quorum requirements to develop a fair way of measuring quorum that would consider the population size of the community council.

Darrel Hess explained that quorums are up to the individual community councils to establish through their own bylaws. There is nothing in the municipal code about community council quorums—it's up to the individual councils, and their quorum requirements vary widely. *Ms. Clift* responded that this is a problem, because the Committee has been trying to determine if there is adequate participation levels in the community councils.

Al Milspaugh and *Charlie Welch* discussed that there is a wide variety of community councils, and whether the Federation's Board of Delegates could recommend or suggest generally applicable criteria for setting quorum.

Care Clift moved that the Boundary Advisory Committee recommend that there be more measurable criteria for participation and quorum at community council meetings. *Charlie Welch* seconded.

Michael Packard expressed concern for large community council areas that cannot get enough people to show up to meet some uniform threshold requirement, and could never meet quorum or vote on any action?

Carmela Warfield added that each community council has its own bylaws, governing documents, and elected body. But the proposed motion on the table is to establish uniform standards by which we would measure everybody. *Ms. Warfield* expressed that each community council should be able to set its parameters for its quorum, and by its elected representatives be represented. She offered a comparison to municipal elections where although there is sometimes low voter turnout, but the community respects the results of the election and the will of the people even if the percentage turnout is not what one might have desired from our fellow residents. *Ms. Warfield* concluded that, out of respect for each individual and unique community council, she would oppose the motion, because it should be up to each individual community council to establish what their quorum looks like.

Darrel Hess questioned who would establish or enforce uniform criteria for quorum? He explained that community councils are not a part of government. Community councils are private membership associations.

Charlie Welch responded that the proposed motion does not need to lead to a requirement or be enforced. Providing a matrix of different quorum thresholds or how active community councils are relative to their population size could be informational. For example, if Tudor Area Community Council (Boundary Study Area #12) cannot meet quorum, perhaps their own bylaws should have a lower threshold for making quorum. But if there are only a few people attending votes, should we consider such a community council as active as others where many more people are participating?

Darrel Hess explained that varying participation levels is inherent in community councils. In Fairview, for example, he found that typically only 20 people would attend most meetings, but 150 people would show up for one or two months whenever a hot-button issue came up. By the third month attendance would taper back down to 20. He believed that is how most community councils operate. You have the smaller group of hard core committed people who show up to do the work month-to-month, and then you have the larger number of people who show up only when there is a hot-button issue that affects them. *Mr. Hess* believed it's a good topic for the Federation to consider, if it is a topic that they want to look at.

Care Clift expressed that she did not think that the criteria should be a matter of how many people show up at each meeting, but rather how many people are active generally, such as on email or social media or whatever the council uses. There should be some way that the council can show that people from all areas of that community council district are active. For example, University Area Community Council happened to get information from several its officers that residents east of Boniface wanted to become a part of Scenic Foothills. But other community councils are probably not getting that kind of information about similar situations in their districts.

Matt Burkholder and *Al Milspaugh* explained that historically the Federation periodically sent mass mailers to all residents in community council areas that identified the community council and the issues it is addressing. This gave all residents an opportunity to become informed and active.

Emily Weiser moved to extend the meeting to 8:10 p.m. *Michael Packard* seconded the motion. ***The meeting was extended to 8:10 by unanimous vote.***

Care Clift concluded her arguments in favor of the motion, explaining that the Committee has been trying throughout this boundary review process to determine the participation levels of the community councils districts affected by the Boundary Study Areas.

Al Milspaugh explained that community councils are required to keep an attendance record of who attended their meetings.

The motion to recommend that there be more measurable criteria for participation and quorum at community council meetings failed, with 1 vote in favor and 8 opposed.

5. Public Comments *(none)*

6. Adjournment

Stan Moll moved to adjourn the meeting. *Care Clift* seconded. ***The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.***

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Municipality of Anchorage
10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries Project
Boundary Advisory Committee

MEETING SUMMARY (STAFF NOTES)

Tuesday, September 26, 2023
12:00 p.m.

Meeting #6
Remote Meeting Held Virtually in Microsoft Teams

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

A. Roll Call

A quorum was present.

Present: Care Clift
Melinda Gant, *Chair*
Darrel Hess
Al Milspaugh
Stan Moll
Emily Weiser
Charlie Welch
Carmela Warfield

Excused: Matt Burkholder
Mark Butler
Karl von Luhrte
Michael Packard
Carolyn Ramsey

Staff: Tom Davis, Planning Department

2. APROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 24, 2023

Charlie Welch moved to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2023, meeting. *Care Clift* seconded.

The following errors were identified by the meeting participants:

- *Tom Davis* indicated there was a misspelling of Committee member Care Clift's name.

- *Stan Moll* reported that he had found some grammatical and punctuation errors, which are non-substantive (i.e., don't change the meaning).

The April 24, 2023, minutes with the corrections bulleted above were approved unanimously.

B. May 1, 2023

Melinda Gant moved to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2023, meeting. *Al Milspaugh* seconded.

The following errors were identified by the meeting participants:

- *Tom Davis* reported a correction submitted by Michael Packard: On page 8, in the middle of the page, where it reads, "The motion to postpone passed unanimously with 6 votes in favor and 2 opposed, delete the word "unanimously."
- *Stan Moll* indicated there was a misspelling of Fairview on page 6.
- *Stan Moll* reported that he had found some grammatical and punctuation errors, which are non-substantive (i.e., don't change the meaning).

The May 1, 2023, minutes with the corrections bulleted above were approved unanimously.

C. June 12, 2023

Al Milspaugh moved to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2023, meeting. *Charlie Welch* seconded.

No errors or needed corrections were identified in the draft minutes.

The June 12, 2023, minutes were approved unanimously.

3. OTHER ITEMS

Tom Davis reported that it would take the Planning Department some weeks to compile the reports and maps to release a public hearing draft of the boundary proposals. Once that is released for public comment, there will be at least two months of public review before the Planning and Zoning Commission hearing. The Committee members and staff discussed and agreed that the public hearing draft materials should include the following:

- A cover letter from the Committee Chair verifying the committee process.
- A list of all Committee members and the guests who participated in the Committee meetings.

Melinda Gant asked if there were any further responsibilities or expectations of the Committee. Staff and Committee members discussed the following:

- A Committee representative would address the PZC and Assembly at their public hearings.
- A Committee representative could attend work session(s) of the PZC and Assembly.
- Committee members could review and provide feedback regarding the first section of the staff's draft report, particularly the planned overview of what community councils do.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Exhibit D
(Section 2)

10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries

Planning and Zoning Commission Case No. 2025-0100 Staff Packet and Meeting Minutes

May 2025

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10-Year Review of
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Boundary Study Area Maps

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Community Council Boundary Study Areas

Anchorage Bowl

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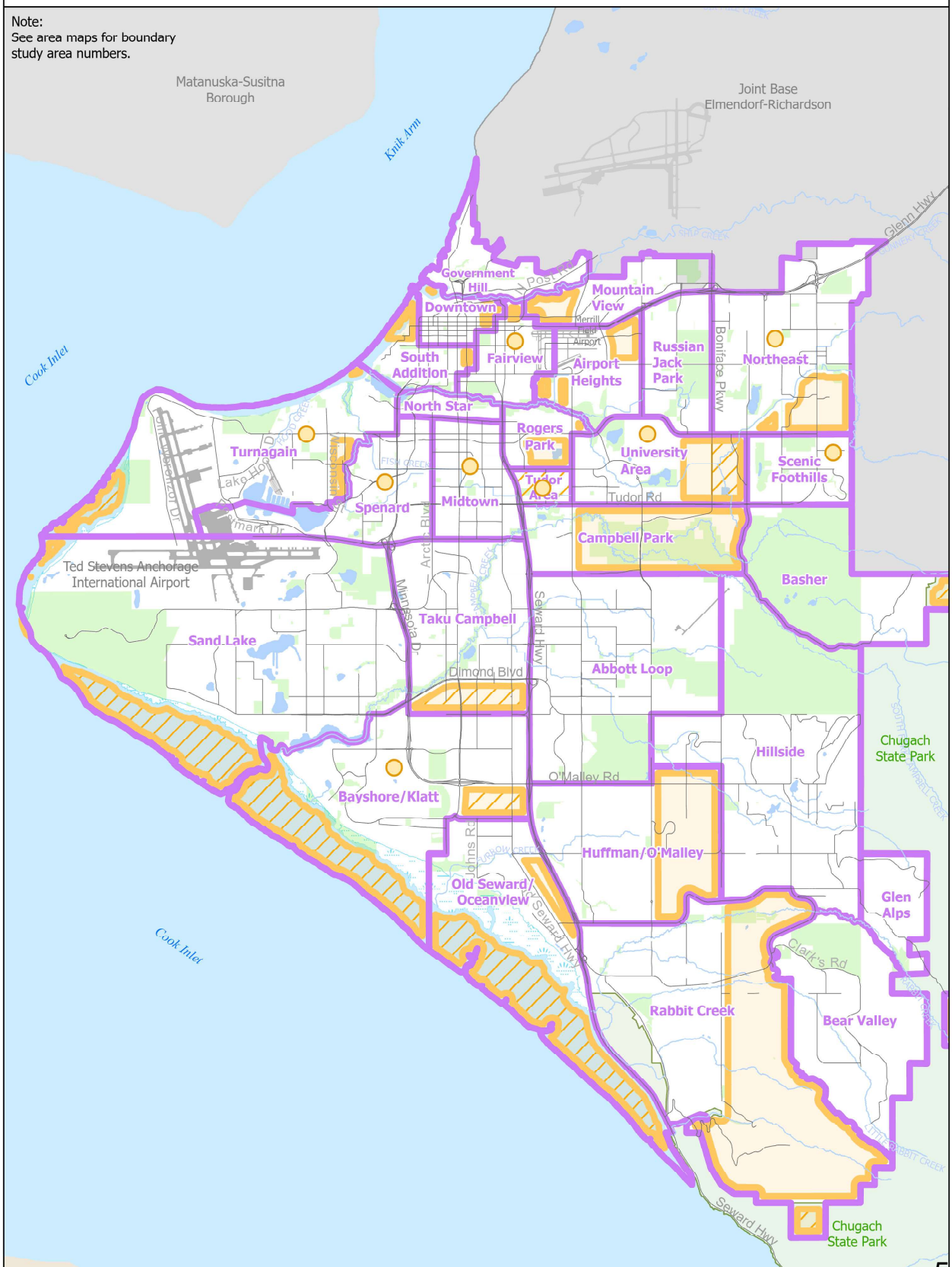

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Chugiak-Eagle River

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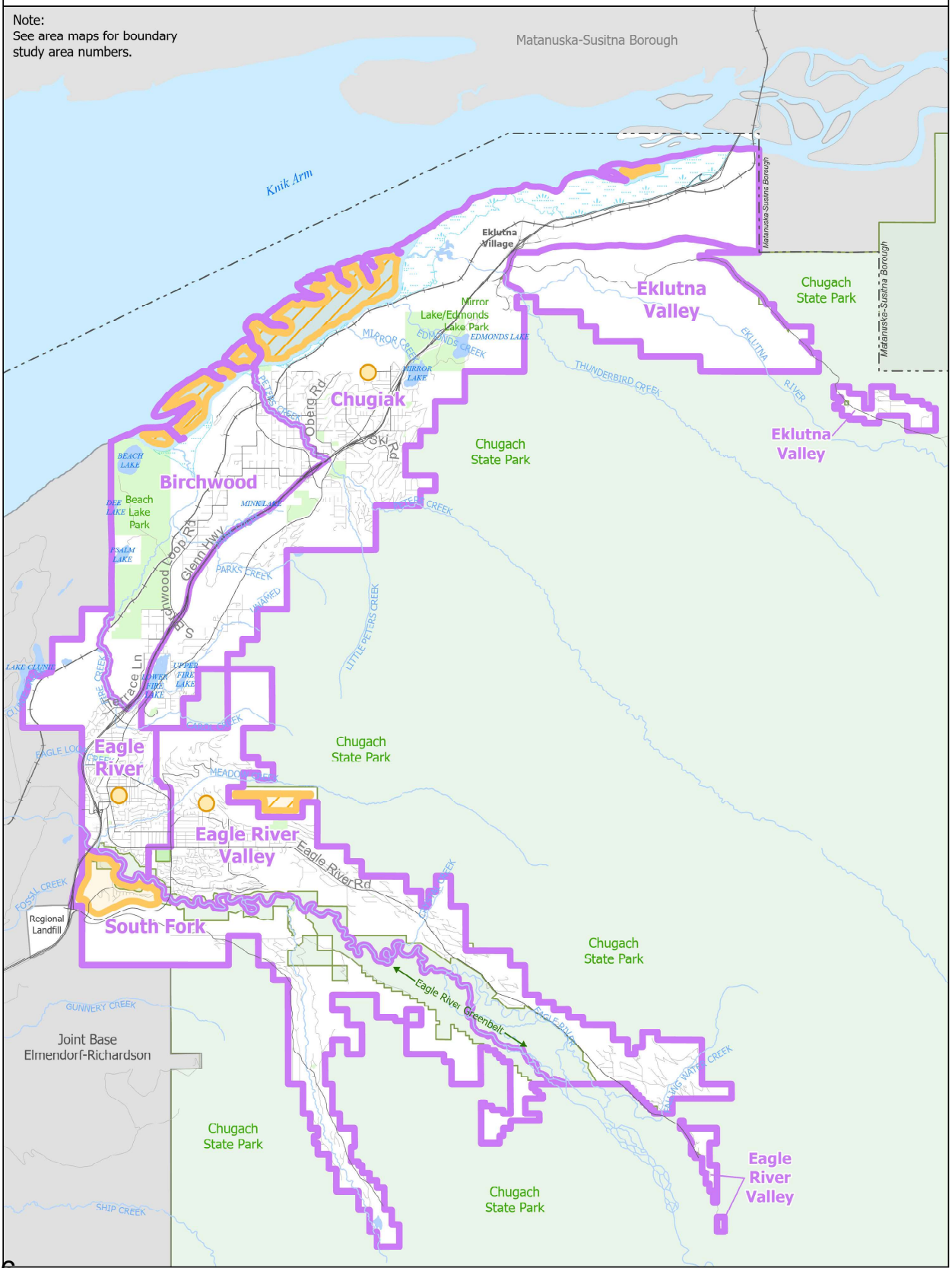

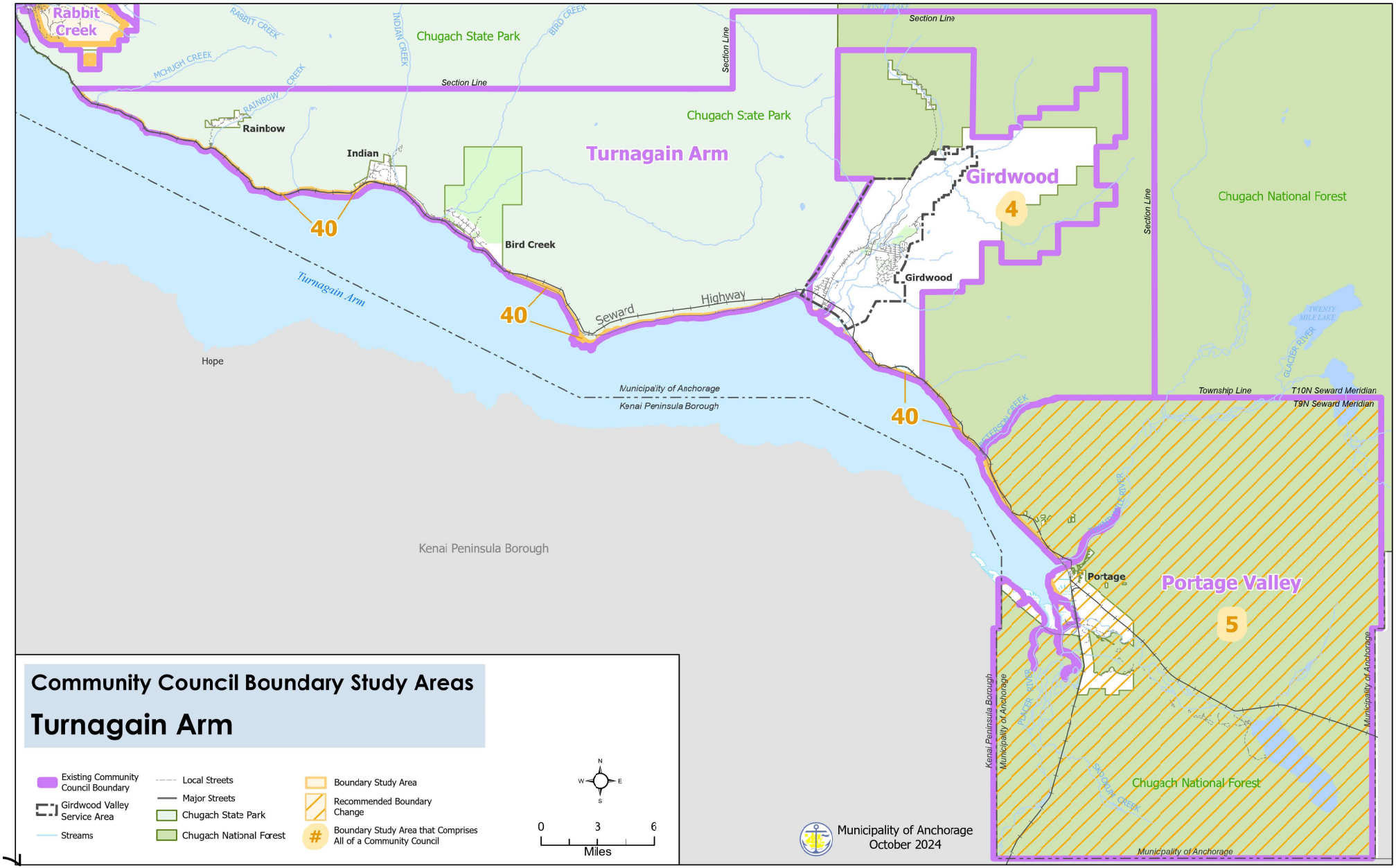
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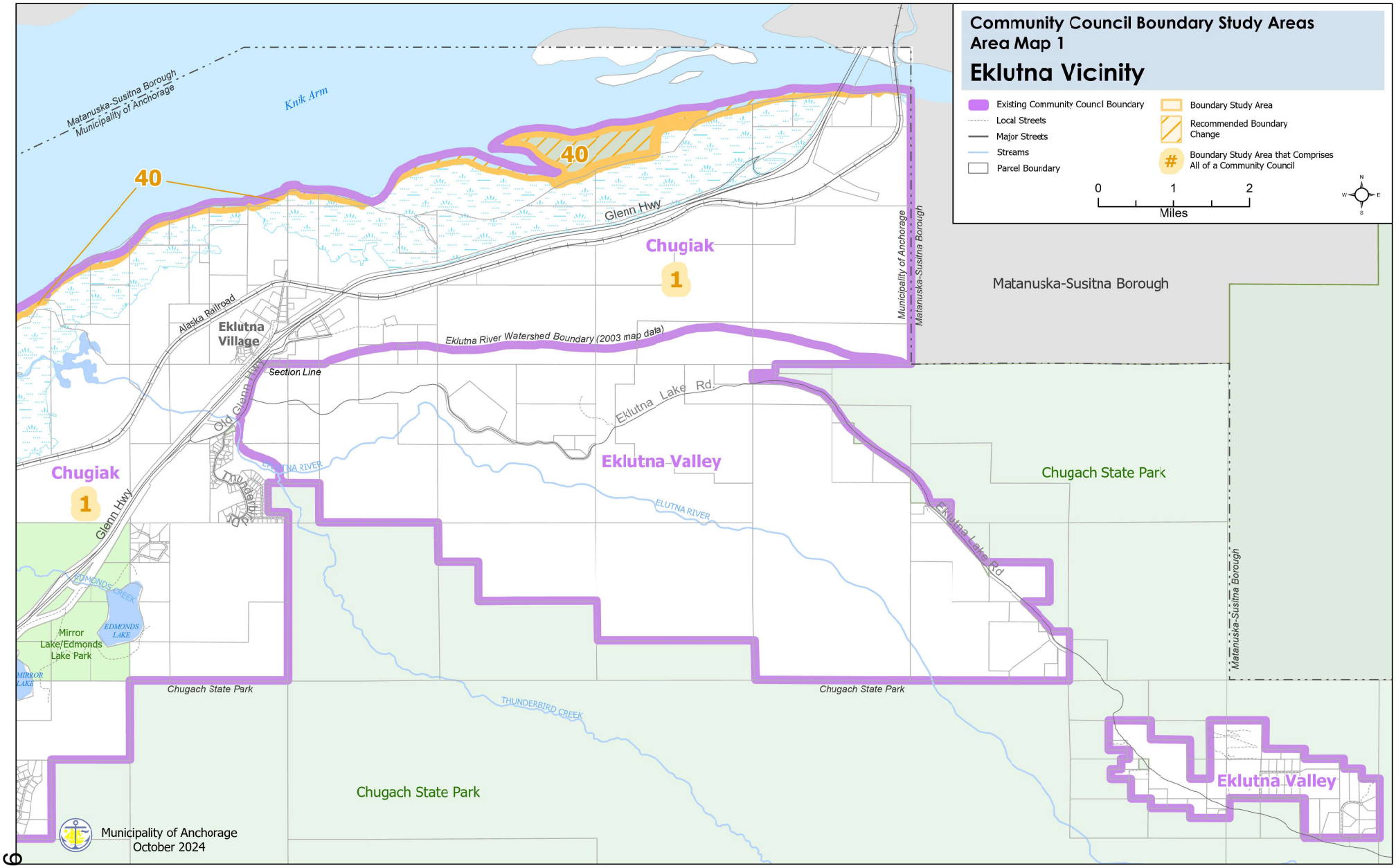
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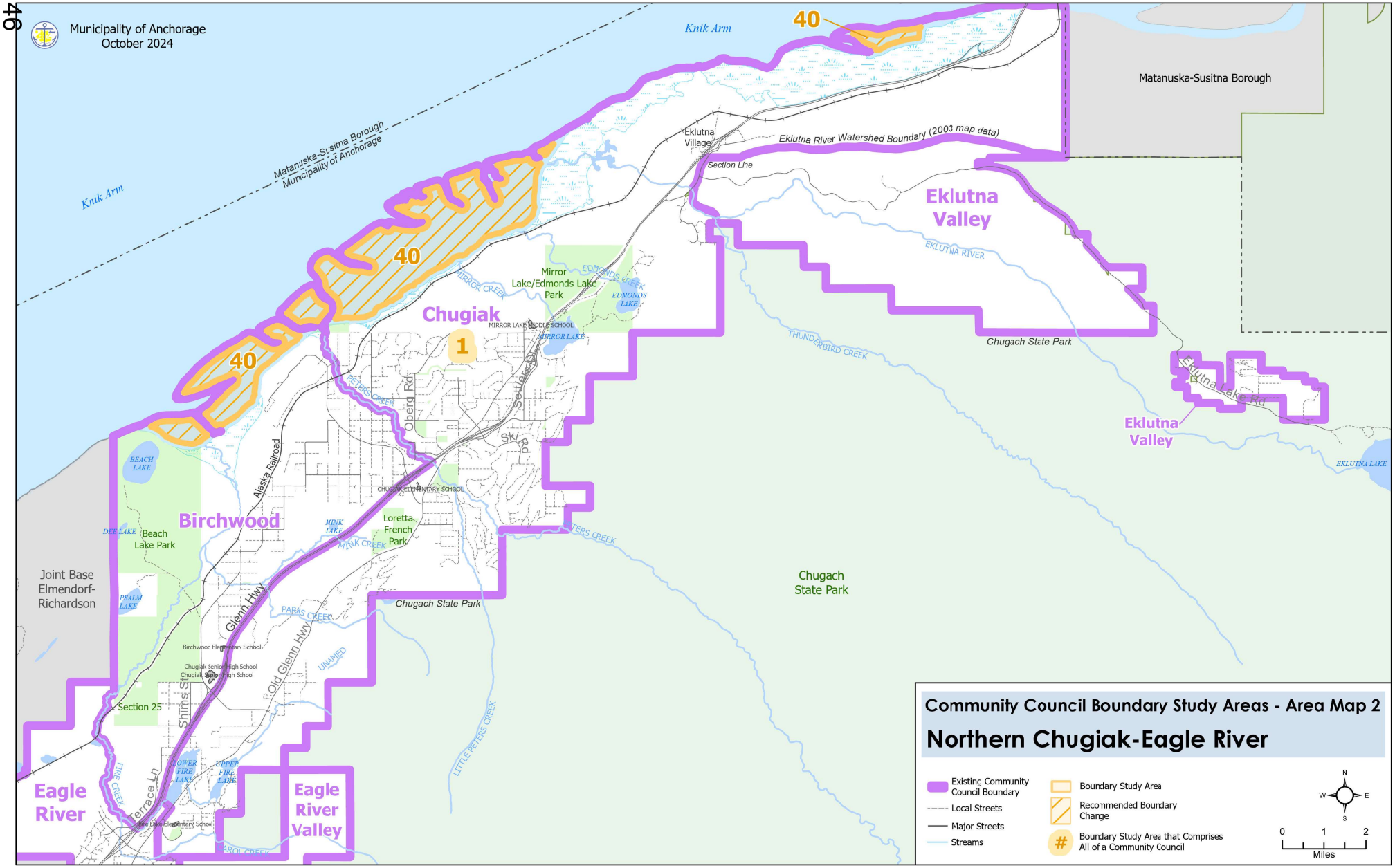
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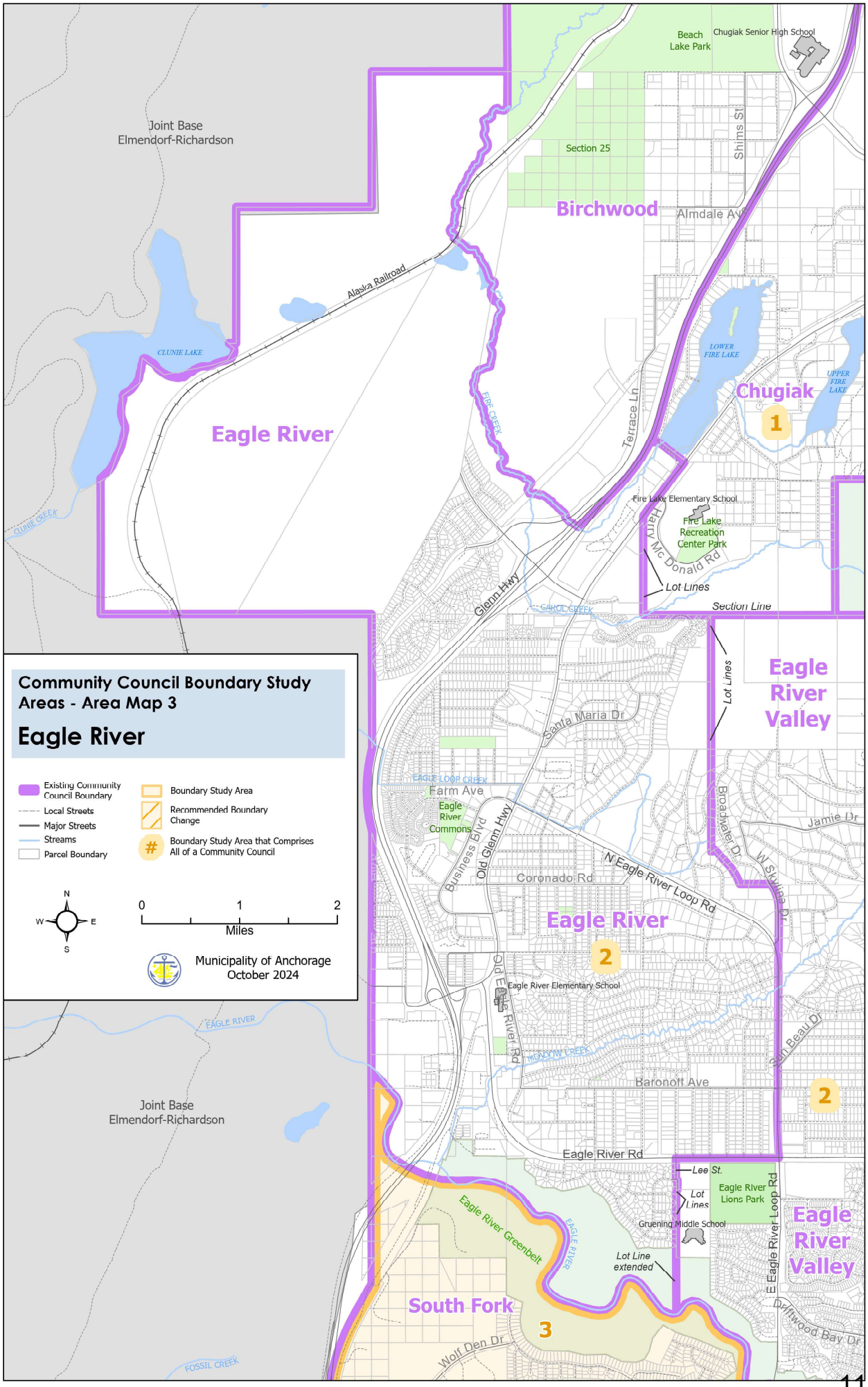
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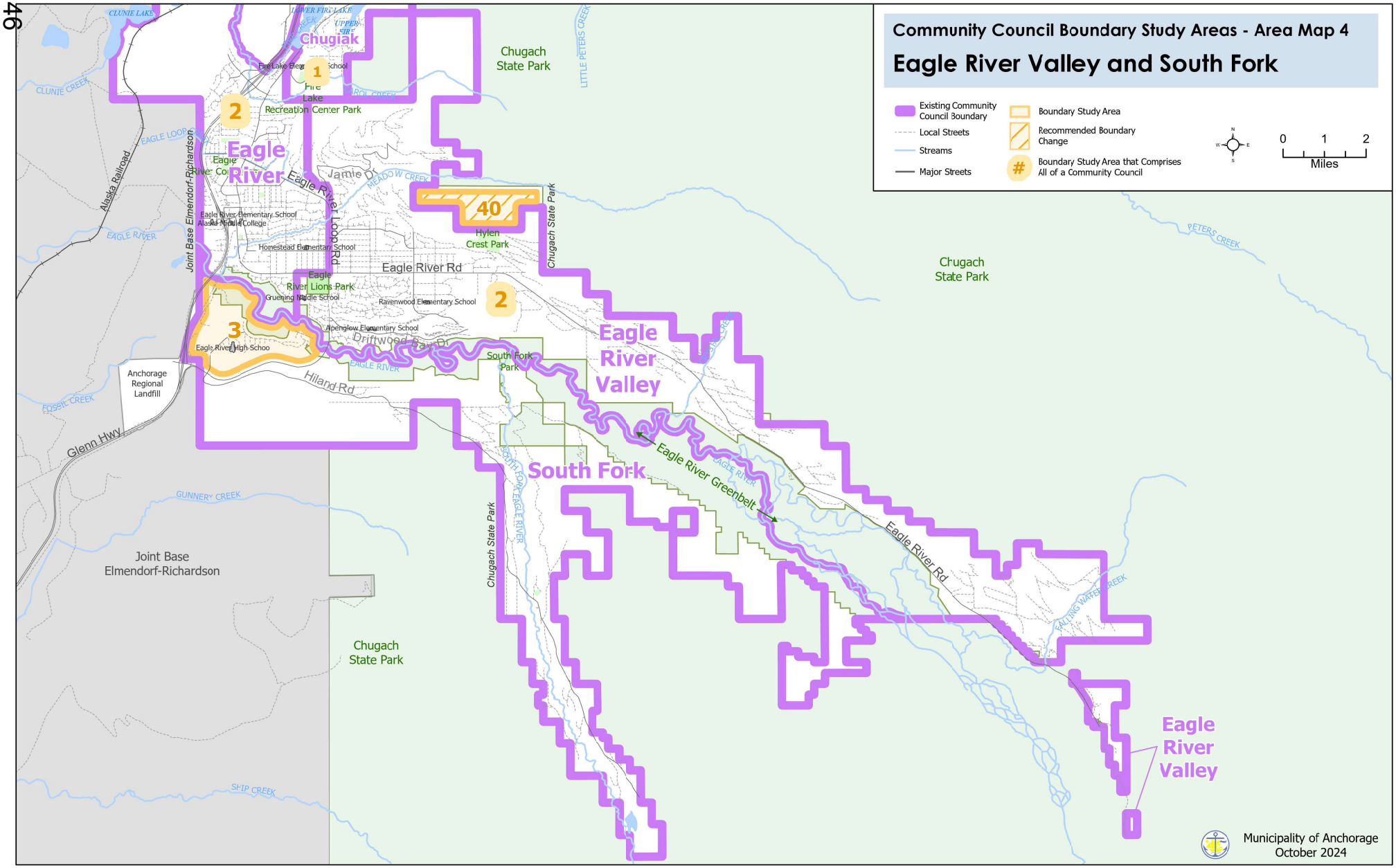
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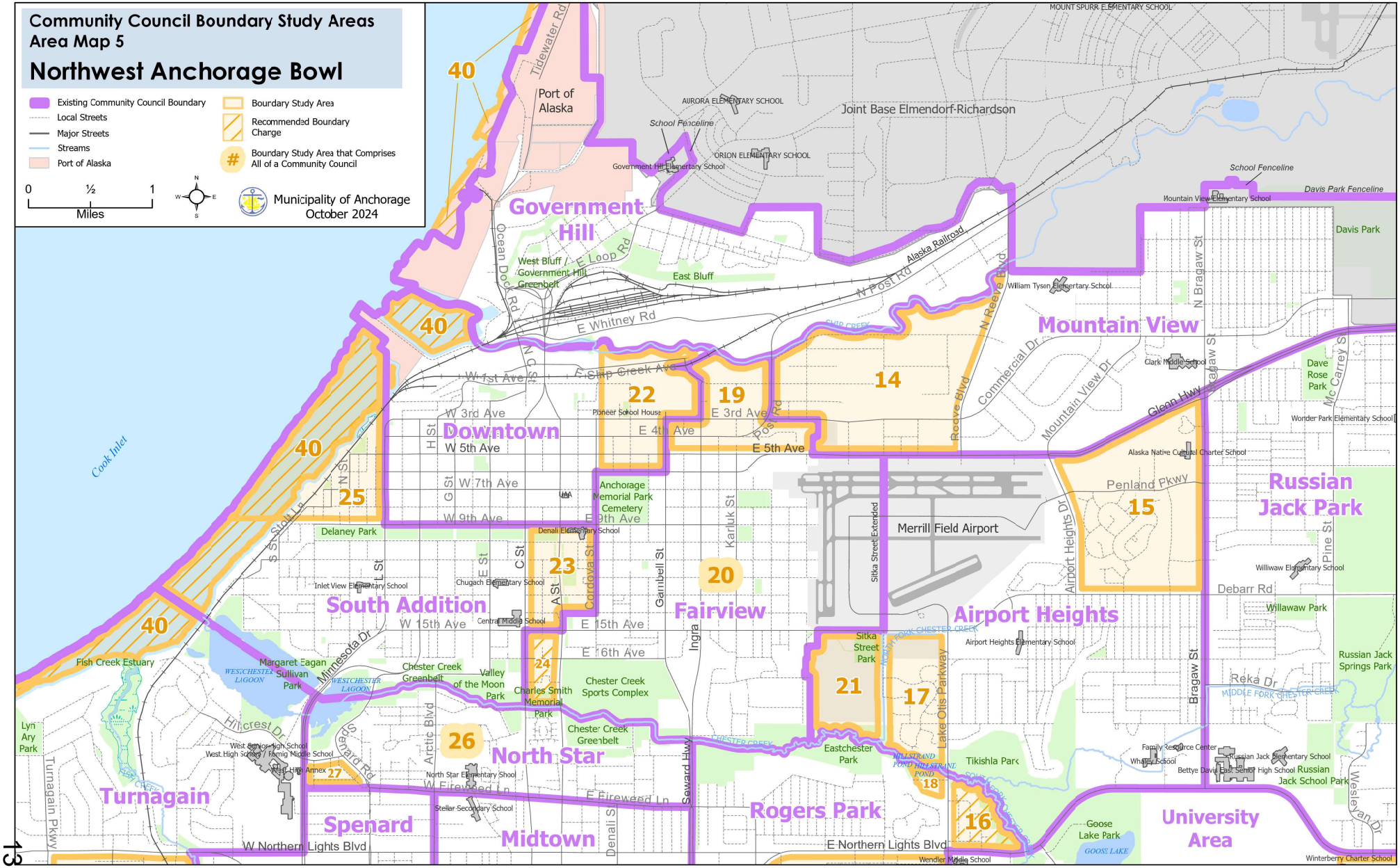
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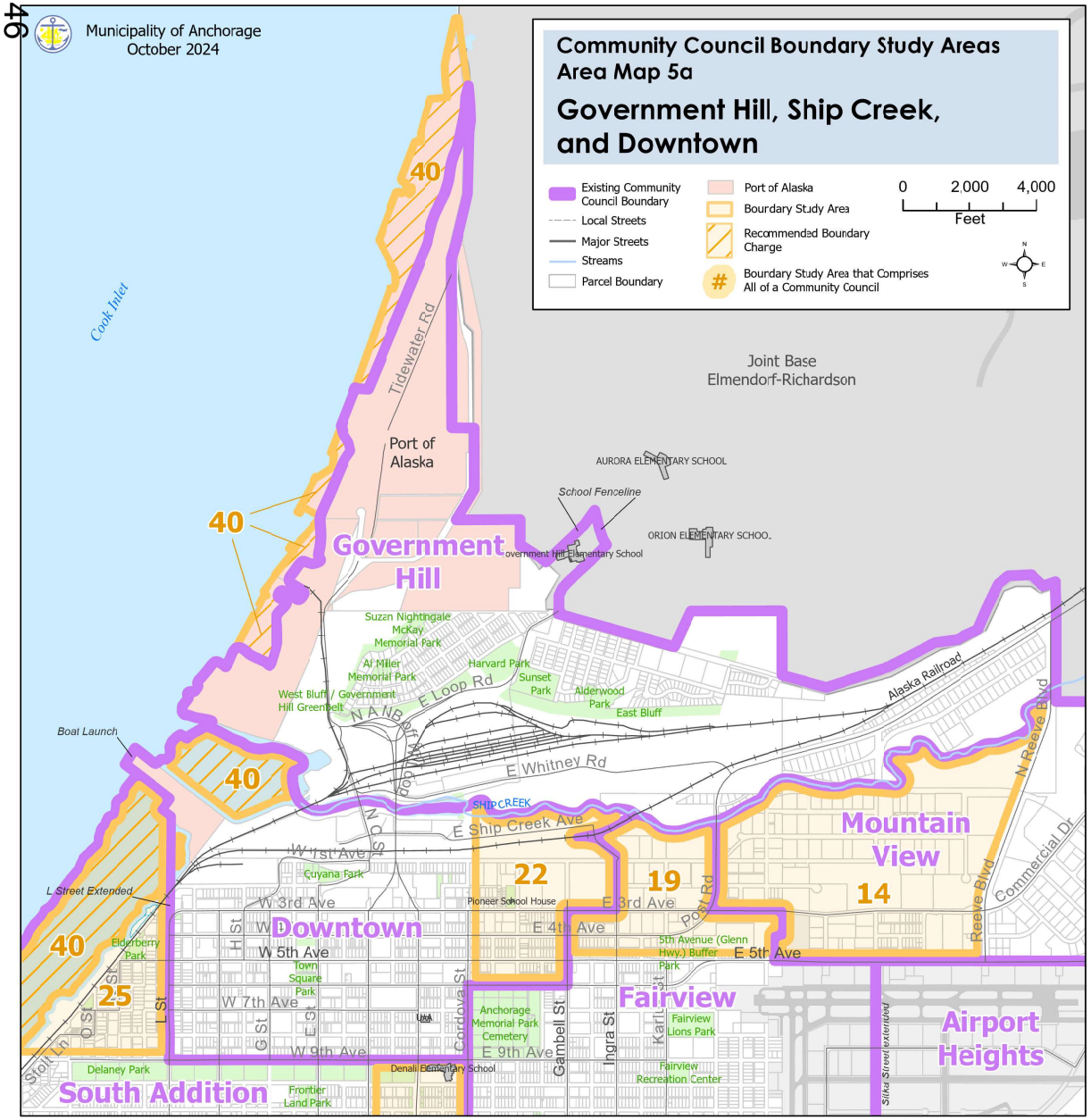
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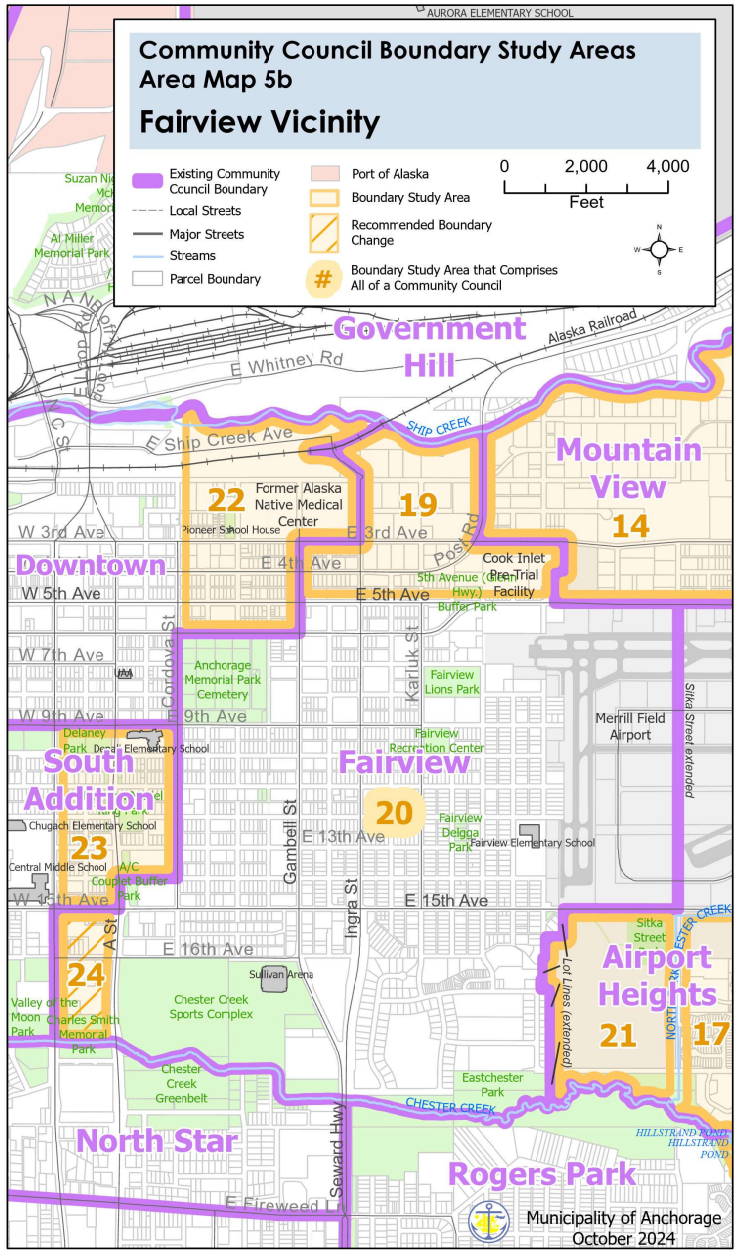
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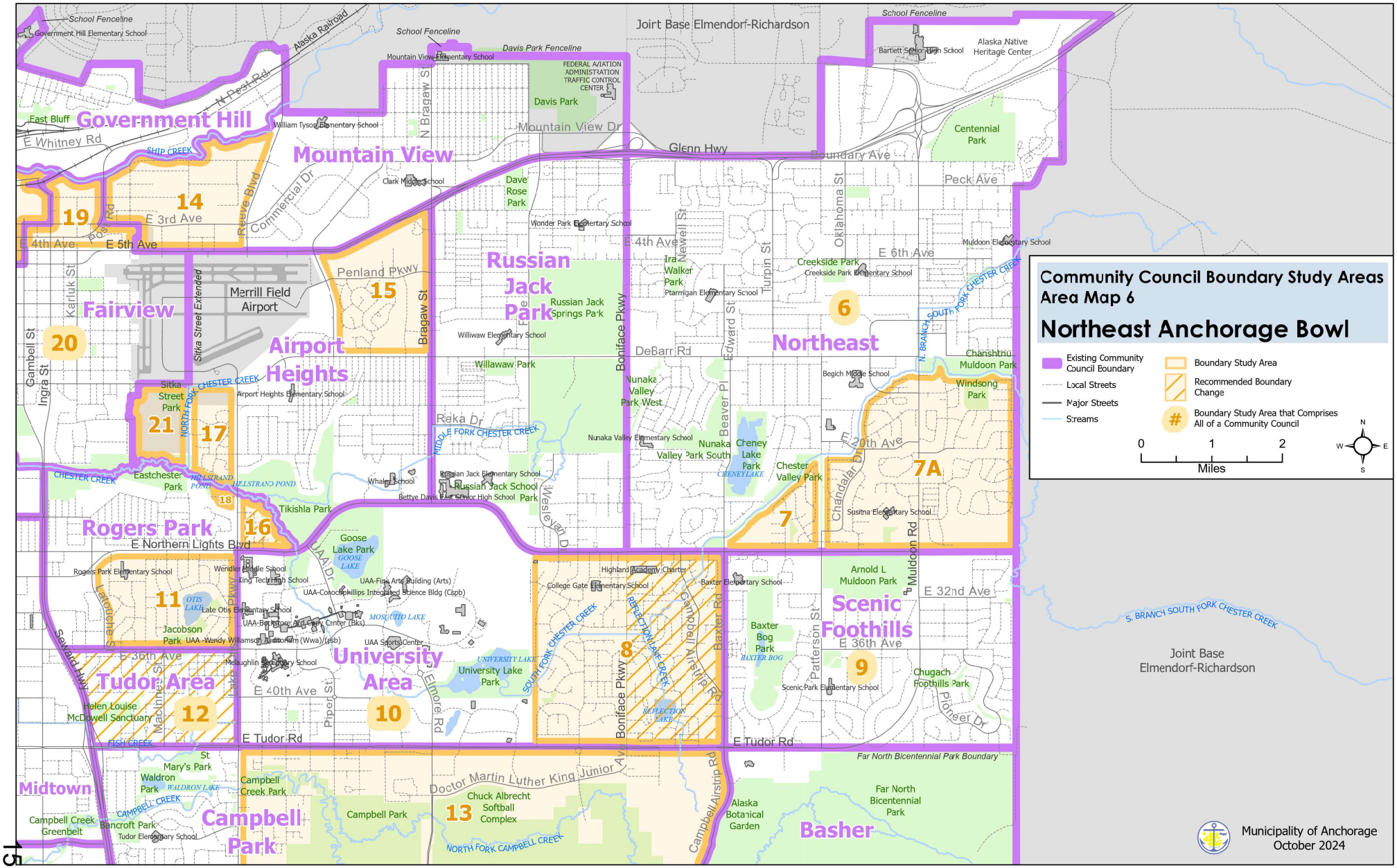
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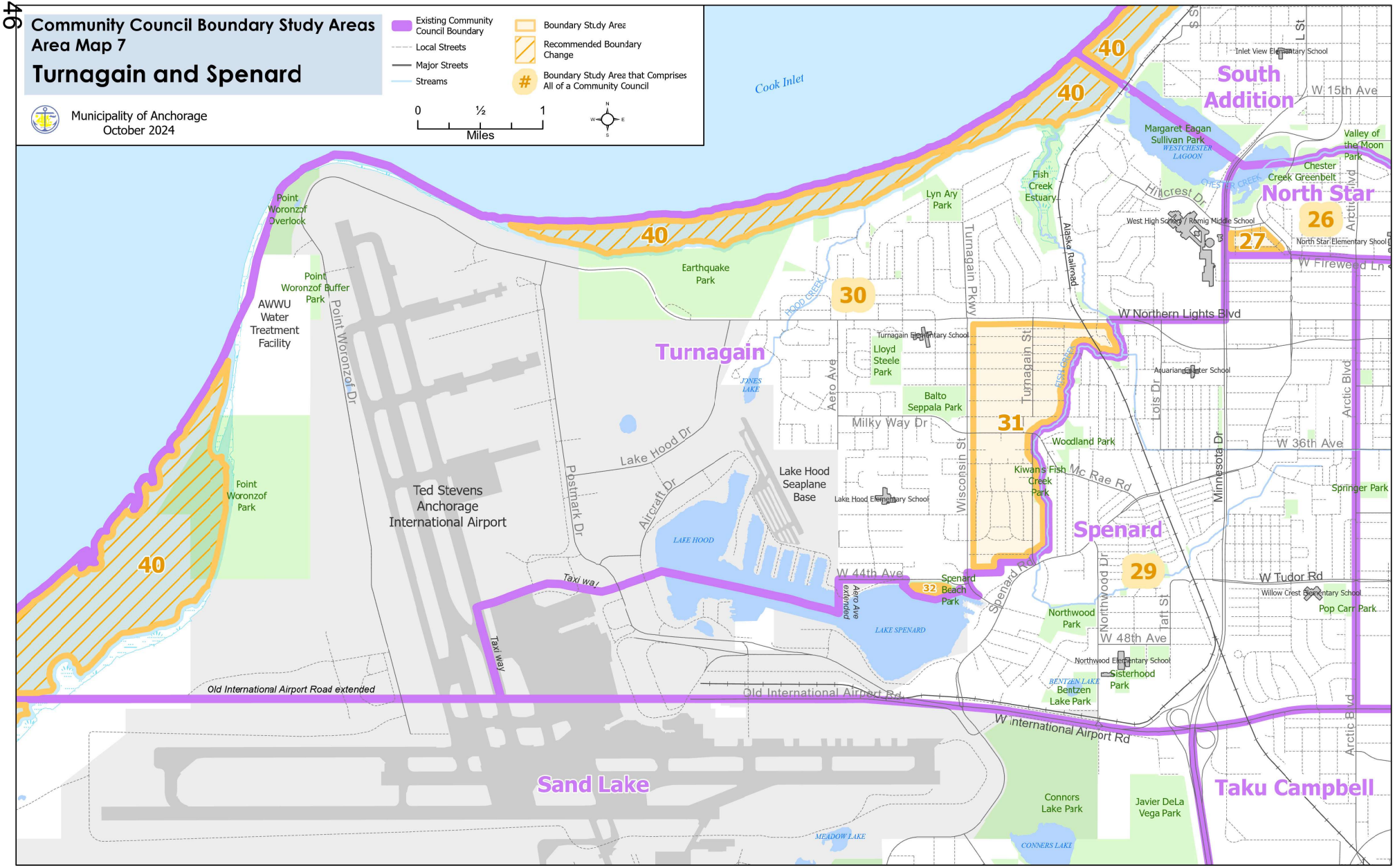
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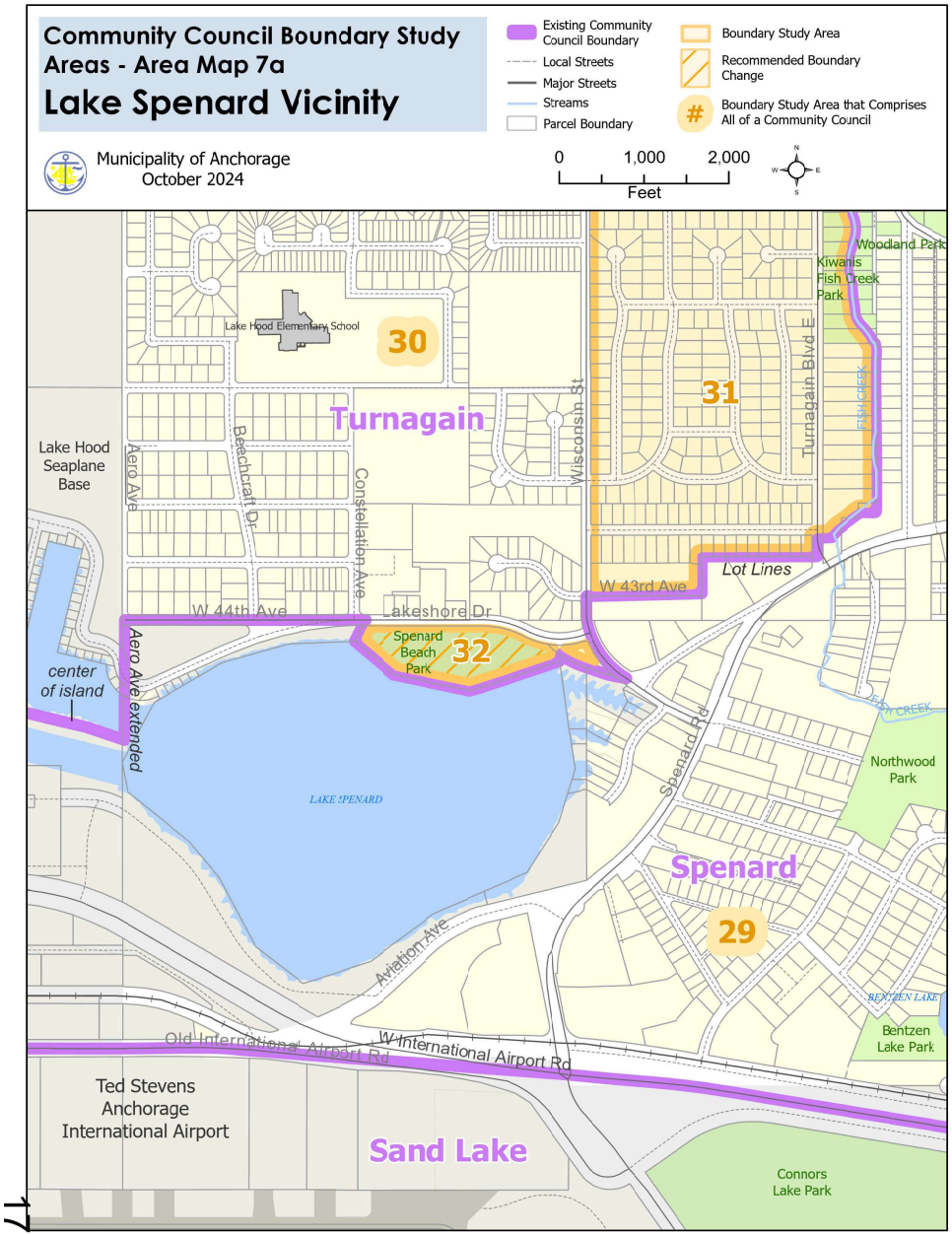
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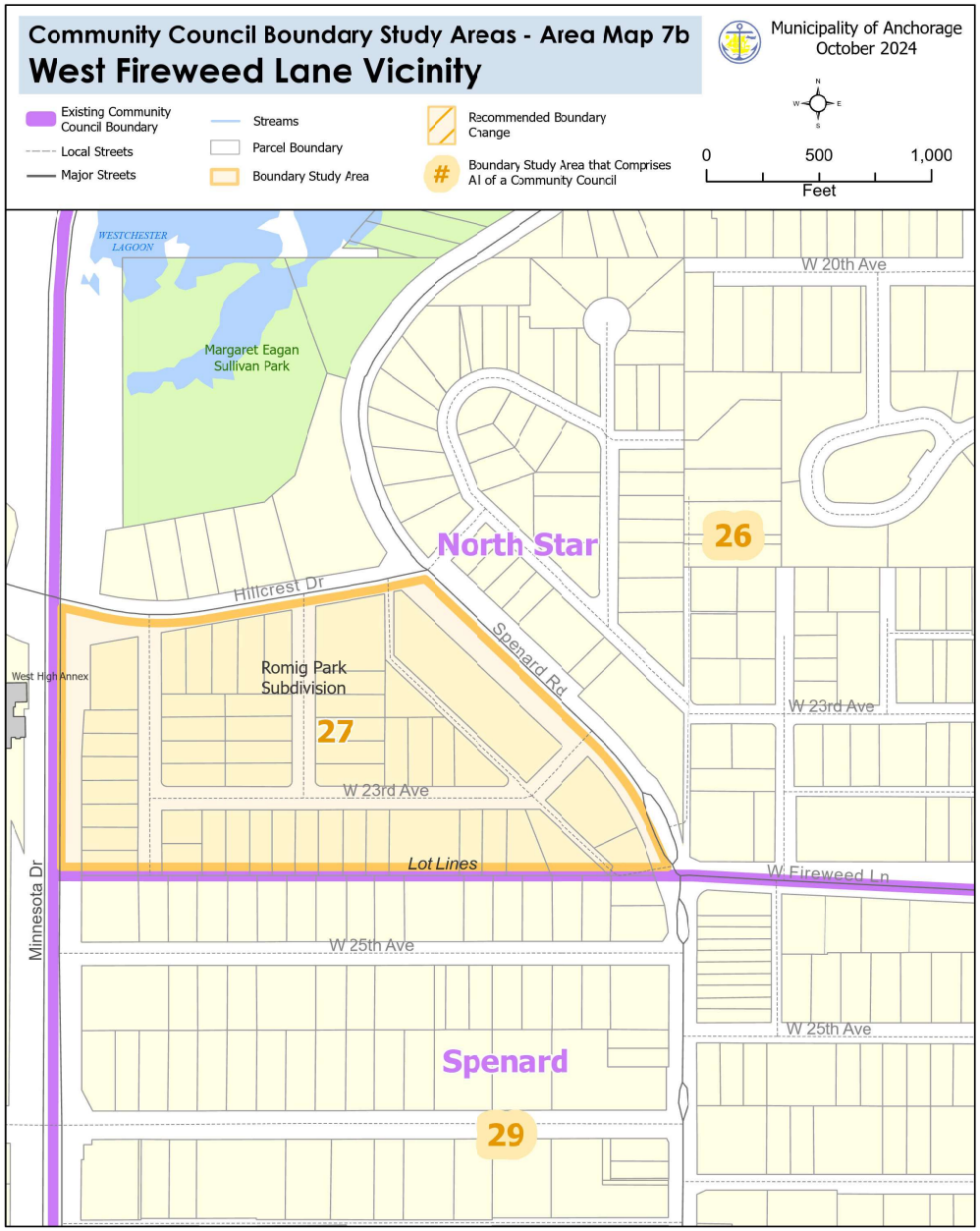
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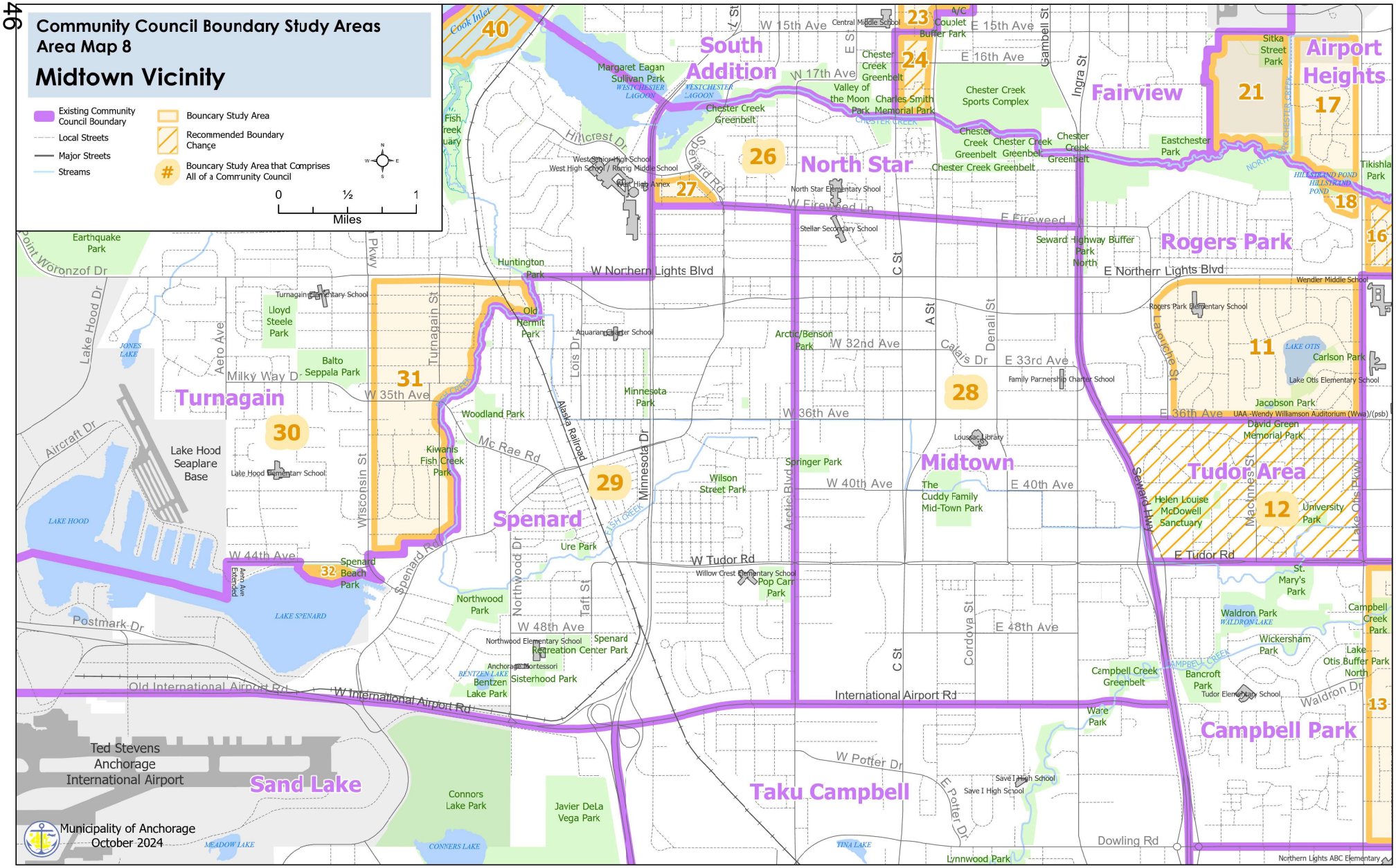
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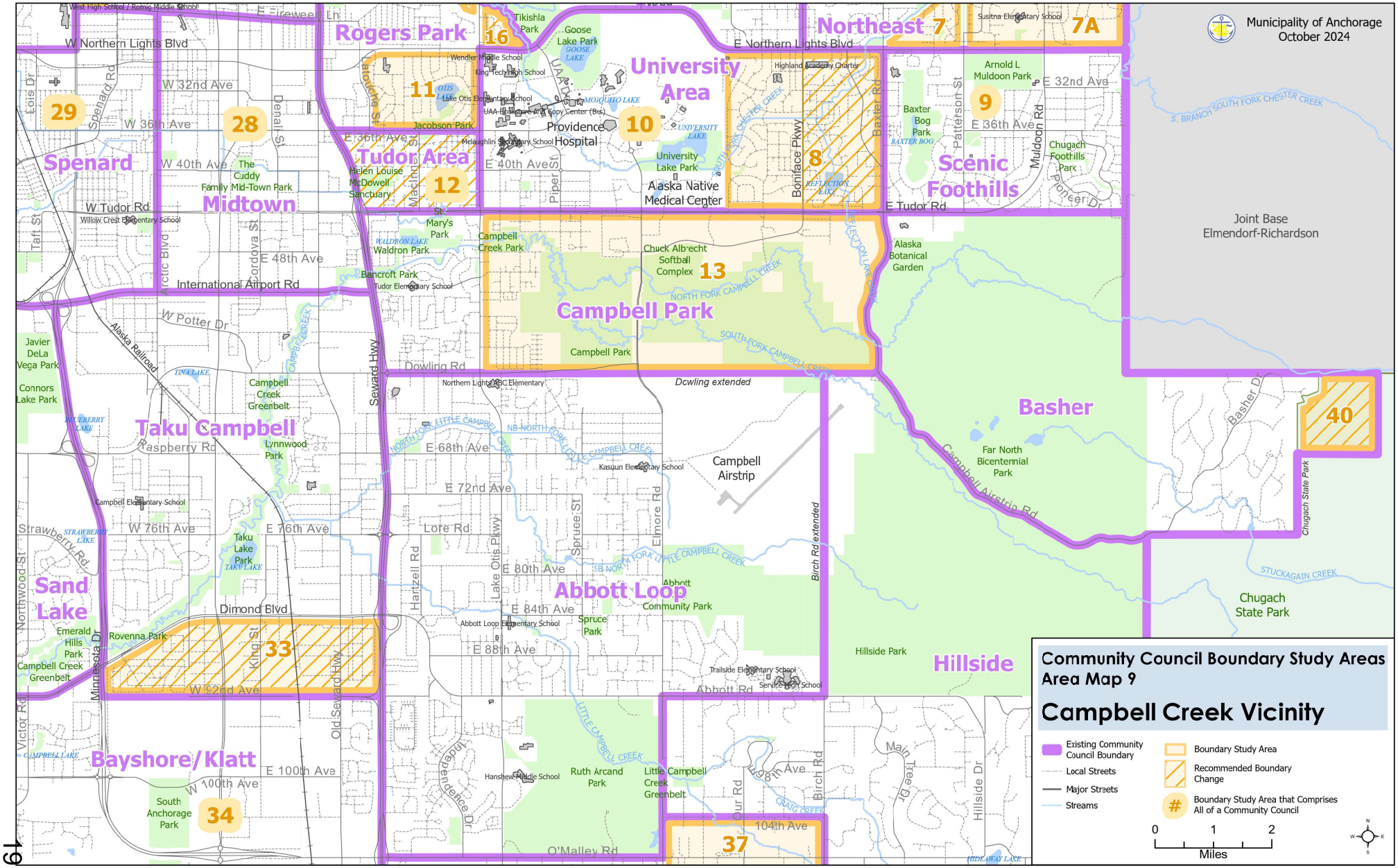
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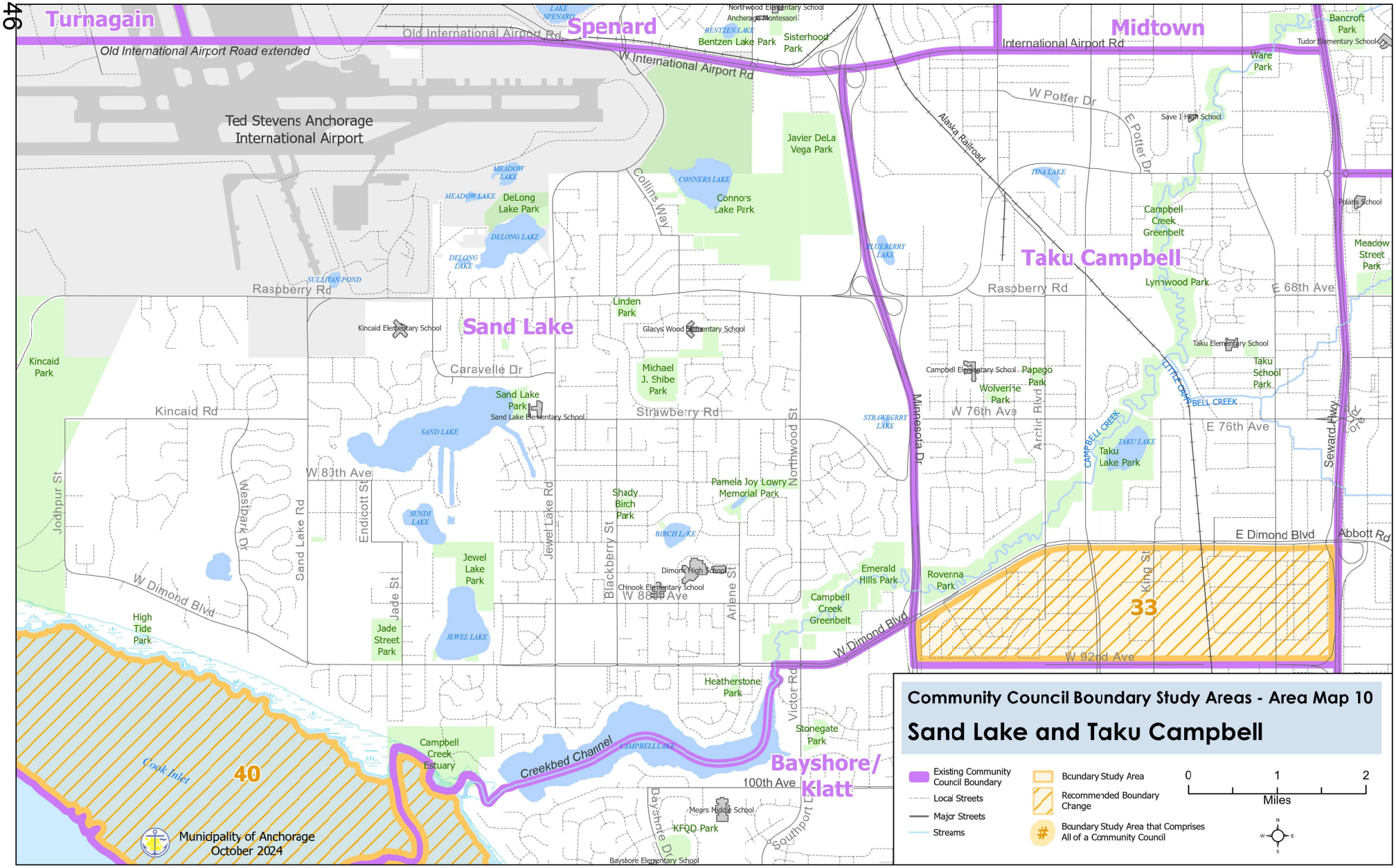
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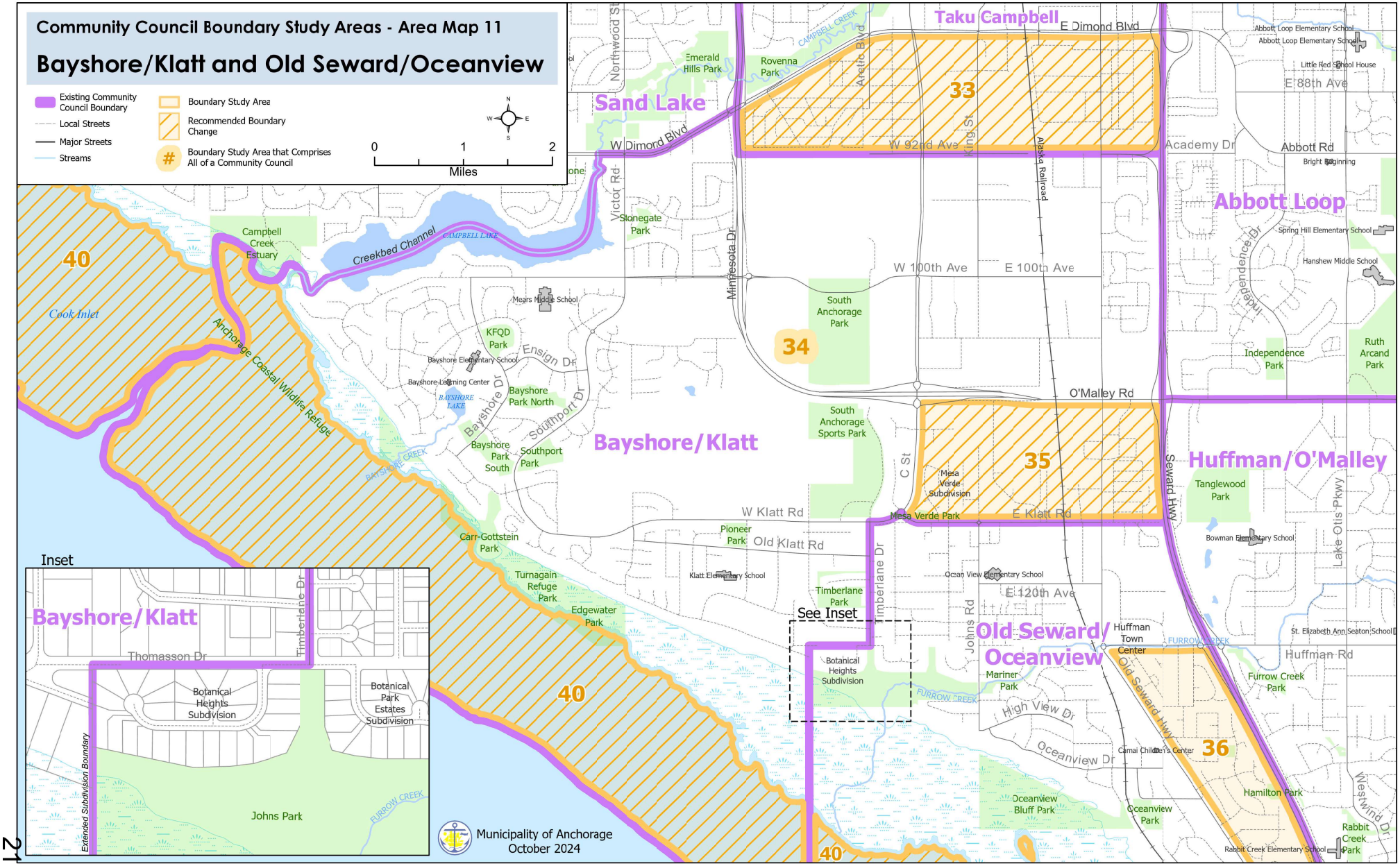
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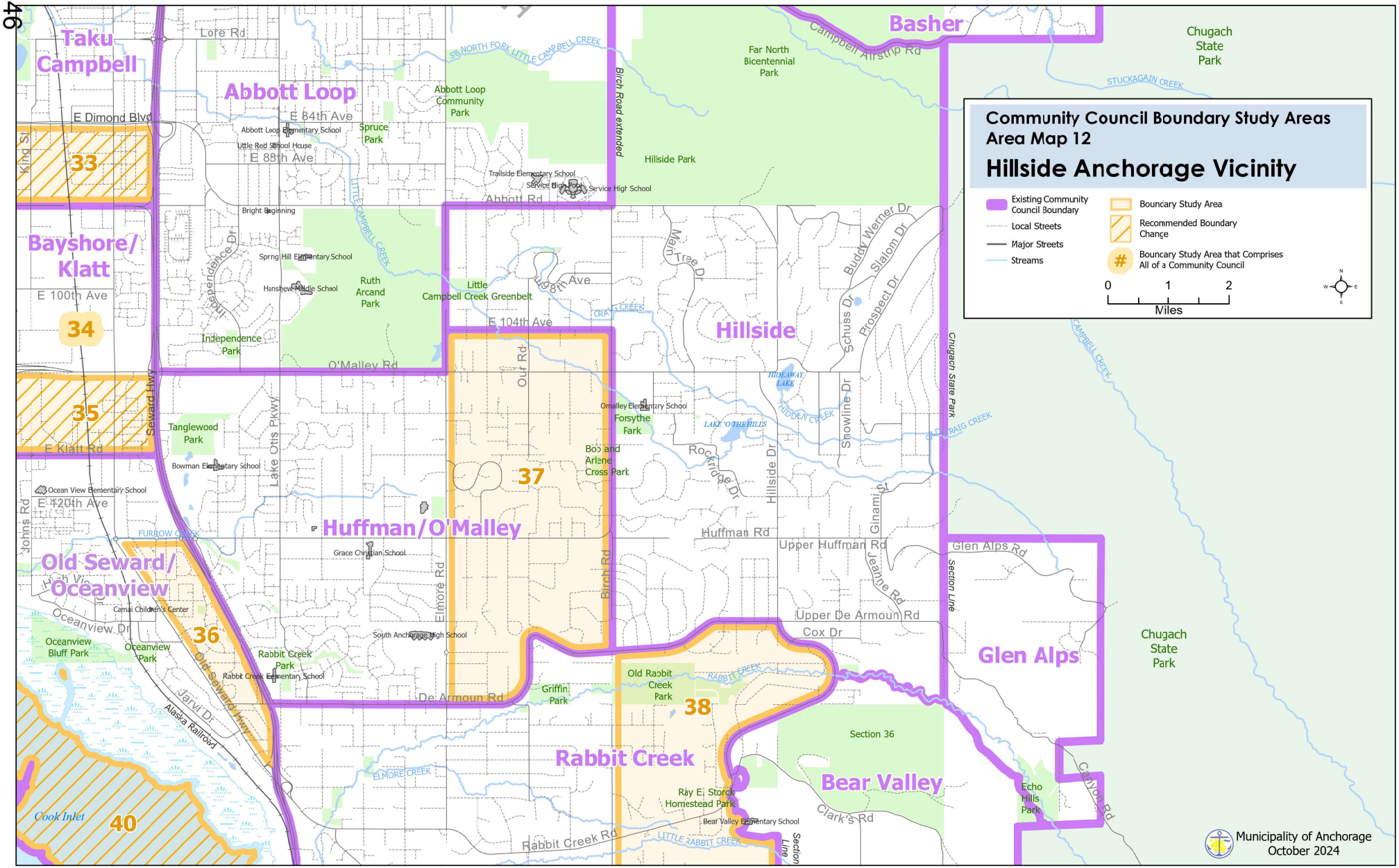
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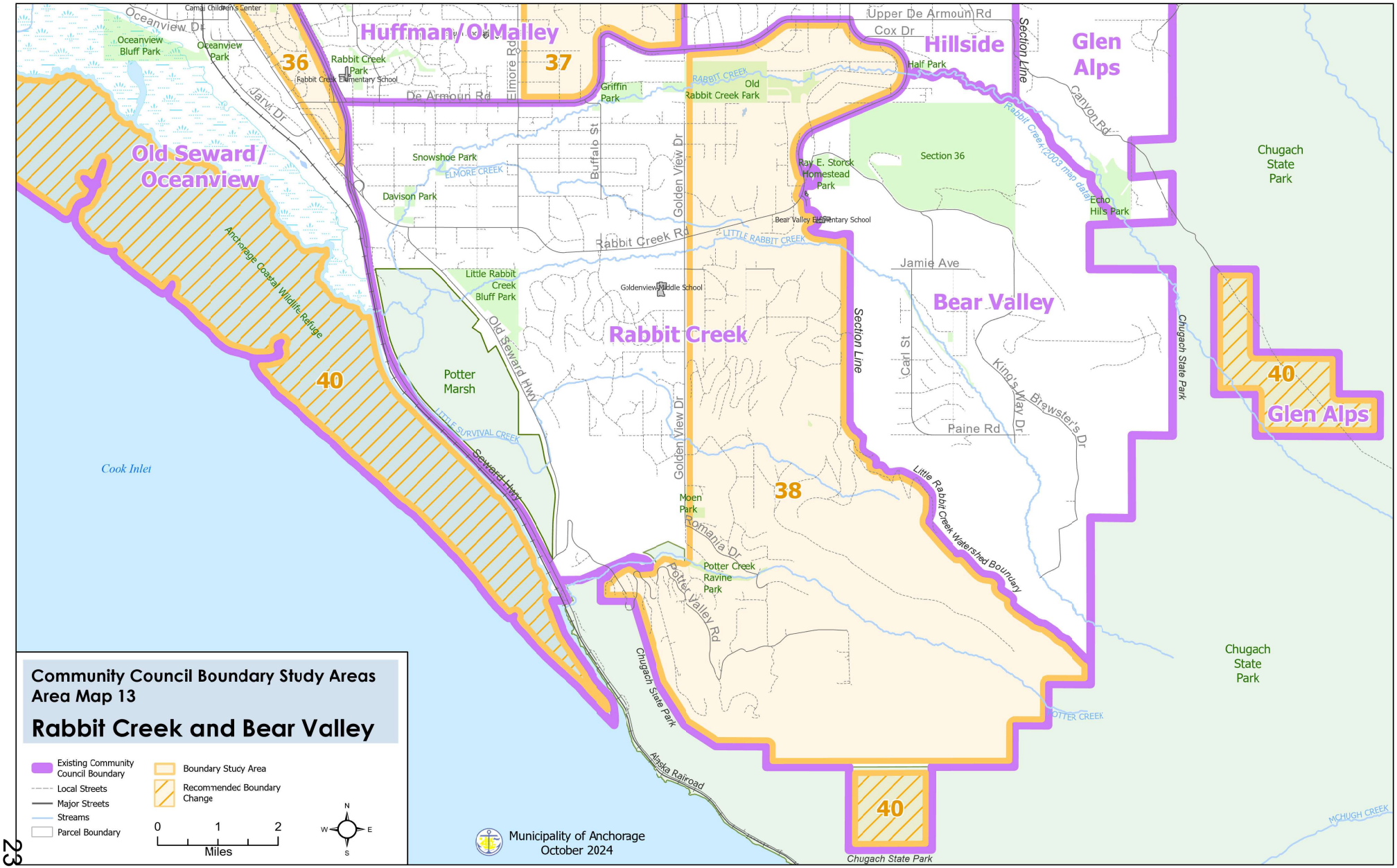
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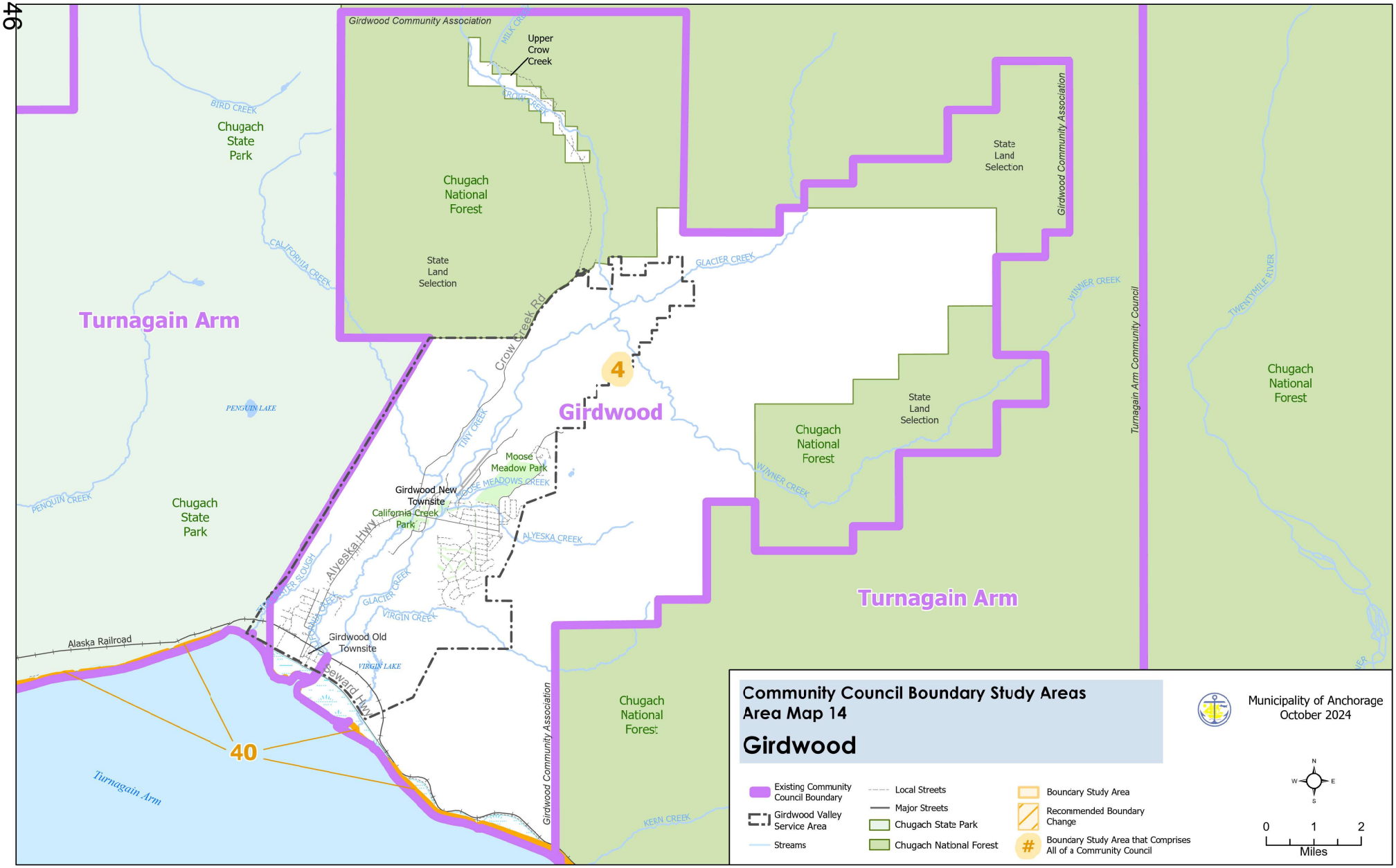
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Public Comments

(as of March 7, 2025)

10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries

Public Hearing Draft
PZC Case No. 2024-0100

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AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2024-7

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARY CHANGES

WHEREAS, Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040 states that "Review of community council district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur upon assembly or planning and zoning commission initiative or at the request of the mayor or one or more community councils; however, a comprehensive review of district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur at least once every ten years, following the release of decennial U.S. Census results and after assembly redistricting is acted upon and any court appeals are disposed of";

WHEREAS, the Municipal Planning Department began the 10-year review of community council boundaries in 2022 with a questionnaire survey and outreach to community councils to identify potential Boundary Study Areas;

WHEREAS, a Boundary Advisory Committee made up of a geographically representative group of 12 volunteers from among the Community Councils was organized in early 2023 to provide feedback to the Planning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the boundary study areas that were identified by the questionnaire responses and other public comments;

WHEREAS, after five publicly noticed meetings, the Boundary Advisory Committee created an Action Summary with their recommendations regarding each Boundary Study Area;

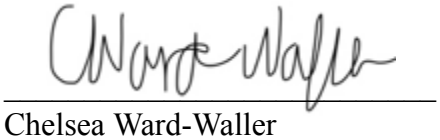
WHEREAS, in late October 2024 the Planning Department released a public hearing draft report and recommendations with maps for Community Councils to review and respond to; and

WHEREAS, Airport Heights Community Council has reviewed the Planning Department draft report and recommendations for Boundary Survey Areas 15, 16, 17, 18, and 21;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Airport Heights Community Council supports the Planning Department recommendations for the following boundary study areas:

- Boundary Study Area #15, Penland Park and Brighton Park [no change];
- Boundary Study Area #16, Anchor Park Subdivision [Transfer Anchor Park Subdivision on the northeast corner of Lake Otis Parkway and E. Northern Lights Boulevard from Rogers Park Community Council to Airport Heights Community Council];
- Boundary Study Area #17, regarding Eastridge Subdivision [no change];
- Boundary Study Area #18, regarding the lots on 24th Avenue west of Lake Otis Parkway [no change]; and
- Boundary Study Area #21, regarding the Sitka Street Park/airport runway clear zone woodlands south of 15th Avenue [no change].

THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED by the Airport Heights Community Council on December 19, 2024 by a vote of: FOR_14_, AGAINST _0_, ABSTAIN _0_.



Chelsea Ward-Waller
President

Resolution 2024-04
A Resolution Supporting One and Opposing Two Proposed Community Council Boundary Changes, and Changing the South and West Basher Community Council Boundary

WHEREAS The Basher Community Council district is a separate, distinct natural community, and

WHEREAS The Basher Community Council is an active organization that meets quorum (approximately 30-50 members attend each meeting) and is engaged in their district, and

WHEREAS Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040 states that “Review of community council district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur upon assembly or planning and zoning commission initiative or at the request of the mayor or one or more community councils; however, a comprehensive review of district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur at least once every ten years, following the release of decennial U.S. Census results and after assembly redistricting is acted upon and any court appeals are disposed of, and

WHEREAS the Municipal Planning Department began the 10-year review of community council boundaries in 2022 with a questionnaire survey and outreach to community councils to identify potential Boundary Study Areas, and

WHEREAS a Boundary Advisory Committee made up of a geographically representative group of 12 volunteers from among the Community Councils was organized in early 2023 to provide feedback to the Planning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the boundary study areas that were identified by the questionnaire responses and other public comments, and

WHEREAS after five publicly noticed meetings, the Boundary Advisory Committee created an Action Summary with recommendations for each Boundary Study Area, and

WHEREAS in late October 2024, the Planning Department released a “White Paper: Report and Recommendations Public Hearing Draft” with maps for Community Councils to review and respond to, and

WHEREAS Basher Community Council has reviewed the Planning Department White Paper: Report and Recommendations Public Hearing Draft for Boundary Survey Area #9, Scenic Foothills Community Council District (Boundary Area Maps 6 and 9), and for Boundary Study Area #40, Chugach State Park and Cook Inlet Boundaries Updates (Boundary Study Area Maps 1, 2, 5, 5a, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14), and

WHEREAS all seven questionnaire responses from Basher Community Council members agreed with its existing boundaries and said no changes should be considered, and

WHEREAS, a recently proposed fire mitigation project along the Campbell Airstrip Road to protect egress from the neighborhood and other projects anticipated along the road that are important to the community fall in areas outside the current and proposed south and west Basher Community Council boundaries, and

WHEREAS, the Basher Community Council has historically been very involved in issues affecting Study Area #40, the former inholding that is now part of Chugach State Park, and desires to retain as much influence as it can over that area, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

A. The Basher Community Council supports the Planning Department White Paper: Report and Recommendations Public Hearing Draft for Boundary Survey Area #9, Scenic Foothills Community Council District (Boundary Area Maps 6 and 9) Option A (Recommended): No change. Retain existing boundaries.
B. The Basher Community Council opposes the Planning Department White Paper: Report and Recommendations Public Hearing Draft for Boundary Survey Area #9, Scenic Foothills Community Council District (Boundary Area Maps 6 and 9) Option B: Merge Scenic Foothills and Basher Community Councils into one community council district.
C. The Basher Community Council opposes the Planning Department White Paper: Report and Recommendations Public Hearing Draft for Boundary Study Area #40, Chugach State Park and Cook Inlet Boundaries Updates (Boundary Study Area Maps 1, 2, 5, 5a, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14) Option B: Specifically, remove the parcel which was once a private inholding that is now part of Chugach State Park from the Basher Community Council district.
D. The Basher Community Council proposes changing the south and west boundaries of the council boundary as follows: The south boundary of the Basher Community Council would move southward to follow the South Fork of Campbell Creek from the Chugach State Park Boundary to the southwest corner of the BLM Parking lot at mile 1.1 on the Campbell Airstrip Road. The west boundary would move westward to parallel the Campbell Airstrip Road 200 feet to the west between the BLM parking lot and Tudor Road. See the attached map illustrating the changes.

ADOPTED this 14 day of November 2024.

Recoverable Signature

X Dirk Sisson

Dirk Sisson
President Basher Community Council
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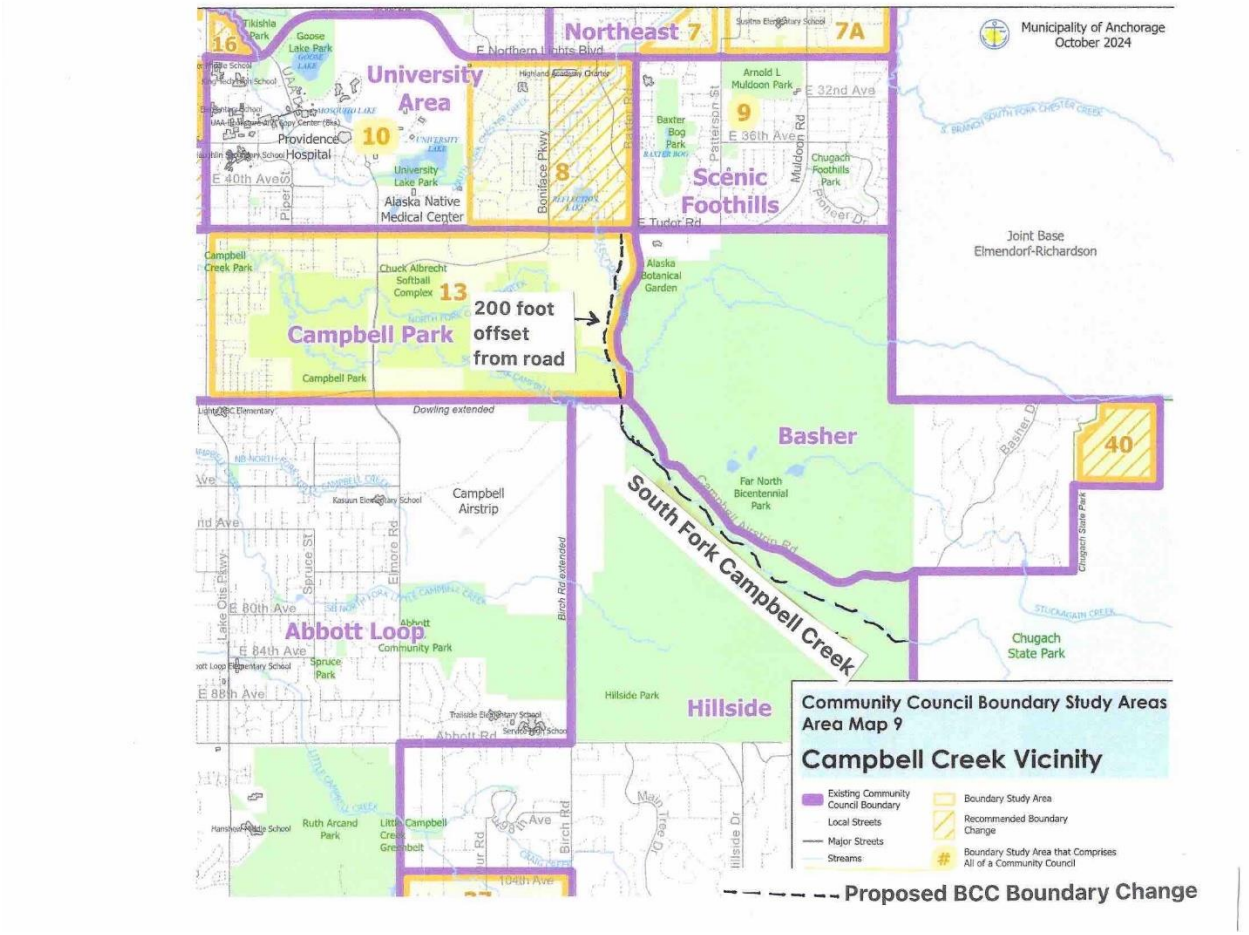
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Resolution 2025-01
A Resolution of Bear Valley Community Council
Opposing Changes to the Community Council Boundaries

WHEREAS Anchorage Municipal Code 02.40.040 states that "Review of community council district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur upon assembly or planning and zoning commission initiative or at the request of the mayor or one or more community councils; however, a comprehensive review of district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur at least once every ten years, following the release of decennial U.S. Census results and after assembly redistricting is acted upon and any court appeals are disposed of" and

WHEREAS the Municipal Planning Department began the 10-year review of community council boundaries in 2022 with a questionnaire survey and outreach to community councils to identify potential Boundary Study Areas; and

WHEREAS a Boundary Advisory Committee made up of a geographically representative group of 12 volunteers from among the Community Councils was organized in early 2023 to provide feedback to the Planning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the boundary study areas that were identified by the questionnaire responses and other public comments; and

WHEREAS after five publicly noticed meetings, the Boundary Advisory Committee created an Action Summary with their recommendations regarding each Boundary Study Area; and

WHEREAS in late October 2024 the Planning Department released a public hearing draft report and recommendation with maps for Community Councils to review and respond to; and

WHEREAS the Bear Valley Community Council has reviewed the Planning Department draft report and recommendations for Boundary Survey Area #38;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bear Valley Community Council supports the Planning Department's recommendations for Boundary Survey Area #38 as "No change; Retain existing boundaries.

The Bear Valley Community Council, at its regularly scheduled meeting of January 8, 2025, after obtaining a quorum of 11 members, considered and approved this resolution by a vote of 11 Ayes, 0 Nays and 0 abstentions.

Attested to this 8th day of January, 2025.

By: Constance E. Livsey
Secretary, Bear Valley Community Council

Resolution #2024-12-01
Birchwood Community Council Boundaries

Whereas, historically Birchwood Council has been very involved with hiking and mushing trails in our rural Council area, many of which extend into the area termed “coastal mud flats”.

Whereas, Birchwood Council was and continues to be an advocate and supporter of Beach Lake Park and the trails giving access to the mouth of Peters Creek, both of which include tidal flats. Some of our members also live in homes immediately adjacent and overlooking the tidal flats or mud flats and care deeply about what occurs on them.

Now therefore,
We request our Council boundaries remain as presently written. We oppose the removal of the tidal flats or mud flats from our Council area.

Respectfully,
Matt Cruickshank
Debbie Ossiander

Appendix

Resolution 2025-01
A resolution advocating the proposed Community Council Boundary changes to Survey Areas 12 and 13.

WHEREAS Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040 states that “Review of community council district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur upon assembly or planning and zoning commission initiative or at the request of the mayor or one or more community councils; however, a comprehensive review of district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur at least once every ten years, following the release of decennial U.S. Census results and after assembly redistricting is acted upon and any court appeals are disposed of.”

WHEREAS the Municipal Planning Department began the 10-year review of community council boundaries in 2022 with a questionnaire survey and outreach to community councils to identify potential Boundary Study Areas.

WHEREAS a Boundary Advisory Committee made up of a geographically representative group of 12 volunteers from among the Community Councils was organized in early 2023 to provide feedback to the Planning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the boundary study areas that were identified by the questionnaire responses and other public comments.

WHEREAS after five publicly noticed meetings, the Boundary Advisory Committee created an Action Summary with their recommendations regarding each Boundary Study Area.

WHEREAS in late October 2024 the Planning Department released a public hearing draft report and recommendations with maps for Community Councils to review and respond to.

WHEREAS Campbell Park Community Council has reviewed the Planning Department draft report and recommendations for Boundary Survey Area 12, Tudor Area Community Council, being merged into University Area Community Council.

WHEREAS Campbell Park Community Council has reviewed the Planning Department draft report and recommendations for Boundary Survey Area 13, maintaining the current boundaries of Campbell Park Community Council except as follows;

WHEREAS Basher Community Council has requested that the common border of Campbell Park and Basher along Campbell Airstrip Road be moved west 200 feet in order to support wildfire migitation and emergency evacuation on Campbell Airstrip Road;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Campbell Park Community Council supports the Planning Department recommendations for Boundary Survey Area 12 Tudor Area Community Council and Boundary Survey Area 13, Campbell Park Community council, with the exception that Campbell Park Community Councls supports Basher Community Council's request to move a common boundary 200 feet west along Campbell Airstrip Road.

Campbell Park Community Council, after obtaining a quorum of 10 or more members, approved this resolution as originally presented and as amended by separate votes of 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, & 0 Abstains. Attested this 16th of January, 2025.

Steven Johnson
Secretary, Campbell Park Community Council

Downtown Community Council

Resolution No. 2024-11

A Resolution in Support of Retaining the Eastern Boundary of Downtown Community Council with Fairview Community Council, and Retaining the Western Boundary of Downtown with South Addition Community Council.

WHEREAS the Municipality is undergoing its 10-year review of community council district boundaries following the process prescribed in Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040.

WHEREAS the municipal Planning Department and a Boundary Advisory Committee made up of a geographically representative group of volunteers from among the community councils have evaluated a variety of boundary issues that were raised by the public during the 10-year review process.

WHEREAS the public comments included several proposals to change the boundaries of Downtown Community Council's boundaries with Fairview in the east and South Addition in the west, and the Planning Department and Boundary Advisory Committee evaluated those proposals as Boundary Study Areas #19 and #22 (in the east), and #25 (in the west).

WHEREAS the Planning Department during its cartography work identified a boundary issue with the existing coastline boundaries of all coastal community councils including Downtown and evaluated that as Boundary Study Area #40.

WHEREAS in October 2024 the Planning Department released a public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations* regarding all the Boundary Study Areas including Areas #19, # 22, 25, and #40 and has requested comments from the community councils.

WHEREAS Downtown Community Council has reviewed the public hearing draft public hearing draft recommendations for Boundary Study Areas #19, # 22, 25, and #40, and their depiction in Boundary Study Area Maps 5, 5a, and 5b maps provided with the report.

WHEREAS Downtown Community Council has reviewed the public hearing draft public hearing draft recommendations, however the council has received information that in addition to the boundary study areas from staff, Government Hill Community Council has contacted Downtown Community Council to indicate that Government Hill will propose that the boat launch area be transferred from Downtown to Government Hill creating a boundary change on the northern portion of the Downtown Community Council area at Ship Creek.

Whereas the Downtown Community Council believes the boat launch should remain in the Downtown Community Council area and does not support a northern boundary change at Ship Creek as proposed by the Government Hill Community Council for the following reasons:

1. The boat launch is a part of Downtown Community Council. The boundary between Government Hill and Downtown is Ship Creek (the river waterbody), and the

boat launch is south of the mouth of Ship Creek. The boat launch has been a part of DTCC from the beginning of the community councils and MOA.

2. The boat launch and other areas south of Ship Creek are a part of the Our Downtown plan. The land use and future vision for the boat launch and other areas south of Ship Creek are laid out in the Downtown plan and in the Ship Creek Framework Plan.

3. The Our Downtown plan and Ship Creek Framework Plan call for the areas south of Ship Creek envisioning the boat launch area being developed as a high-density mixed-use commercial, institutional, and residential redevelopment that will be associated, or oriented toward, Downtown and the Alaska Railroad depot.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Downtown Community Council that:

A. Downtown Community Council supports the public hearing draft recommendations for Boundary Study Areas #19 and #22 to retain Downtown's existing eastern boundaries with Fairview.

B. Downtown Community Council supports the public hearing draft recommendation for Boundary Study Area #25 to retain Downtown's existing western boundary with South Addition on L Street.

C. Downtown supports retaining existing boundaries with the boat launch and areas south of Ship Creek staying in Downtown, and do not support transferring those areas out of Downtown.

D. Downtown Community Council supports the public hearing draft recommendation for Boundary Study Area #40, *Cook Inlet Coastline Boundaries Update*, which is to adjust the coastal boundaries of community councils including Downtown that have shoreline on Cook Inlet to follow "mean high water" (i.e., mean high tide) rather than mean low water.

This Downtown Community Council members, unanimously approved this resolution.

Attested this 8th day of January 2025

Silvia Villamides

Silvia Villamides, President
Downtown Community Council

Eagle River Valley Community Council
Eagle River, Alaska 99577
Mailing address: 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100 Anchorage, AK 99503

Eagle River Valley Community Council
Resolution No. 2024-03

A resolution in support of the recommendations proposed in the 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries as related to the Eagle River Valley Community Council (Planning and Zoning Commission Case No. 2024-0100).

WHEREAS, Section 2.40.040 of the Anchorage Municipal Code, *Establishment of Community Councils*, requires a review of community council district boundaries every 10 years to ensure the geographic boundaries of community councils continue to reflect their neighborhoods, and all citizens continue to have the opportunity to participate in and be represented by an active, engaged community council for their area; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.40 of the Anchorage Municipal Code establishes the standards for delineating community council district to (1) group residents within natural communities and (2) recognize community desires regarding boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the review is done with the input from a volunteer Boundary Advisory Committee comprised of representatives from diverse community councils; and

WHEREAS, the report's recommendations must be approved by Planning and Zoning Commission and Anchorage Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Boundary Advisory Committee recommended maintaining the existing boundaries of the Eagle River Valley Community Council area; and

WHEREAS, subsequent research by municipal cartographers identified two Heritage Land Bank parcels (1-079 and 1-080) and one Bureau of Land Management parcel which are outside the Chugach State Park boundary; and

WHEREAS, municipal staff recommend transferring these three parcels into the Eagle River Valley Community Council area;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eagle River Valley Community Council hereby supports the recommendations as proposed in the 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries report.

This Resolution was passed on December 13, 2024, by unanimous vote.

Julie K. Jessen, President

Sarah Davenport

Sarah Davenport, Secretary

Eklutna Valley Community Council

RESOLUTION 2024-01

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RETAINING THE EXISTING COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARY

Whereas, Anchorage municipal code requires a review of all community council boundaries every 10 years; and

Whereas, in the public hearing draft of its *10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries White Paper* report released on October 30, 2024, the Planning Department and Boundary Advisory Committee recommended that there be no changes to the Eklutna Valley Community Council district boundary; and

Whereas, members of the Eklutna Valley Community Council support the public hearing draft's recommendation; therefore be it

***Resolved*,** that Eklutna Valley Community Council recommends retaining its existing boundary.

Passed this 6th day of November, 2024, by a unanimous vote.

Rick Sinnott

Rick Sinnott, President

Fairview Community Council

A Resolution Regarding Municipal Review of Community Council Boundaries
Resolution 2024-17

Whereas, Anchorage Municipal Code directs that after every U.S. Census, the Planning Department is to review Community Council boundaries and provide recommendations for changes, if necessary; and

Whereas, the Municipal Planning Department has conducted a lengthy public involvement process extending over the past year; and

Whereas, Municipal Planning staff have met Community Council leaders and formally presented at a meeting of the General Membership; and

Whereas, it is in the best interests of the Fairview Community Council to officially weigh in on the process and proposed recommendations as they impact community stakeholders; and

Whereas, leadership from community councils adjacent to Fairview have expressed interest in shifting borders to align with the goals of the various councils, and

Whereas Fairview has an interest both in maintaining its borders to include public facilities, businesses, and residents,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the membership of the Fairview Community Council commends the efforts of Municipal Planning staff to solicit public input, and

Therefore, Be It Also Resolved, it is the will of the Council that the following attached recommendations attached be forwarded to the Planning Department as part of the official record.

The Fairview Community Council having obtained a quorum of 15 members did:
All Approve 0 Disapprove this Resolution by a vote of All Ayes 0 Nayes
and 0 Abstentions this day of 2/13, 2025.

3/6/25
President, Fairview Community Council Date

Recommendations of the Fairview Community Council

Unless otherwise noted, the comments below are based on the "Appendix C Community Council Boundary Study Area Maps Final" version from October 2024.

Area 20- Fairview Community Council has historically entended from Merril Field to Cordova, and we have active members on both sides of the Ingra/Gambell divide (Area 20). The Seward/Glenn Connection project and the Reconnecting Communities Grant are further intended to make our sense of neighborhood stronger and counteract the impacts of the Federal Interstate that runs through the heart of our neighborhood. Gambell was once and is again intended to become our Main Street — a focus for residents on both sides of the divide to come together. We strongly oppose any attempt to split our community further. We fully endorse option A (no change)

Areas 23 & 24- South Addition has expressed an interest in adding Area 24 to their council boundary. This would have the effect of adding businesses and a handful of residences to their council area, and would give them frontage on the Chester Creek Sports Complex (CCSC). While Fairview agrees with the goal of having South Addition front the CCSC, we do not want to lose commercial or residential properties from our boundary area. We feel an appropriate compromise would be to add the portion of Area 23 from Cordova to A street to the Fairview Community Council boundary. These are historic Pilot Row houses and the development in that area is closer to Fairview's goals than South Addition's. We especially feel like Denali Elementary ought to be moved into Fairview's council boundary, as the school's neighborhood population largely live in Fairview. Fairview strongly opposes moving Central Lutheran Church to South addition. We support options C or D for area 23, in conjunction with option B for area 24.

Area 21- Airport Heights has expressed an interest in making area 21 part of their boundary. We feel it makes sense for the boundary between Fairview and Airport Heights to split stika street park, even splitting area 21 between the two councils. Again, this brings both councils to the table when making decisions about that part. Both of our residents use the park. We support Option B. (Splitting Merril Field open space between Airport Heights and Fairview)

Area 19- Fairview Community Council has a long history of involvement in area 19 (North of the Glenn Highway) and does not see a reason to move this to another council. Many property owners are members of the council and are highly engaged with council leadership. We recommend option A. (No change)

Area 22- While Fairview would like to see areas historically in our neighborhood returned to our council boundary, we also acknowledge that Downtown has an active and engaged community, especially the 3rd Avenue Radicals. We would welcome the residents and businesses of area 22 to the Fairview Community Council, and believe we have a lot in common with property owners and residents in that area, but we defer to the preferences of the residents in that area. Fairview endorses the recommendation of Downtown Community Council and the residents/ property owners of that area.

Area 14- While Fairview would like to see areas historically in our neighborhood returned to our council boundary, we also acknowledge that Mountain View has an active and engaged community. We would welcome the residents and businesses of area 14 to the Fairview Community Council, and believe we have a lot in common with property owners and residents in that area, but we defer to the preferences of the residents in that area. Fairview endorses the recommendation of Mountain View Community Council and the residents/property owners of that area

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Suzanne LaFrance Mayor

GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Briana Sullivan & Mike Edgington, Co-Chairs
Jennifer Wingard, Brian Burnett. Kellie Okonek

Resolution 2024-15 (as amended)
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR
PROPOSED NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE TO GIRDWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARY

WHEREAS, as required, the Municipal Planning Department and boundary advisory committee have studied, received comments, and considered amendment to the community council boundaries throughout the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has proposed a technical adjustment of the boundary along Turnagain Arm to follow the mean high-water line, consistent with current mapping practices; and

WHEREAS, Girdwood has a robust system for hearing community council concerns and taking action on them through the Land Use Committee hearing process and the GBOS in its role as Community Council Ex-Officio; and

WHEREAS, change to the Girdwood Community Council boundary has not been brought as a majority opinion in any of those meetings; and

WHEREAS, this action has been recommended by the Girdwood Land Use Committee at their regular December 2024 meeting; and

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves to support the Planning Department and advisory committee's recommendation not to make substantive changes to the existing Girdwood Community Council boundaries except for the technical adjustment along Turnagain Arm.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 4 to 0 on the16th day of December 2024, and amended by a vote of 4 to 0 this 13th day of January 2025.

Mike Edgington

Mike Edgington
GBOS Co-Chair

Margaret Tyler

Margaret Tyler
Attest

Glen Alps Community Council (GACC) Resolution in Support of Item 40 Option B regarding Community Council Boundaries 12/12/2024

Whereas the document titled, “10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries – Report & Recommendations October 2024 **Public Hearing Draft”** contains Item **“40. Chugach State Park & Cook Inlet Coastline Boundaries Updates”**

Whereas Item 40 is the only section in the above document identified as containing lands within the Glen Alps Community Council Boundaries.

Whereas three Options and Recommendations labelled Option A, Option B, & Option C are given in the above document

Whereas a discussion at the Glen Alps Community Council meeting, which had a quorum, was had regarding the above items and a vote was taken to determine which of the three above options were preferred.

Whereas the members of did vote and affirm to approve of “Option B”

Therefore, GACC does support Item 40 Option B, which states, “Option B: In Chugach State Park, remove three parcels which were once private inholdings that are now a part of Chugach State Park, from the Basher, Glen Alps, and Rabbit Creek Community Council districts. In Chugiak-Eagle River, transfer HLB Parcels 1-079 and 1-080 plus the adjoining BLM parcel into Eagle River Valley Community Council, as these parcels are not a part of Chugach State Park.”

Glen Alps Community Council (GACC) Resolution 2-20-25 Requesting the Redrawing of the Glen Alps Community Council boundaries.

Whereas Glen Alps was once a community separated from the City of Anchorage and prior to 1975 was only a part of the Greater Anchorage Area Borough.

Whereas residents on, in, around the watersheds of the mountains of Flattop, Peak 2, 3, 4, Ptarmigan, Homicide, North & South Yuyanq' Ch'ex, & upper rabbit creek share similar topography, proximity to Chugach State Park, rural living, interests, weather, & common issues such as wildlife, runoff, being on the same power line circuits, & steep slopes.

Whereas multiple neighbors who are just west of the current GACC boundary have expressed dismay at not being a part of Glen Alps Community Council and have interest in participating in making decisions which directly affect their lives.

Whereas Jeanne Road is a road constructed by homesteader Donald Rohaley in the mid-1950's to access their properties in modern-day GACC. The evidence of this road is found in the 1960 view on the Municipality's ArcGIS system located at: https://moa-muniorg.hub.arcgis.com/

Whereas the construction of Jeanne Road enabled residential development on both sides of the road beginning in the mid 1950's and the formation of the city of Glen Alps later.

Whereas the current western boundary of GACC was simply drawn along a section line boundary and does not accurately reflect the actual neighborhood that is Glen Alps.

Whereas Jeanne Road is currently not recognized by the Anchorage Municipality as a legal & publicly accessible road and so is subject to change in its alignment in the future

Whereas Michael Road is the next western most road from Jeanne and shares the same issues and interests as described above.

Whereas GACC believes it is important to have an alignment of interests between the road service area and the residents of the community councils who live within those road service areas as those residents share common road maintenance interests, funding, & allocation of associated tax revenue.

Glen Alps Community Council resolves to request the governing bodies within the municipality and the Assembly to extend Glen Alps Community Council's western-most boundary to include parcels which are East of Michael Road, South of Upper Huffman Road & North of Upper De Armoun Road. Please refer to the attached maps for reference.

Voted on, Approved, & Resolved February 20, 2025

Rob Brown, Glen Alps Community Council President

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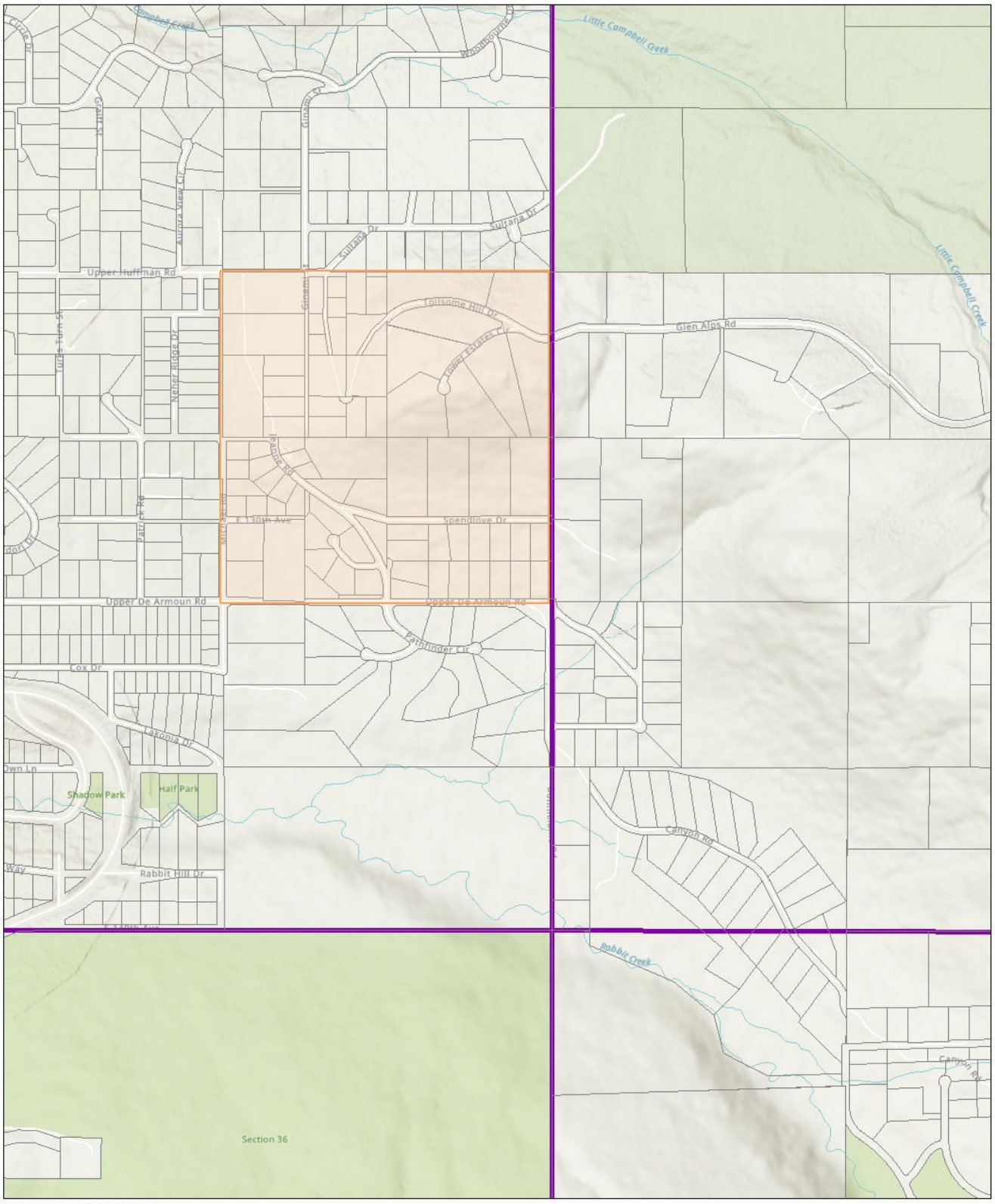

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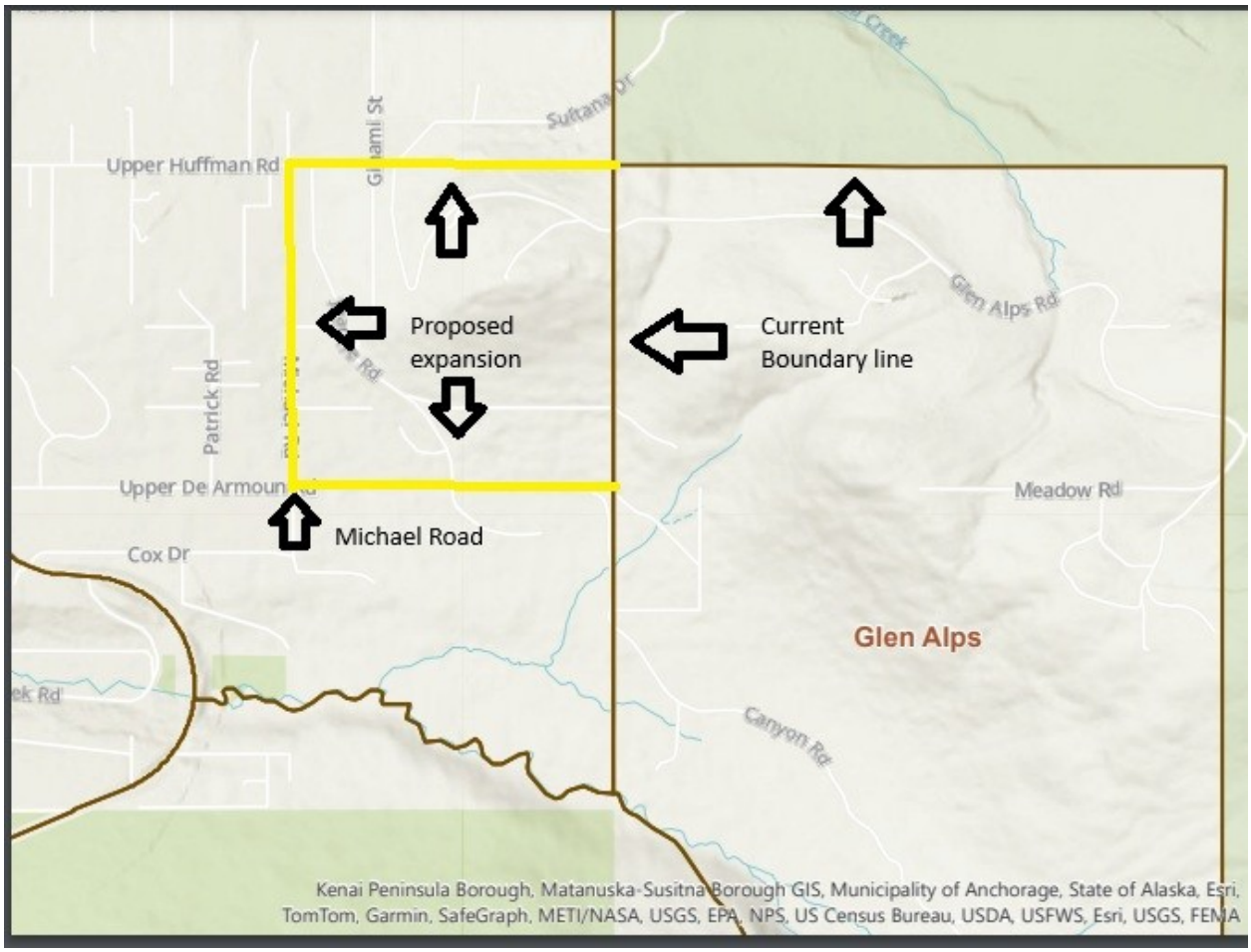
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RESOLUTION 2025-001
A RESOLUTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMENTING ON ANCHORAGE MUNICIPALITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT PROPOSED COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARY CHANGES.

WHEREAS Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040 states that "Review of community council district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur upon assembly or planning and zoning commission initiative or at the request of the mayor or one or more community councils; however, a comprehensive review of district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur at least once every ten years, following the release of decennial U.S. Census results and after assembly redistricting is acted upon and any court appeals are disposed of.; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Planning Department began the 10-year review of community council boundaries in 2022 with a questionnaire survey and outreach to community councils to identify potential Boundary Study Areas; and

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WHEREAS after five publicly noticed meetings, the Boundary Advisory Committee created an Action Summary with their recommendations regarding each Boundary Study Area; and

WHEREAS in late October 2024 the Planning Department released a public hearing draft report and recommendations with maps for Community Councils to review and respond to; and

WHEREAS The Government Hill Community Council has reviewed the Planning Department draft report and recommendations for Boundary Study Areas 14 and 40 from the public hearing draft report; and

WHEREAS The Government Hill Community Council has previously testified on matters, such as the installation of the aircraft fuel pipeline that is buried in the mudflats in Boundary Study Area 40, and because activities or potential development on the mudflats will affect the adjacent land areas; and

WHEREAS The Government Hill Community Council understands that changing Community Council boundaries from the “Mean Low or Lower Water” to the “Mean High Tide” could prevent the Government Hill Community Council, and other Community Councils, from effectively participating during hearings for future activities or development taking place on the mudflats; and

WHEREAS The Government Hill Community Council acknowledges the fact that the Small Boat Launch (currently attached to the Downtown Community Council) is managed by the Port of Alaska and has access only through the Government Hill Community boundaries, now

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government Hill Community Council has the following recommendations:

- Government Hill Community Council supports Option A of the Planning Department recommendations for Boundary Study Area 40, retaining the existing Community Council Boundary as the “Mean Low or Lower Water” mark.

- Government Hill Community Council supports Option A of the Planning Department recommendations for Boundary Study Area 14, retaining the existing boundaries.
- Government Hill Community Council requests the small boat launch and the adjacent mudflats be transferred from the Downtown Community Council to the Government Hill Community Council.

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Consent

Signed: Jody Sola

Jody Sola, President
February 20, 2025

Resolution 2024-05
A resolution advocating the proposed Community Council Boundary changes.

WHEREAS Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040 states that "Review of community council district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur upon assembly or planning and zoning commission initiative or at the request of the mayor or one or more community councils; however, a comprehensive review of council boundaries and the number of districts shall occur at least once every ten years, following the release of decennial U.S. Census results and after assembly redistricting is acted upon and any court appeals are disposed of."

WHEREAS the Municipal Planning Department began in 2022 to survey and outreach to identify potential Boundary Study Areas.

WHEREA a Boundary Advisory Committee made up of a geographically representative group of 12 volunteers from among the Community Councils was organized in early 2023 to provide feedback to the Planning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the boundary study areas that were identified by the questionnaire responses and other public comments.

WHEREAS after five publicly noticed meetings, the Boundary Advisory Committee created an Action Summary with their recommendations regarding each Boundary Study Area.

WHEREAS in late September 2024 the Planning Department released a draft report and recommendations with maps for Community Councils to review and respond to.

WHEARAS the Planning department as announced there will be no change to the Planning Department's or Boundary Advisory Committee's 2023 recommendation to retain the Midtown CC district (Community Council) as is, with its existing boundaries.

WHEREAS the Midtown Community Council (MTCC) has reviewed the Planning Department draft report and recommendations for Boundary Survey Area for Community Councils.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MTCC supports the Planning Department recommendations for Boundary Survey Area for community councils and that the MTCC supports retaining the existing boundaries as recommended by the Boundary Advisory Committee and Planning Department.

Thus, after obtaining a quorum of [Insert Quorum] or more members, approved this resolution by a vote of:

[#] Ayes, 13
[#] Nays, ~~0~~

[#] Abstains. 0
Attested this Date 12-11-24
Kristine Stoehner

Kristine Stoehner
President
Midtown Community Council
907-240-4324

North Star Community Council
Resolution 2025 - 03

A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE VALLEY OF THE MOON PARK WITHIN NORTH STAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARY

WHEREAS, the North Star Community Council (NSCC) represents the residents, businesses, and other stakeholders within its designated boundary, providing a platform for community engagement, planning, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS Valley of the Moon Park is a 21.78 acre community-use park located within the Chester Creek Greenbelt. The park is defined by Chester Creek to the south, Arctic Blvd. to the west, 17th Ave and 16th Ave to the north, and a single track trail and private property to the east between C St. and the park; and

WHEREAS, Valley of the Moon Park is a significant and widely utilized public park that serves as a vital recreational and social hub for residents in and around the North Star neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the current municipal boundary for the NSCC does not include Valley of the Moon Park, which is presently zoned within the South Addition Community Council (SACC); and

WHEREAS, the NSCC believes that the park's location, proximity, and area topography align more naturally with the North Star neighborhood's needs, identity, and interests and that it serves as a natural, existing centerpiece of NSCC, similar to the relationship SACC has to Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park or the Delaney Park Strip; and

WHEREAS, previously the park has been assumed to be in NSCC borders by many North Star residents as it serves as a symbol of the neighborhood, and is more naturally located at sea level adjacent to the NSCC neighborhoods (see Appendix I); and

WHEREAS, the NSCC and SACC have a long history of collaboration on advocacy for the Valley of the Moon Park, which has not been negatively impacted by the park lying exclusively within SACC boundaries and similarly would not be negatively impacted by the park lying exclusively within NSCC boundaries; and

WHEREAS, there are no residents, businesses, or private property owners in Valley of the Moon park who would be directly affected by this recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of Valley of the Moon Park within the NSCC boundary would ensure that municipal notifications and solicitations for advocacy are primarily directed to the community with the most natural connection to the park; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is currently undertaking a review of community council boundaries, offering an opportunity to address and realign boundaries in the best interest of neighborhoods and their constituents; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality's Public Hearing Draft Report and Recommendations on Community Council Boundaries Review, as well as a previously passed resolution (NSCC Resolution 2023-02) by NSCC had recommended no changes to the NSCC borders, and the NSCC now recognizes the need to submit this formal request to advocate for this change; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Star Community Council formally requests the inclusion of Valley of the Moon Park within its designated boundary during the Municipality of Anchorage's community council boundary review process by moving the boundary from its current location following Chester Creek northward to follow the park side sidewalk of 17th Avenue, curving around the Valley of the Moon dog park following the trail and then meeting back up with Chester Creek at the southern edge of the dog park (see Appendix II); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NSCC believes this change would better reflect the community's geographic coherence and the park's significance as an integral part of the North Star neighborhood; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NSCC would also be open to an overlapping boundary as considered for Spenard Beach Park in Boundary Study Area 32;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NSCC will submit this resolution to the Municipality of Anchorage Planning Department for consideration and action during the boundary review process.

Voted and ADOPTED this 12th day of February, 2025, by the North Star Community Council.

Votes: **10** in favor, **1** opposed and **3** abstaining.

Signed:

Eiden Pospisil

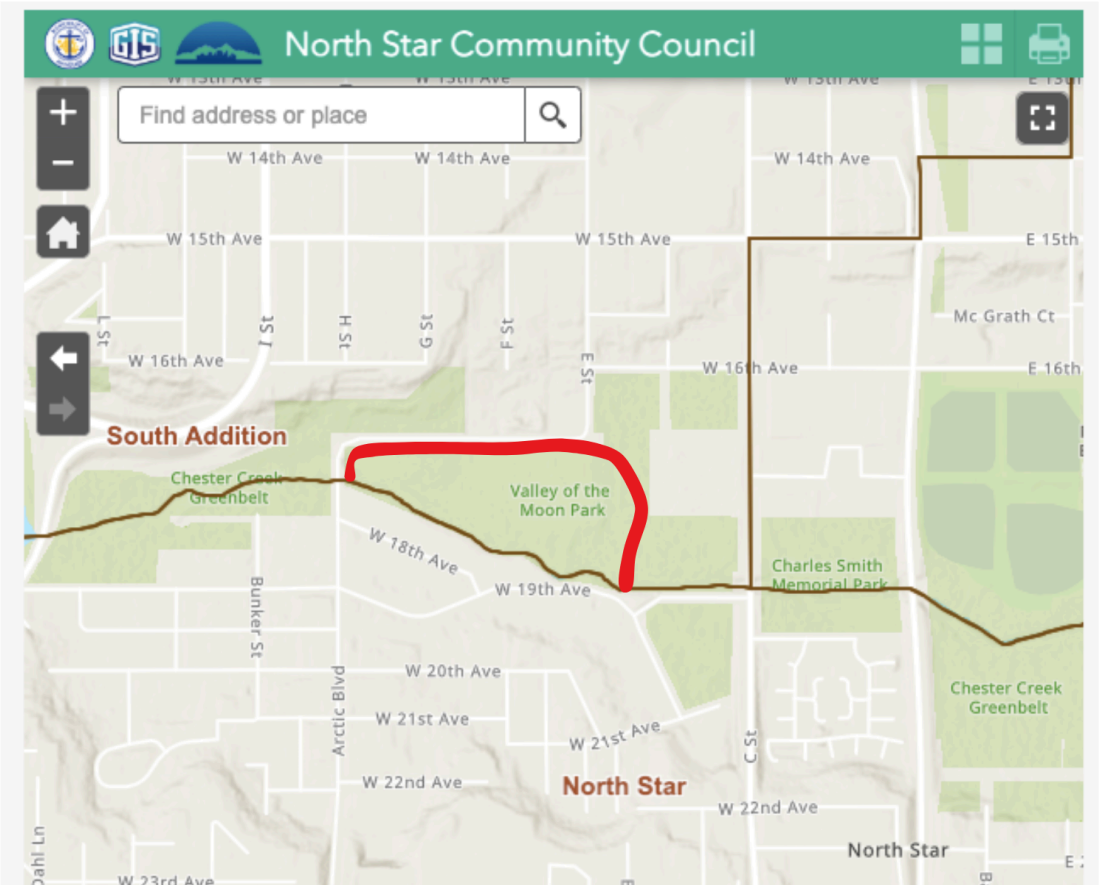
Eiden Pospisil, President
North Star Community Council

Appendix I:

Screenshot of North Star Community Council home page, which shows the Valley of the Moon playground structure. This image has been the cover photo for NSCC's website for years.

Additionally, the image below shows a postcard sent out to all North Star residents urging them to attend monthly community council meetings. A photo of Valley of the Moon park was chosen before NSCC board members realized the boundary issue, illustrating how important the park is to the council.

Appendix II
Proposed boundary change in red:



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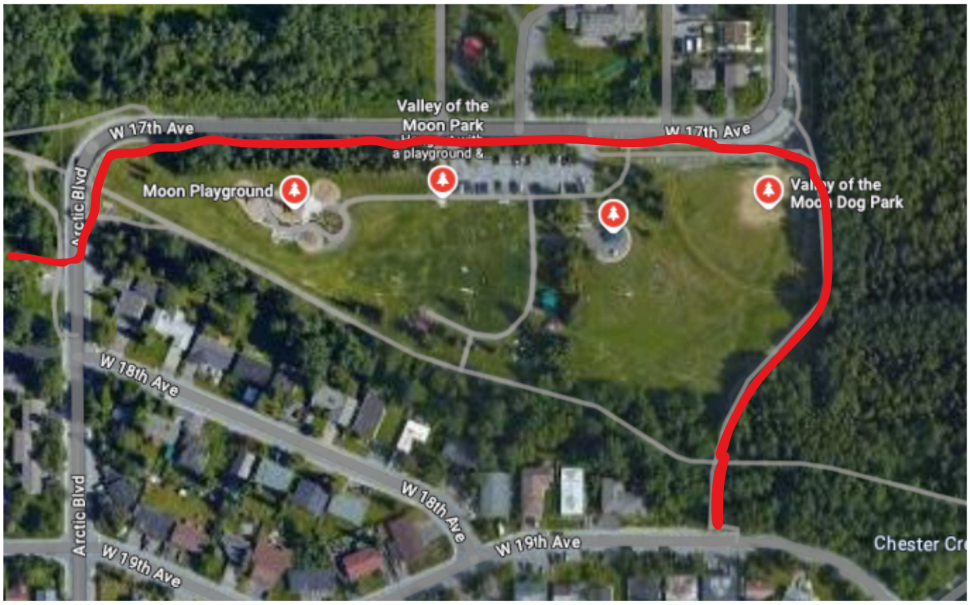

Resolution 2023-05
Northeast Community Council (NECC)

June 15, 2023

Supporting Current NECC Boundaries

Whereas, the choice to keep NECC boundaries intact as they currently exist was voted on with approval by the NECC membership at our May 18th meeting;

Whereas, the Boundary Review Criteria highlights the importance of stable boundaries, retaining the existing district unless the criteria show a reason to change;

Whereas, the NECC is an active council that includes business items on its agenda for all areas within its district;

Whereas, the Muldoon area neighborhoods share a focus on Muldoon Road and Creekside Town Center, and the western neighborhoods share Boniface Parkway and a focus on Cheney Lake Park, Nunaka Valley Park, and Russian Jack Springs Park via a grade-separated trail across Boniface;

Whereas, the current NECC boundaries are easily identifiable by E Northern Lights Blvd to the South, Boniface Pkwy to the West, and the Glenn Hwy to the North;

Be it now resolved that the NECC hereby supports maintaining the existing NECC boundaries in the Anchorage Federation of Community Councils redistricting process.

Resolution Vote: For 12 Against: 2 Abstain: 0

Ronald P. Meehan

Ronald P. Meehan, President, NECC

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Resolution 2025-01

Northeast Community Council (NECC)

January 16, 2025

Support For Current NECC Boundaries

WHEREAS the Municipality of Anchorage Planning Department and Planning and Zoning Commission requested a written resolution to be adopted by the general membership on it's position regarding the October 2024 draft report on boundary study areas and recommended changes to community council boundaries;

WHEREAS the NECC has reviewed the Planning Department October 2024 draft report and recommendations for Boundary Study Areas 6, 7, and 7A from the draft report;

WHEREAS the Planning Department and Boundary Advisory Committee recommended there be no changes to NECC district boundaries at this time, but did recommend a potential Assembly Resolution to establish a separate community council to serve neighborhoods south of Debarr Road;

WHEREAS the NECC previously approved resolution 2023-05 on June 15, 2023 to keep NECC boundaries intact as they currently exist;

WHEREAS the NECC is an active council that includes business items on its agendas for all areas within its district;

WHEREAS robust business districts on Debarr Road are shared by neighborhoods north and south of Debarr Road;

WHEREAS Chanshtnu Muldoon Park is shared by neighborhoods north and south of Debarr Road;

WHEREAS the current bylaws of NECC establish a nine member executive board, appropriately adapting for even representation of NECC's population size and diversity;

WHEREAS according to sign in logs from January 2024 to September 2024 NECC general membership meetings there were 106 unique attendees, 43% of whom were from south of Debarr Road and 57% from the north of Debarr Road, demonstrating an even and engaged community council;

WHEREAS the Muldoon area neighborhoods share a focus on Muldoon Road, Centennial Park, Creekside Town Center area, and the western neighborhoods share Boniface Parkway and a focus on Cheney Lake Park, Ira Walker Park, Nunaka Valley Parks, and Russian Jack Springs Park via a grade-separated trail across Boniface;

WHEREAS the current NECC boundaries are easily identifiable by E Northern Lights Blvd to the South, Boniface Pkwy to the West, and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson to the North and East;

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the NECC supports continued existence of a single community council, undivided, and continuance of the existing NECC boundaries.

Resolution Vote: For: 32 Against: 1 Abstain: 0

Murray Crookes

Murray Crookes, Vice President, NECC

Dave Weber

Dave Weber, Secretary, NECC

memo

Company name

To: Tom Davis

From: Joan Henry
President
Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council

Date: 2/6/2025

Re: Resolution 2025-01 Boundary Area #40 Response to the October 2024 White Paper

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Hello Tom,

Thank you so much for extending the deadline to March 10, 2025. I'm sure all affected CC's were relieved to read your notice.

Enclosed is the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council Resolution 2025-01 which was passed unanimously, 22 yes/ 0 no/ 0 abstain, at the February 5, 2025, meeting.

Like the first reading of Resolution 2025-01 on January 29, 2025, the members voted and passed it: 21 yes/ 0 no/ 0 abstain.

Besides the Resolution 2025-01, attached are the maps for areas 35, 36, and 40, which are all part of the White Paper.

Resolution 2023-01 regarding Area 35 also passed unanimously at our December 2023 meeting and again at our January 2024 meeting, and then turned in to PZC the day after our meeting.

Thanks also for the help with the previous Resolution.

Sincerely,

Joan

OLD SEWARD/OCEANVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
JANUARY 10, 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE OLD SEWARD/OCEANVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONCERNING PROPOSED CHANGES BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO THE BOUNDARIES OF OLD SEWARD/OCEANVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2025-01

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has recently completed a Community Council Boundaries 10-Year Review Project to review and potentially modify the Community Council districts to ensure Community Councils continue to reflect and represent Anchorage's actual neighborhoods as our community evolves; and

WHEREAS, in October 2024, the Municipality of Anchorage released a White Paper Report of the Community Council Boundaries 10-Year Review Project for public comment and hearings; and

WHEREAS, the White Paper Report identified a total of 40 individually numbered boundary study areas for evaluation based on public feedback, with study areas 35, 36, and 40 of specific concern to the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council; and

WHEREAS, for study area 35, Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council affirms its unanimous support for White Paper Option B, the transfer of a Community Council service area from Bayshore/Klatt community Council to Old Seward/Oceanview Council extending the current Northern boundary of Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council from Klatt Road to O'Malley Road, with the New Seward Highway continuing as the East boundary, and the West boundary delineated by C Street; and

WHEREAS, for study area 36, Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council affirms its support for White Paper Report Option A recommending No Change to its current boundary, which includes the area of the Oceanview neighborhood South of Huffman Road between Old Seward and New Seward Highway; and

WHEREAS, for study area 40, Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council objects to the White Paper Report recommended Option C to adjust the Community Council districts' boundaries along the shorelines of Cook Inlet so the boundaries follow the "mean high water" mark rather than a lower tidal mark as currently depicted, and instead prefer Option A, no changes to existing boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the shared geographic focus includes the outdoor activity center within the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge which is contiguous with section 40 shown on map 13 at the base of Oceanview Bluff and parks; the common endeavor is the Wildlife Refuge to the West of the Seward Highway; and sufficient interest and ability among the neighbors, from all segments of the community—to support the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council; and

WHEREAS, current Community Council coastal boundaries reflect a significant corridor of coastal land use that defines these various coastal communities and is integral to the identity of their Community Council with the tidal flats serving as a major community recreation area during winter months for hikers, cross-country skiers, ice skaters, paragliders, and kiteboarders as well as hosting protected bird and animal habitats, walking trails, and duck hunting areas during summer and fall months; and

WHEREAS, Seward Highway and the Alaska Railroad Corridor are physical barriers to the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council with the local landmark and prominent natural feature being the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge bordering the Oceanview bluffs and parks with its natural open spaces which do not adjoin Potters Marsh on the East side of Seward Highway; and

WHEREAS, this Community Council does not recommend people who use the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge traverse the Seward Highway and Alaska Railroad transportation corridor and tracks to access Potters Marsh; and

WHEREAS, Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council strongly opposes the White Paper Report recommendation Option C to transfer to Rabbit Creek Community Council nearly two miles of Anchorage Wildlife Refuge within our natural boundaries of Seward Highway and Alaska Railroad transportation corridor and shoreline as this has always been central to the natural community identity and values, as well as their geographic connectivity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council members support the Planning and Zoning Commission's White Paper Report recommended options for study areas 35 and 36 and rejects the recommended Option C for study area 40.

Resolved on February 5, 2025, _22___ YEA, __0___NAY, __0__ ABSTAIN

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Joan Henry
Electronically,
President February 5, 2025
Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council

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Area Map 13
Rabbit Creek and Bear Valley
Existing Community Council Boundary
Local Streets
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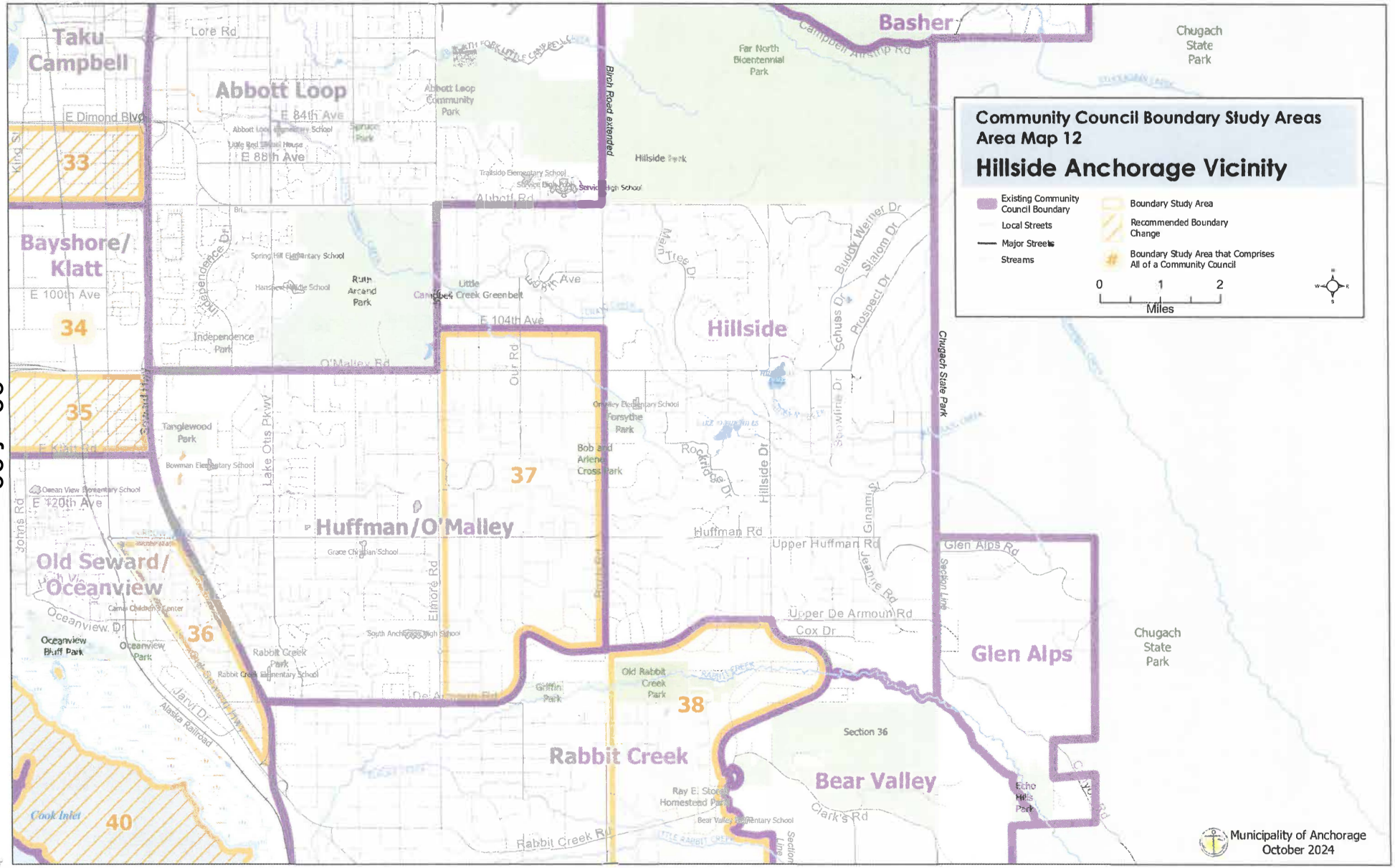
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Hillside Anchorage Vicinity
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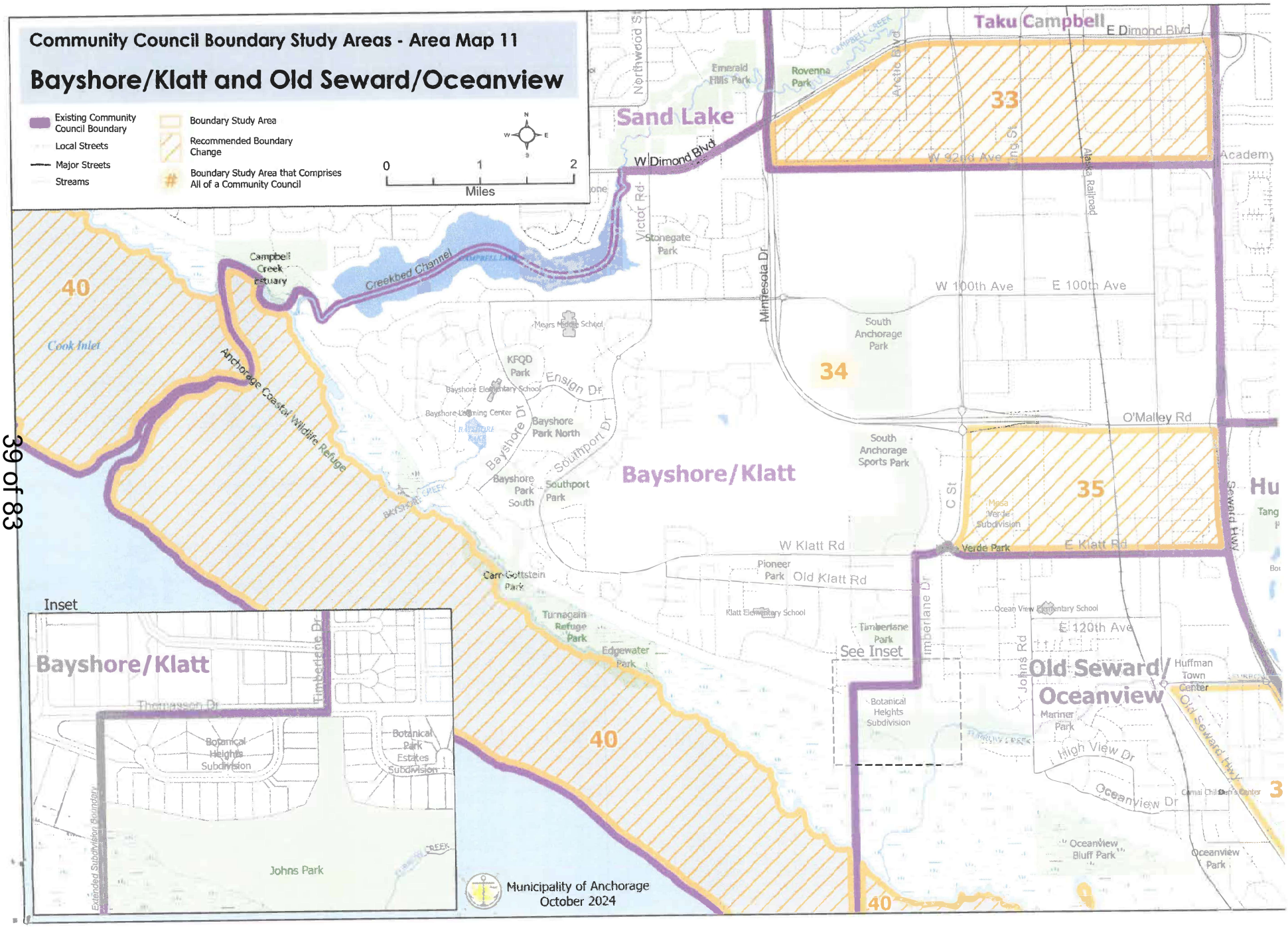
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Resolution

RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (RCCC)
A Forum for Respectful Communication & Community Relations

1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100 / Anchorage, AK 99503

Resolution 2024-15
A resolution supporting the proposed Community Council Boundary changes for Rabbit Creek: retaining established boundaries with the addition of adjacent tidal flats

WHEREAS Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040 states that "Review of community council district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur upon assembly or planning and zoning commission initiative or at the request of the mayor or one or more community councils; however, a comprehensive review of district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur at least once every ten years, following the release of decennial U.S. Census results and after assembly redistricting is acted upon and any court appeals are disposed of."

WHEREAS the Municipal Planning Department began the 10-year review of community council boundaries in 2022 with a questionnaire survey and outreach to community councils to identify potential Boundary Study Areas.

WHEREAS a Boundary Advisory Committee made up of a geographically representative group of 12 volunteers from among the Community Councils was organized in early 2023 to provide feedback to the Planning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the boundary study areas that were identified by the questionnaire responses and other public comments.

WHEREAS after five publicly noticed meetings, the Boundary Advisory Committee created an Action Summary with their recommendations regarding each Boundary Study Area.

WHEREAS in late October 2024 the Planning Department released a public hearing draft report and recommendations with maps for Community Councils to review and respond to.

WHEREAS the Rabbit Creek Community Council (RCCC) initiated a discussion of the 10-year Boundary Review and the Planning Department's White Paper #2, and subsequently submitted an email, April 10, 2023, to the Planning Department confirming that RCCC boundaries did not need to be modified given our long and active history participating in land use, transportation, drainage issues throughout our area, and the geographic continuity of the major roads and watersheds currently defining and within our boundaries.

WHEREAS the RCCC again discussed this issue and again strongly reiterated that view with a vote of 21 ayes, zero nays and 2 abstentions at our September 12, 2024, General Membership meeting, sending a letter, September 15, 2024, documenting this vote to the Planning Department.

WHEREAS the RCCC has now specifically reviewed the Planning Department draft report and recommendations for Boundary Survey Areas #38, Higher Elevations of RCCC, and #40 Chugach State Park and Cook Inlet Coastal Boundaries Update.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RCCC supports the Planning Department recommendations for Boundary Survey Area #38: upper elevations of RCCC should remain in RCCC, for reasons described above and detailed in our previous correspondence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RCCC supports the Planning Department recommendations for Boundary Survey Area #40 which would:

(1) Delete a parcel currently within the RCCC boundary which is part of Chugach State Park; and
(2) Add appropriate tidal flats in Cook Inlet adjacent to the RCCC upland areas. RCCC adds a recommendation that the northern section of those tidal flats that is not contiguous with RCCC should logically become part of the adjacent Oceanview Community Council (see Map 1).

The Rabbit Creek Community Council at the December 12th, 2024, General Meeting with a quorum, approved this resolution by a vote of 13 Ayes, 0 (zero) Nays, & 0 (zero) Abstained. Attested this 13th of December 2024.

Ann Rappoport, Co-chair

John Riley, Co-chair

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Rabbit Creek Watershed Boundary
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Golden View Dr
Potter Valley Rd
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Jamal Ave
Potter Creek

Davis, Tom G.

From: Peter Mjos
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 5:18 PM
To: Davis, Tom G.
Cc: McMurren Scott; Raun Cassandra; Klein Jill
Subject: Community Council Boundaries 10-Year Review -- Release of public hearing draft boundary recommendations (PZC Case No. 2024-0100)

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mr. Davis,
The Rogers Park CC accepts the fact that, with redistricting, Anchor Park will no longer reside with Rogers Park Community Council but will become an addition to Airport Heights Community Council. The RPCC boundaries will otherwise remain the same.
Thank you.
Peter Mjos for RPCC

Scenic Foothills Community Council
Daniel Clift, President
sfccakpresident@gmail.com

SFCC resolution advocating the proposed Community Council Boundary changes

Whereas

WHEREAS Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040 states that "Review of community council district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur upon assembly or planning and zoning commission initiative or at the request of the mayor or one or more community councils; however, a comprehensive review of district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur at least once every ten years, following the release of decennial U.S. Census results and after assembly redistricting is acted upon and any court appeals are disposed of."

WHEREAS the Municipal Planning Department began the 10-year review of community council boundaries in 2022 with a questionnaire survey and outreach to community councils to identify potential Boundary Study Areas.

WHEREA a Boundary Advisory Committee made up of a geographically representative group of 12 volunteers from among the Community Councils was organized in early 2023 to provide feedback to the Planning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the boundary study areas that were identified by the questionnaire responses and other public comments.

WHEREAS after five publicly noticed meetings, the Boundary Advisory Committee created an Action Summary with their recommendations regarding each Boundary Study Area.

WHEREAS in late October 2024 the Planning Department released a public hearing draft report and recommendations with maps for Community Councils to review and respond to.

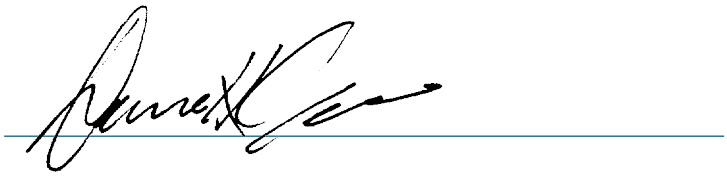
WHEREAS Scenic Foothills Community Council has reviewed the Planning Department draft report and recommendations for Boundary Study Area #8: Transfer the areas east of Boniface Parkway from University Area Community Council to Scenic Foothills Community Council.

Be it Resolved

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scenic Foothills Community Council supports the Planning Department recommendations for Boundary Survey Area #8: Transfer of the areas east of Boniface Parkway from University Area Community Council to Scenic Foothills Community Council.

This Scenic Foothills Community Council after obtaining a quorum of 8 or more members, approved this resolution by a vote of [12] Ayes, [1] Nays, & [0] Abstains. Attested this December 5th.

Daniel H. Clift, Chair of Scenic Foothills Community Council,



South Addition Community Council
February 27, 2025

A Motion in Support of Retaining Valley of the Moon Park in the South Addition Community Council District.

WHEREAS in October 2024 the Planning Department released public hearing draft recommendations of the *10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries* project, for community councils to review and comment;

WHEREAS the Planning Department presented and discussed all the South Addition boundary study areas at the November 2024, December 2024, and January 2025 South Addition Community Council meetings, and at no time were changes to boundaries at Valley of the Moon raised or discussed;

WHEREAS South Addition Community Council reviewed the Planning Department's October 2024 public hearing draft recommendations and passed a resolution on January 23, 2025, in support of the public hearing draft recommended boundaries, which included retaining the existing southern boundary of South Addition at Chester Creek;

WHEREAS the North Star Community Council in its February 12 resolution regarding the boundaries review project has proposed that Valley of the Moon Park be transferred from South Addition to North Star;

WHEREAS Chester Creek forms the long-time southern boundary for South Addition and exemplifies the Municipality's boundary criteria for dividing community council districts, as it is an easily identifiable natural physical feature.

WHEREAS Valley of the Moon Park is located to the north of Chester Creek and is located adjacent to homes and residential areas in South Addition;

WHEREAS Valley of the Moon Park being within the South Addition has not negatively impacted North Star Community Council's opportunities to advocate for the Park and South Addition welcomes continued collaboration with North Star regarding the Park;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that South Addition Community Council stands by its January 23, 2025 Resolution in support of the Planning Department's public hearing draft recommendations regarding South Addition's boundaries, which includes retaining Valley of the Moon Park within South Addition's existing southern boundary at Chester Creek.

South Addition Community Council, after obtaining a quorum approved this motion by unanimous consent.

Attested this 27th day of February, 2025

John Thurber

John Thurber
President
South Addition Community Council

South Addition Community Council

Resolution No. 2025-002

A Resolution in Support of the Recommendations of the 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries Project to Retain the South Addition Community Council District Existing Boundaries with two adjustments

WHEREAS Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040 states that a review of community council district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur at least once every ten years.

WHEREAS the Municipal Planning Department began the current 10-year review of community council boundaries in 2022 with a questionnaire survey and outreach to community councils to identify potential Boundary Study Areas.

WHEREAS a Boundary Advisory Committee made up of a geographically representative group of 12 volunteers from among the Community Councils was organized in 2023 to provide feedback to the Planning Department and Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the boundary study areas that were identified by the questionnaire responses and other public comments.

WHEREAS the Planning Department and Boundary Advisory Committee received several questionnaire survey responses recommending to shift the South Addition Community Council district boundaries in several places, and evaluated those proposals as Boundary Study Areas #22, #23, #24, and #25.

WHEREAS after five publicly noticed meetings, the Boundary Advisory Committee created an Action Summary with their recommendations regarding each of these Boundary Study Areas.

WHEREAS the Planning Department during its cartography work identified a boundary issue with the existing coastline boundaries of coastal community councils including South Addition and evaluated that issue as Boundary Study Area #40.

WHEREAS in October 2024 the Planning Department released a public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations* with maps for Community Councils to review and respond to.

WHEREAS South Addition Community Council has reviewed the Planning Department draft report and its recommendations for Boundary Survey Areas #22, #23, #24, #25, and #40.

WHEREAS [INSERT any further whereas statements providing information you wish PZC to know about SACC and the boundary areas begin addressed].

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that South Addition Community Council supports the recommendations of the October 2024 Public Hearing Draft *Report and Recommendations* for the 10-Year Review of Community Council District Boundaries Project, as follows:

A. South Addition Community Council supports the Planning Department and Boundary Advisory Committee recommendation for Boundary Study Area #22, *North of 15th Avenue between Ingra and I Streets*, Option A: to retain the existing boundary between South Addition and Downtown on 9th Avenue.

B. South Addition Community Council supports the Planning Department and Boundary Advisory Committee recommendation for Boundary Study Area #23, *West of Cordova Street from 9th to 15th Avenue*, Option A: to retain the existing boundaries between South Addition and Fairview Community Councils north of 15th Avenue.

C. South Addition Community Council supports the Planning Department and Boundary Advisory Committee recommendation for Boundary Study Area #24, *A and C Street South of 15th Avenue*, Option B: to transfer the area south of 15th Avenue between A and C Streets from Fairview to South Addition Community Council.

D. South Addition Community Council supports the Planning Department and Boundary Advisory Committee recommendation for Boundary Study Area #25, *Northwest of 9th Avenue and L Street*, Option A: to retain the existing boundary north of 9th Avenue on L Street between South Addition and Downtown Community Councils.

E. South Addition Community Council supports the Planning Department recommendation for Boundary Study Area #40, *Cook Inlet Coastline Boundaries Update*, Option C: to adjust the coastal boundaries of the community councils including South Addition that have shoreline on Cook Inlet to follow "mean high water" (i.e., mean high tide) rather than mean low water.

The following items were selected from the above sections and approved:

Section A: Option A
Section B: Option A
Section C: Option B
Section D: Option A
Section E: Option C

This South Addition Community Council, after obtaining a quorum approved this resolution by unanimous consent.

Resolution passed on January 23, 2025

John Thurber [signature]

John Thurber
President
South Addition Community Council

Spenard Community Council Resolution

2024-04

A resolution in response to the Public Hearing Draft of the 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries in Spenard

WHEREAS Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040 states that "Review of community council district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur upon assembly or planning and zoning commission initiative or at the request of the mayor or one or more community councils; however, a comprehensive review of district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur at least once every ten years, following the release of decennial U.S. Census results and after assembly redistricting is acted upon and any court appeals are disposed of;" and

WHEREAS the Municipal Planning Department began the 10-year review of community council boundaries in 2022 with a questionnaire survey and outreach to community councils to identify potential Boundary Study Areas; and,

WHEREAS a Boundary Advisory Committee made up of a geographically representative group of 12 volunteers from among the Community Councils was organized in early 2023 to provide feedback to the Planning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the boundary study areas that were identified by the questionnaire responses and other public comments; and

WHEREAS after five publicly noticed meetings, the Boundary Advisory Committee created an Action Summary with their recommendations regarding each Boundary Study Area; and

WHEREAS on March 8, 2023, North Star Community Council passed a resolution in support of retaining their current boundaries; and

WHEREAS on December 29, 2022, the Spenard Community Council Executive Board sent a letter requesting a return of Spenard's historic boundaries in order to represent area residents; and

WHEREAS in late October 2024 the Planning Department released a public hearing draft report and recommendations with maps for Community Councils to review and respond to; and

WHEREAS Spenard Community Council has reviewed the Planning Department draft report and recommendations for the following Boundary Survey Areas:

Boundary Study Area #26, regarding North Star Community Council district,
Boundary Study Area #27, regarding the Romig Park subdivision near Hillcrest Drive,
Boundary Study Area #28, regarding Midtown Community Council district,
Boundary Study Area #29, regarding Spenard Community Council district,
Boundary Study Area #30, regarding Turnagain Community Council district,

Boundary Study Area #31, regarding the neighborhood area west of Fish Creek to Wisconsin Street, and
Boundary Study Area #32, regarding Spenard Beach Park.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Spenard Community Council supports the following options presented in the Municipality of Anchorage Planning Department's 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries – Report and Recommendations:

1. Boundary Study Area #26, regarding North Star Community Council district:
   Option A: No change. Retain North Star Community Council.
2. Boundary Study Area #27, regarding the Romig Park subdivision near Hillcrest Drive,
   Option A: No change. Retain existing North Star and Spenard Community Council boundaries.
3. Boundary Study Area #28, regarding Midtown Community Council district,
   Option B: No change. Retain Midtown Community Council with its existing boundaries. In addition, investigate if there is merit in considering adjustments to municipal code or funding levels to encourage and/or resource open, accessible meetings for all community councils (including Midtown but not just Midtown) to maximize participation and representation for all members of each community council district. This could include offering training and tech assistance.
4. Boundary Study Area #29, regarding Spenard Community Council district,
   Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries.
5. Boundary Study Area #30, regarding Turnagain Community Council district,
   Option A: No change. Retain Turnagain Community Council with its existing boundaries.
6. Boundary Study Area #31, regarding the neighborhood area west of Fish Creek to Wisconsin Street,
   Option A: No change. Retain existing boundaries
7. Boundary Study Area #32, regarding Spenard Beach Park
   Option C: Share Spenard Beach Park between Turnagain Community Council and Spenard Community Council, by including it in both community council districts, overlapping their district areas.

Resolved, this 4th day of December 2024

Sarah J. Pruskett

Spenard Community Council President

Vote: **15** in favor, and **0** opposed.

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Resolution of the Taku / Campbell Community Council

A RESOLUTION OF THE TAKU/CAMPBELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL OPPOSING PROPOSED CHANGES TO ITS BOUNDARIES

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) Section 2.40.040 established community councils as self-governing entities to group residents within natural communities, reflecting their geography, history, and shared interests while enabling public participation and representation in local decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the current boundaries of the Taku/Campbell Community Council were developed and adopted during the comprehensive redistricting process outlined in AMC 2.40.040, ensuring representation aligned with neighborhoods' geographic, historic, and demographic characteristics; and

WHEREAS, AMC 2.40.040(B) mandates a periodic review of community council district boundaries to ensure they reflect natural communities and actual neighborhoods while requiring robust public input; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes outlined in Boundary Study Area #33 would disrupt community cohesion and alignment with natural communities by transferring approximately 2,570 residents south of Dimond Boulevard, including key residential areas such as Dimond Estates Mobile Home Park and the Mt. Vernon Street area, to the Bayshore/Klatt and Old Seward/Oceanview Community Councils; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Planning Department's *White Paper No. 2* (June 2023) documented community engagement through over 400 survey responses, email comments, and public meetings, which highlighted significant opposition to the proposed boundary changes due to concerns about weakened representation, disruption of established neighborhoods, and a lack of clear benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Taku/Campbell Community Council voted unanimously to oppose the proposed boundary changes as outlined in Boundary Study Area #33, reflecting the unified stance of its members against these adjustments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Taku/Campbell Community Council opposes the proposed reallocation of its southern areas to the Bayshore/Klatt and Old Seward/Oceanview Community Councils under Boundary Study Area #33, as these changes disrupt established neighborhoods, weaken representation, and fail to adequately serve the best interests of the affected community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Taku/Campbell Community Council respectfully calls upon the Anchorage Assembly to reject the proposed changes to its boundaries as outlined in Boundary Study Area #33 and to preserve the current boundaries, ensuring cohesive and equitable representation for all residents; and

LET IT BE FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGED, that this resolution reflects the collective voice of the Taku/Campbell Community Council and is respectfully submitted to the Anchorage Assembly for their consideration and action, but may not represent nor express the personal endorsements of the Council's elected Officers.

Adopted by the Taku / Campbell Community Council on January 9th, 2025.

Certified by:

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Zackary Gottshall
President

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Sarah Alexander
Vice President

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Thomas Fenoseff
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Thomas Fenoseff
Treasurer

Tudor Area Community Council

Resolution No. 2025-01

A Resolution in Support of Merging the Tudor Area Community Council with the University Area Community Council and Retaining the Northern Boundary of Tudor Area with Rogers Park Community Council.

WHEREAS the Municipality is undergoing its 10-year review of community council district boundaries following the process prescribed in Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040.

WHEREAS the municipal Planning Department and a Boundary Advisory Committee made up of a geographically representative group of volunteers from among the community councils have evaluated a variety of boundary issues that were raised by the public during the 10-year review process.

WHEREAS the public comments included recommended changes to the Tudor Area Community Council district and its neighbors in several places, and the municipal Planning Department and Boundary Advisory Committee evaluated those evaluated those proposals as Boundary Study Areas #11 and #12.

WHEREAS Boundary Study Area #11: College Village, evaluates if College Village neighborhood should remain in or be transferred out of Rogers Park Community Council.

WHEREAS Boundary Study Area #12: Tudor Area Community Council District, evaluates if Tudor Area should remain a separate community council district or if it should merge with one of the neighboring community councils.

WHEREAS in October 2024 the Planning Department released a public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations* including for Boundary Study Areas #11 and #12 and has requested comments from the community councils.

WHEREAS Tudor Area Community Council has reviewed the public hearing draft public hearing draft recommendations for Boundary Study Areas #11 and #12.

WHEREAS Tudor Area Community Council has been unable to attract enough interest in the last few years to hold elections and maintain a quorum as required by its bylaws and feels that a merger with University Area Community Council would be beneficial for both councils and supports a name change to UACC/TACC or similar at the discretion of UACC.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

A. University Area Community Council supports the public hearing draft recommendation in Boundary Study Area #11 to retain its existing northern boundary with Rogers Park Community Council at 36th Avenue.

B. Tudor Area Community Council supports the public hearing draft recommendation in Boundary Study Area #12 to merge the Tudor Area Community Council district with the University Area Community Council district.

This Tudor Area Community Council, after obtaining a quorum of 4 or more members, approved this resolution by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, & 0 Abstentions.

Attested this 9th day of January 2025

Tod Butler

Tod Butler
President
Tudor Area Community Council

Turnagain Community Council

Resolution 2025-01

A Resolution Regarding Proposed Turnagain Community Council Boundary Changes

WHEREAS Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040 states that "Review of community council district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur upon assembly or planning and zoning commission initiative or at the request of the mayor or one or more community councils; however, a comprehensive review of district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur at least once every ten years, following the release of decennial U.S. Census results and after assembly redistricting is acted upon and any court appeals are disposed of," and

WHEREAS the Municipal Planning Department began the 10-year review of community council boundaries in 2022 with a questionnaire survey and outreach to community councils to identify potential Boundary Study Areas, and

WHEREAS a Boundary Advisory Committee made up of a geographically representative group of 12 volunteers from among the Community Councils was organized in early 2023 to provide feedback to the Planning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the boundary study areas that were identified by the questionnaire responses and other public comments, and

WHEREAS after five publicly noticed meetings, the Boundary Advisory Committee created an Action Summary with their recommendations regarding each Boundary Study Area, and

WHEREAS in late October 2024 the Planning Department released a public hearing draft report and recommendations with maps for Community Councils to review and respond to, and

WHEREAS Turnagain Community Council in West Anchorage has reviewed the Planning Department draft report and recommendations for Boundary Survey Area(s) Boundary Survey Areas: 29; Spenard Community Council District on Boundary Study Area Maps 7 and 8, 30; Turnagain Community Council District on Map 7, 31; West of Fish Creek to Wisconsin Street on Map 7 and 32; and Spenard Beach Park on Map 7 and 7a.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Turnagain Community Council that:

A. The Turnagain Community Council **supports** the Planning Department recommendations for Boundary Survey Areas:
   - 29. Spenard Community Council District on Boundary Study Area Maps 7 and 8;
   - 30. Turnagain Community Council District on Map 7;
   - 31. West of Fish Creek to Wisconsin Street on Map 7; and
   - 32. Spenard Beach Park on Map 7 and 7a.

   The staff and Boundary Review Committee's recommendations to maintain the status quo boundaries for the Turnagain Community Council and the Spenard Community Council are appropriate and align with the natural and historic boundaries.

   Turnagain Community Council collaborated with Spenard Community Council on upgrades to Spenard Beach Park in the recent past; sharing TCC boundaries of this park

with Spenard Community Council offers a more formal way for both Councils to provide stewardship for this popular park in the future.

B. The Turnagain Community Council **opposes** the Planning Department recommendations for Boundary Survey Area 40. Chugach State Park and Cook Inlet Coastline Boundaries Updates on Boundary Study Area Maps 1, 2, 5, 5a, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, for 4 primary reasons.

   a. The boundary review report fails to show the harm caused by the current use of the low tide line, only noting the ease of using high tide.

   b. The proposed boundary change would limit the community council's formal standing to address nearshore development, activities and infrastructure that could have consequences that our community council has addressed and will continue to address on multiple actions.

   c. No alternate mechanism to ensure that community councils or any public process is described when the lands are removed from the council boundaries.

   d. This proposed action was not reviewed by the Boundary Advisory Committee, and is a unilateral staff action that disposes of a long-standing functioning public process that should not move forward.

There are a number of developments that has occurred or being considered between the high tide and low tide lines within current Turnagain Community Council boundaries, including the jet fuel pipeline to the airport, proposed relocation of a portion of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail into the mud flats associated with the Fish Creek Trail/Coastal Trail connection, addressing continuing of Point Woronzof erosion, and potential airport expansion, including a potential north/south runway. These activities have the potential to affect Turnagain Community Council residents and properties, and by having the low tide zone within TCC boundaries, TCC is provided legal notice, inclusion/collaboration in early stages of proposed projects, and the opportunity to submit formal comments. We would oppose this change because there is no other suitable mechanism for getting formal notice, participating as a stakeholder, or submitting formal comments.

RESOLUTION PASSED by the Turnagain Community Council at its regularly scheduled meeting January 9, 2025, by a vote of YES 9 NO 0.

Cathy L. Gleason

Cathy L. Gleason
Turnagain Community Council President

Date January 9, 2025

This Turnagain Community Council, after full membership discussion, approved this resolution by a vote of [#] Ayes, [#] Nays, & [#] Abstains. Attested this January 9, 2025.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMMENDING THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES TO ALINE WITH THE BOUNDARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE BOUNDARY STUDY AREAS #4, #5 AND #40

Whereas, no changes have taken place in the Girdwood Community Council District (Study area #4) based on the Boundary Review Criteria.

Whereas, the Portage Valley Community Council (Boundary Study area #5) has not the met the requirement to become an Assembly sanctioned community council therefore has no direct representation.

Whereas, the Turnagain Arm Community Council area map is based on incorrect outdated historical data regarding mean low tide line and needs to be updated based on the coastline boundaries at the low tide line. (Boundary study area #40)

Therefore, the Turnagain Arm Community Council has met on two occasions and discussed the possible changes to the Girdwood, Portage Valley and Turnagain Arm Community Council Boundaries and support the recommendations of the Boundary Advisory Committee. Study area #4 no change, study area #5 merge Portage Vally with the Turnagain Arm Community Council area and #40 change the Turnagain Arm Community Council map to reflect the accurate mean low tide boundary.

Approved by a unanimous vote of the Turnagain Arm Community Council on Dec. 12, 2024.

Michael D. Packard

Turnagain Arm Community Council President

Tamra Walter

Member at large

University Area Community Council

Resolution No. 2025-01

A Resolution in Support of Merging the Tudor Area Community Council into the University Area Community Council, Retaining the Boundary between University Area and Scenic Foothills Community Councils, and Retaining the Boundary between University Area and Campbell Park Community Councils

WHEREAS Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040 states that a review of community council district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur at least once every ten years; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Planning Department began the current 10-year review of community council boundaries in 2022 with a questionnaire survey and outreach to community councils to identify potential Boundary Study Areas; and

WHEREAS a Boundary Advisory Committee made up of a geographically representative group of 12 volunteers from among the Community Councils was organized in 2023 to provide feedback to the Planning Department and Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the boundary study areas that were identified by the questionnaire responses and other public comments; and

WHEREAS the Planning Department and Boundary Advisory Committee received questionnaire survey responses recommending changes to the boundaries of University Area Community Council (UACC) and its neighbors in several places, and evaluated those proposals as Boundary Study Areas #8, #9, #10, #12, and #13; and

WHEREAS in October 2024 the Planning Department released a public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations* providing the recommendations of staff and the Boundary Advisory Committee regarding each of the study areas and has requested Community Councils to review and respond with written comments; and

WHEREAS the October 2024 public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations* recommends no changes to UACC in Boundary Study Areas #9, #10, and #13, however recommends transferring neighborhoods east of Boniface Parkway from UACC to Scenic Foothills Community Council in Boundary Study Area #8, and to merge the Tudor Area Community Council district with UACC in Boundary Study Area #12; and

WHEREAS University Area Community Council has reviewed the public hearing draft report and its recommendations for Boundary Survey Areas #8, #9, #10, #12, and #13; and

WHEREAS the University Area Community Council has been actively communicating with the Tudor Area Community Council about the merger of the Tudor Area and University Area

Community Councils. Members of the University Area Community Council and Tudor Area have been attending each other's respective community council meetings to discuss the merger. Both the University Area Community Council and Tudor Area Community Council support the merger. A vote was held at the January 8th UACC supporting this boundary merger; and

WHEREAS 10 years ago in the previous Boundary Study, the easterly boundary of UACC contiguous with the Scenic Foothills Community Council boundary was to be retained at Baxter Road. A resolution changing this boundary failed to pass at that time. Several residents in the area between Boniface and Baxter attend UACC meetings regularly and serve on the board. A vote was held at the January 8th UACC meeting to retain the existing boundary with Scenic Foothills Community Council.

WHEREAS [INSERT any further whereas statements providing information you [wish PZC to know about UACC any of the 5 boundary areas begin addressed].

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

A. University Area Community Council opposes the public hearing draft recommendation in Boundary Study Area #8 to transfer the area between Baxter Road and Boniface Parkway from University Area Community Council to Scenic Foothills Community Council. UACC supports retaining its existing boundary with Scenic Foothills at Baxter Road.

B. University Area Community Council supports the public hearing draft recommendation in Boundary Study Area #9 to retain the Scenic Foothills Community Council existing boundaries with UACC.

C. University Area Community Council supports the public hearing draft recommendation in Boundary Study Area #10 to retain University Area Community Council instead of subdividing or otherwise substantially reconfiguring its district.

D. University Area Community Council supports the public hearing draft recommendation in Boundary Study Area #12 to merge the Tudor Area Community Council district into University Area Community Council.

E. University Area Community Council supports the public hearing draft recommendation in Boundary Study Area #13 to retain its existing southern boundary with Campbell Park Community Council at Tudor Road.

To include in a resolution, a vote in favor of Merging Tudor Area with UACC, this University Area Community Council approved this change by a vote of 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, & __0__ Abstentions.

To include in a resolution, a vote in favor of Retaining boundaries between Scenic Foothills and UACC at Baxter Road, this University Area Community Council, approved this change by a vote of __6__ Ayes, __1__ Nays, & ___1__ Abstentions.

Attested this 23rd day of _February_ 2025

Steven Callaghan
President
University Area Community Council

MEMORANDUM

DATE: **December 22, 2024**

`TO: **Tom Davis, Senior Planner, Long-Range Planning, Planning Division**

FROM: **Alex Prosak, P.E., Civil Engineer II, Planning Section, AWWU**

RE: **Zoning Case Comments**
Decision date: January 6, 2025
Agency Comments due: December 27, 2024

AWWU has reviewed the materials and has the following comments:

2024-0100 10-year Review of Community Council Boundaries – Request for Comment on Public Hearing Draft Recommendations.

1. AWWU has no comments or objections to this Review and Recommendation.

If you have any questions pertaining to public water or sewer, please call (907) 786-5694 or send an e-mail to alex.prosak@awwu.biz.

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Mayor Suzanne LaFrance

2024-0100 T21 Text Amendment-10 Year Review and Adjustment of Community Council District Boundaries

No comments.

Regards,

Todd Burns
MOA Addressing
907.343.8244

Kimmel, Corliss A.

From: Walters, Michael S.
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 1:44 PM
To: Blake, Lori A.; Kimmel, Corliss A.
Subject: 2024-0100 Request for Reviewing Agency Comments

ROW has the following comments for case number 2024-0100:

ROW has no comment or objections on the proposed action.

Regards,

Michael S Walters
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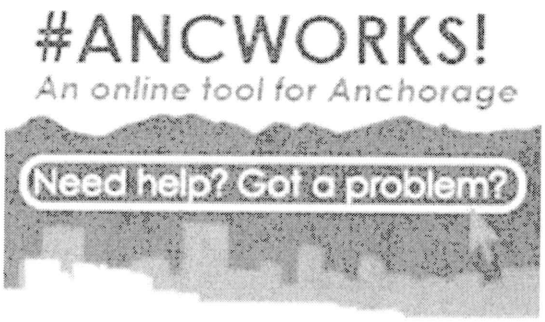

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Traffic Engineering Department

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 2, 2024

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TO: Current Planning Division Supervisor,
Planning Department

THRU: Kristen A. Langley, Traffic Safety Section Supervisor,
Traffic Engineering Department

FROM: Randy Ribble PE, Assistant Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: 2024-0100 10-year Review of Community Council Boundaries.

Anchorage Alaska

Traffic Engineering has no comments on proposed amendments to AMC 2.40 Community Councils. Proposed modifications have no direct impact to adjacent rights of ways or site access.

Municipality of Anchorage
Project Management and Engineering
MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 27, 2024

To: Dave Whitfield

FROM: Kyle Cunningham

SUBJECT: Cases 2024-0100: Comments from Watershed Management Services.

Watershed Management Services (WMS) has the following comments for the January 6, 2025 Planning and Zoning Commission hearing:

- 2024-0100 – 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries – Request for Comment on Public Hearing Draft Recommendations;
    - WMS has no comments on or objections to this request.

From:	Lage, Oscar (DPS)
To:	Davis, Tom G.
Subject:	10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries – Request for Comment on Public Hearing Draft Recommendations, PZC Case No. 2024-0100
Date:	Tuesday, November 19, 2024 10:22:01 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Mr. Davis,
The State of Alaska Fire Marshall Office Plan Review Bureau has no objections or comments on this case.

Regards,

Oscar Lage
Plans Examiner I
Plan Review Bureau
Division of Fire & Life Safety
oscar.lage@alaska.gov
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AK State Fire Marshal Office Portal: https://st-alaska-ak.smartgovcommunity.com/Public/Home
PRB website: https://dps.alaska.gov/Fire/PRB/Home

Public Comments: 2024-0100

Commenter	Email	Phone Number	Submitted
Marc June	Junelawyer@cs.com	9072448978	11/18/2024 8:08:06 PM
8801 Upper Dearmoun Road Anchorage, AK 99516	I am writing after noticing only 6 comments were received from Hillside Community Council with only 1 expressing an opinion that current boundaries were proper. No response was received regarding Glen Alps Community Council. I believe that both Upper Dearmoun Road and Upper Huffman Road are more properly part of the Glen Alps Community Council District as both roads lead to the Glen Alps Area or the Rabbit Creek Valley access to Chugach State Park with unique concerns different than other Hillside Community Council District neighborhoods. Community council boundaries should be shifted to recognize this unity of interest by placing these roads in the Glen Alps Community Council District..		

From: Ted Trueblood
To: Davis, Tom G.
Cc: Dirk Sisson; Bruce Talbot; Matt Moore; Crafts Don; Mierop Sandi; Troy D. Weiss
Subject: Re: Community Council Boundaries 10-Year Review -- Release of public hearing draft boundary recommendations (PZC Case No. 2024-0100)
Date: Friday, December 20, 2024 1:13:31 PM
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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

HI tOM,

I am the chairman of the Sec.6/Campbell Airstrip Road LRSA. The boundary of our LRSA includes the Stuckagain Heights neighborhood plus Campbell Airstrip Road down to the exit of the BLM's Campbell Tract parking lot. We have always maintained that portion of Campbell Airstrip Road within the Far North Bicentennial Park along with the neighborhood roads and coordinated our work with the Basher Community Council.

To have our LRSA's area of responsibility divided between two Community Councils and especially one which has no direct road connection to Campbell Airstrip Road, would be cumbersome at best. In addition, the rest of Campbell Airstrip road is very important to our neighborhood as it is our only road connection to the rest of the Municipality.

I strongly support the Basher CC's resolution regarding any boundary change which would shift Campbell Airstrip Road outside of the Basher CC's boundaries.

Ted

On Fri, Dec 20, 2024 at 12:06 PM Davis, Tom G. <tom.davis@anchorageak.gov> wrote:

> Hi, Dirk,
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> Ok, thank you for this follow up info. If you or Bruce have anything further during the month of January, let me know.
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> Tom
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> Planning Department
> MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
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> Tom G. Davis, AICP
> Senior Planner - Urban Designer •
> Planning Department
> Long-Range Planning Division
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> **From:** Dirk Sisson <dirksisson@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** Friday, December 20, 2024 10:56 AM
> **To:** Davis, Tom G. <tom.davis@anchorageak.gov>
> **Cc:** Bruce Talbot <brucetalbot@gmail.com>; Matt Moore <matt.moore@akrehab.com>; Crafts Don <decrafts50@gmail.com>; Mierop Sandi <sandi514@alaskan.com>; Ted Trueblood <tedtatnh@gmail.com>; Troy D. Weiss <troydweiss@gmail.com>
> **Subject:** Re: Community Council Boundaries 10-Year Review -- Release of public hearing draft boundary recommendations (PZC Case No. 2024-0100)
>
> **[EXTERNAL EMAIL]**
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> Hi Tom,
>
> I have been waiting to hear from Bruce Talbot regarding the BCC boundary at the Campbell Tract parking lot. However, he is currently out of town and unavailable.
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> You have provided a clear depiction of where the boundary should be, and it effectively delineates the area for the purposes of the BCC. The proposed two-hundred-foot demarcation from the centerline of Campbell Airstrip Road meets the requirements requested by the BCC, especially since the shaded fire break project is also measured from the centerline. This two-hundred-foot boundary would extend from the entrance of the parking lot to Tudor Road.
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> Thank you for your attention to the Council's request to move the BCC boundary south and west. The primary reason for this request is to support the fire

mitigation project along Campbell Airstrip Road, which aims to protect egress from the Stuckagain neighborhood. Additionally, there are other anticipated projects along the road that are important to the community and fall outside the current BCC boundaries.

Kind regards,

Dirk Sisson

President, Basher Community Council

On Tue, Dec 17, 2024 at 11:26 AM Davis, Tom G. <tom.davis@anchorageak.gov> wrote:

> Hi, Dirk,
>
> Thank you for Basher Community Council's attention to these boundary items and this resolution stating its position as to boundaries. The resolution has been received, and the Planning Department will include it in the case packet to go to the PZC for PZC Case No. 2024-0100.
>
> The Planning Department staff report memo to PZC will address the proposal by Basher to adjust its south and western boundaries. The map and description of the proposed boundary that you provide in the resolution seem clear enough to me, except I have a question about what is intended to be the boundary where the South Fork of Campbell Creek waterbody meets the BLM parking lot at Mi. 1.1 of Campbell Airstrip Road. Since the Creek does not meet the parking lot, but rather passes about 500 feet south of the parking lot, do you intend to use the trail from the parking lot to the bridge over the creek as the boundary, in the space between the Creek and parking lot? Here is my rough depiction of what the intent of your proposed boundary might be. Let me know what you think.
>
> Secondarily, I am assuming you are ok if I interpret "200 feet from the road" to mean 200 feet from the centerline of the road?
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> Thank you,
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> Tom
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From: Dirk Sisson <dirksisson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 15, 2024 9:47 PM
To: Davis, Tom G. <tom.davis@anchorageak.gov>
Cc: Babb, Melisa R.K. <melisa.babb@anchorageak.gov>; Yelle, Ryan J <ryan.yelle@anchorageak.gov>; Perry, Susan <susan.perry@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: Re: Community Council Boundaries 10-Year Review -- Release of public hearing draft boundary recommendations (PZC Case No. 2024-0100)

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi Tom,

Thank you for attending our meeting on November 14 and for presenting the MOA Community Council Boundaries Ten-Year Review process and

study.

I am attaching a resolution adopted by the Basher Community Council on November 14, 2024. Here is a summary of the resolution:

1. The Council supports Option A of Survey Area #9, which retains the existing boundaries without any changes.

2. The Council opposes Option B of Survey Area #9, which proposes merging the Scenic Foothills and Basher Community Councils into one community council district.

3. The Council opposes Option B of Survey Area #40, which seeks to remove the former private inholding that is now part of Chugach State Park from its existing boundary.

4. The Council suggests adjusting the southern and western boundaries a few hundred feet south and west along Campbell Creek and Campbell Airstrip Road.

Please let me know if this resolution will be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission as part of the submissions under case number 2024-0100.

Happy Holidays!

Kind regards,

Dirk Sisson

President

Basher Community Council

On Fri, Nov 1, 2024 at 6:11 PM Davis, Tom G. <tom.davis@anchorageak.gov> wrote:

> *Community Council Boundaries 10-Year Review Project*
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> To Community Councils:
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> The public process for the Municipality's *10-year review of community council district boundaries* is resuming.
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> - The project began in late 2022 with an online questionnaire.
> - The project continued in 2023 with community council consultations and six meetings of the project's Boundary Advisory Committee.
> - The municipal Planning Department has released the public hearing draft recommended district boundaries on **the project web page**. The recommendations reflect the outcomes of the 2023 public process.
> - The public hearing draft materials identify 9 study areas that are recommended to have boundary changes, although most districts and boundary areas that were studied are not recommended to change.
>
> **Materials for Review.** The public hearing draft materials for review on the project web page include:
>
> 1. Draft *Assembly Ordinance (AO)* and "Exhibit A," providing the recommended revised community council district maps.
> 2. The staff *Report and Recommendations* and its appendices providing the boundary study areas analysis.
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> *Hint:* The Executive Summary on pages 1 – 3 of the *Report and Recommendations* summarizes where all the recommended boundary changes are and provides a cross-reference from your community council to any boundary study areas that involve your community council. Maps of all the boundary study areas are in Appendix C to the report.
>
> **Public Review Schedule.** The upcoming schedule includes:
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> - The public comment period will extend through November, December, and January to give community councils and the public time to review and submit comments to the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC).
> - The PZC will open a public hearing on January 6 and continue the public hearing to February 3.
> - After closing the public hearing, the PZC will deliberate and forward its recommendations to the Anchorage Assembly.
> - The Assembly will receive the PZC's recommendations in early 2025 and schedule its public hearing for final action.
>
> **REQUEST TO YOU:** Please take the following actions in your community councils by February 3, 2025, to represent the desires of your

membership as to boundaries.

- **In November**:
  - Introduce this topic at your November general membership meeting and executive committee meetings.
  - Consider assigning members who will follow this project and report to your community council membership.
- **In December and January:**
  - Deliberate on this topic at your general membership meetings in December and/or January.
  - If your Community Council includes any of the boundary study areas, or is affected by a recommended district boundary change, or wishes to state its position on any of the study areas in the report, please submit comments from your Community Council in the form of a written Resolution voted upon and adopted by your general membership.
  - Members of your community council may also submit their own written comments.
- **In January and February:**
  - Consider sending a community council representative to provide verbal testimony to supplement your written resolutions.

In general, if your community council district was included in any of the approximately 40 boundary study areas identified in this project, then it is advisable to submit a written Resolution from your community council to the PZC that states your community council's position as to its boundaries--even if the public hearing draft recommends no changes to the boundaries of your community council.

Submit written comments and resolutions in the following ways:

By email:	*tom.davis@anchorageak.gov*
By fax:	*(907) 343-7927*
By mail:	*Long-Range Planning Division* *MOA Planning Department* *P.O. Box 196650* *Anchorage, AK 99519-6650*
By CityView:	**munimaps.muni.org/planning/allcomments.cfm** *(available after 11/15/2024)* (search for case number *2024-0100 after 11/15/2024)*

I will follow up with a letter early next week, providing additional background information. As you have questions, please contact me at (907) 343-7916 or tom.davis@anchorageak.gov.

Thank you,

Tom

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Ted Trueblood
Chair, Sec.6/CAR LRSA BoS
9860 Nearpoint Dr.
Anchorage, AK 99507
phone: 339-4872

From: Rob Brown
To: Davis, Tom G.
Cc: Glen Alps Community Council
Subject: Results from our survey on GACC expansion
Date: Monday, March 3, 2025 7:05:12 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Tom, I have the results from our survey with 42 individual results, totalling about 44 or so people responding total, 24 of whom live within the proposed boundary expansion and all the others who are current GACC area residents. How would you like me to present the data to you? I have names, addresses, etc...of the respondents. Currently, it's in an excel spreadsheet format.

Of the 44, two were against & 4 were indifferent. 38 were for the change.

The 6 Questions we asked are below,
-The area within the yellow box below contains parcels East of Michael Rd, South of Upper Huffman & North of Upper Dearmoun & are currently in the Hillside Community Council area. Do you live or own property within the area within the yellow box labelled "Proposed expansion" on the map below?
- What is your name?
- What is your address?
- The area in the yellow box is currently in the Hillside Community Council. Are you for, against, or indifferent to moving it to the Glen Alps Community Council?
- Email address
- Extra comments

Rob Brown
Glen Alps CC President

From: Rob Brown
To: Davis, Tom G.
Subject: Glen Alps results from boundary survey
Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 4:03:55 PM
Attachments: Glen Alps CC Boundary Change Survey (Responses).xlsx

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Tom, please find attached the Excel spreadsheet from the 44 responses we have had so far. When you count spouses, it's actually closer to 46. Please let me know if you are unable to view it correctly. I can also present it differently if it makes it easier for you.

Thanks, Rob Brown
Phone 720-934-2765

Glen Alps and Hillside Boundary Change Survey Responses (received from Rob Brown on 3-4-2025)

Timestamp	Do you live or own property within the area within the yellow box labelled "Proposed expansion" on the map below?	What is your name?	The area in the yellow box is currently in the Hillside Community Council. Are you for, against, or indifferent to moving it to the Glen Alps Community Council?	Please add any comments below. Results of this survey will be submitted to the municipality as part of our comments. Thank you! Glen Alps CC Executive Board. www.communitycouncils.org
2/28/2025 16:15:24	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Adam Robinson	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
2/28/2025 16:43:27	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Rebecca Fidler	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
2/28/2025 17:05:18	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Tom Reale	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
2/28/2025 18:21:43	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Shannon Uffenbeck	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	Jeanne Road needs to be dealt with one way or the other. Either it needs to be signed as private, or the GACC needs to begin maintaining the road. The number of cars that got stuck in that section last year was well over 50 because there is no signage stating that it is not maintained. On numerous occasions there was more than one car stuck at the same time.
2/28/2025 18:34:47	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Benji Uffenbeck	I am indifferent to this change	If this increases the chance that we could utilize Jeanne Rd to connect to Upper Huffman I'm all for it. Last winter we watched as over 20 cars had to be rescued by tow trucks when they got stuck on the unmaintained section of Jeanne Rd. This road is also critical in the event of a wildfire evacuation.
2/28/2025 19:25:58	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Monty Worthington	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
2/28/2025 19:31:49	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Greg McKinney	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
2/28/2025 20:58:11	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Gina Brown	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
2/28/2025 21:53:49	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Marta Kumle (formerly Krynytzky)	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
2/28/2025 22:41:44	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Brena Doolen	I am indifferent to this change	
3/1/2025 8:27:33	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Jerry Kumle	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/1/2025 9:32:29	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Marc June	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/1/2025 9:41:08	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Rob Brown	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	I support what the majority of the residents want. I do believe this is correcting a historical inaccuracy and that the current boundary lines were drawn based on arbitrary reasons and simply along a section line. Section lines do not define our neighborhood of Glen Alps
3/1/2025 10:23:12	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Greg Kuijper	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	This would move the boundary from an arbitrary section line to a boundary that is more in line with the geographic, topographic, and meteorologic factors unique to the Glen Alps CC
3/1/2025 10:24:16	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Carol Ashlock	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	Directly residing the outlined area, I can attest to the fact that the proposed and needed change to the GACC map will significant impact those property owners, rightly providing proper and relevant representation, long overdue.
3/1/2025 10:42:06	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Vivien Simmons	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/1/2025 10:59:15	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Karrie Walker	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/1/2025 11:23:41	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Loke Freedman	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/1/2025 11:32:57	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Bern Davis	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	I do not feel represented by my current community council and strongly support the move to the Glen Alps council
3/1/2025 11:41:20	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Kathryn	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/1/2025 12:46:58	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Carl Portman	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/1/2025 13:22:17	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Bonnie Tinsley	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	

Glen Alps and Hillside Boundary Change Survey Responses (received from Rob Brown on 3-4-2025)

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3/1/2025 16:34:30	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Dale Suzanne Doolen	I am indifferent to this proposed change	
3/1/2025 17:36:35	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Roger Marks	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	I believe my location identifies more with issues related to the Glen Alps CC rather than the Hillside CC. This includes weather, roads , and power issues.
3/1/2025 17:55:00	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Allison Smith	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/1/2025 20:42:01	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Judy Caminer	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	I feel more affinity with the Glen Alps CC.
3/1/2025 21:55:31	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Jason Simmons	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/1/2025 22:38:28	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Joseph Connolly	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/1/2025 22:45:33	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Joe McLaughlin	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/2/2025 6:59:01	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Amanda Lancaster	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/2/2025 7:25:41	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Linda Beja	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	I feel Glen Alps Community Council better reflects my interests and concerns with our unique issues.
3/2/2025 9:03:53	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	James Brady	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/2/2025 9:06:56	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Julie Melchor	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/2/2025 9:33:29	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Robert Polley	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/2/2025 9:46:36	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Reva Katz	I do not support the change to Glen Alps Community Cou	Glen Alps is currently unique area with natural boundaries to its unique characteristics, needs, problems.
3/2/2025 10:16:20	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Melany Wilson	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/2/2025 15:45:32	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Tim Pedlow	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/2/2025 15:51:38	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Gail and Mark Morrison	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	Great idea. I fully support this.
3/2/2025 17:54:46	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Lukas Bartosiewicz	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/3/2025 9:19:04	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Mike Lee	I do not support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/3/2025 9:45:39	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Gina Robinson	I am indifferent to this proposed change	I am pleased with the service we get and would like it to continue. If the combining doesn't effect our service detrimentally I am for it.
3/3/2025 10:54:48	Yes, I live within the area in the yellow box	Scott & Kay Keller	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	
3/4/2025 9:02:41	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Eric&Joan Wasserman	I am indifferent to this proposed change	Not sure need more info
3/4/2025 14:35:46	No, I don't live with the area in the yellow box	Kavanagh Timothy J	I support the change to Glen Alps Community Council	

From: Rob Brown
To: Davis, Tom G.
Subject: Re: Glen Alps results from boundary survey
Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 5:29:44 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Tom as a follow up, this survey was accomplished by putting signs around our neighborhood at the mailboxes and by Calling residents, who live there, and by having our neighbors who knew other people call them to notify them of this survey. Six signs were placed throughout the proposed expansion area. Each one had a leak and a QR code which led them to the survey. These results were collected over the course of four days. I have attached pictures of the signs we put up.

On Tue, Mar 4, 2025 at 4:00 PM Rob Brown <robbrown1998@gmail.com> wrote:

> Tom, please find attached the Excel spreadsheet from the 44 responses we have had so far. When you count spouses, it's actually closer to 46. Please let me know if you are unable to view it correctly. I can also present it differently if it makes it easier for you.
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> Thanks, Rob Brown
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Upper De Armoun Rd
8100
Michael Rd
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SPEED LIMIT
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Attachment 8

Comment-Response

March 10, 2025

10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries

Public Hearing Draft
PZC Case No. 2024-0100

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RESPONSES TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT BOUNDARIES

Attachment 8, *Comment-Response*, provides the staff responses to public comments and proposals from Attachment 7 that collectively recommend 11 changes to the public hearing draft recommended boundaries. In addition, staff recommends a boundary correction, which is listed as a twelfth proposal.

Each staff response summarizes the public comment, references the relevant *boundary review criteria* from the public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations* (Attachment 3, pages 9-11) to evaluate the public comment, and then identifies options and recommends a preferred option.

The recommendations in this Attachment 8 are the basis for the recommendations in the March 10, 2025, Staff Report Memo.

1) Boundary Study Area #8: West of Baxter Road South of Northern Lights Boulevard

Public Hearing Draft report and map references:

- Boundary study area evaluation and recommendation: Attachment 3, pp. 25-26.
- Map of Boundary Study Area #8: See Attachment 6, Boundary Study Area Map 6.
- Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary: Attachment 2, Map 6.

Comment: University Area Community Council (UACC) does not support the public hearing draft recommendation for Option B, to transfer the area east of Boniface Parkway to Baxter Road from University Area to Scenic Foothills Community Council, and recommends Option A, to retain its existing boundary with Scenic Foothills at Baxter Road. (Attachment 7, page 61.)

Response: The staff assessment of the relevant *boundary review criteria* finds that, *on balance*, the criteria do not support the UACC recommendation, and that there appears to be a stronger basis for moving forward with the public hearing draft recommendation for Option B (Attachment 3, pp. 25-26) for further discussion, as follows:

Representation criteria:

- Both community councils provide active representation for their neighborhoods. However, although the municipal code establishes that population size shall not be used as a boundary review criterion, the leadership of each shared concerns regarding having enough population to support participation by active members, and that meeting attendance can be low.

- Per 2020 U.S. Census figures, UACC has 10,004 residents. Although it stands to gain 1,764 residents from its merger with Tudor Area Community Council, loss of the 3,891 residents east of Boniface Parkway would reduce its population to 7,877.

- Per 2020 U.S. Census figures, Scenic Foothills has a population of 7,943. If the area east of Boniface is transferred to its district its population would grow to 11,834.

Natural Communities criteria:

- Neighborhoods east of Boniface Parkway share proximity, topography, scenic views, and physical characteristics with Scenic Foothills neighborhoods. The neighborhoods along Campbell Airstrip Road are particularly distant from the University Area and near the Scenic Foothills neighborhoods across Baxter Road.

Identifiable Boundaries criteria:

- Boniface Parkway is both a physical and a traffic barrier. It would be a stronger boundary between the community councils than is the current boundary at Baxter Road.

Community Desires criteria:

- Available evidence indicates that at least some residents west of Baxter Road identify more with the neighborhoods of Scenic Foothills than with University Area. 9 respondents to the project's survey questionnaire indicated that the neighborhoods to the west of Baxter Road are more aligned with the neighborhoods of Scenic Foothills. This was the second highest response volume requesting a boundary change in all boundary study areas.

- There is not unanimity among members of the University Area Community Council or residents in the affected area. Several residents of the affected area who are active at UACC meetings and serve on the board desire to remain in UACC. Of the 22 UACC members who responded to the project's questionnaire survey, 6 said no changes to boundaries should be considered, 8 were not sure, and 8 said that changes to boundaries should be considered.

- UACC passed a resolution in favor of Option A, to retain existing boundary at Baxter Road with 6 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

- Scenic foothills passed a resolution in favor of Option B, to transfer the area east of Boniface Parkway to Scenic Foothills, with 12 in favor and 1 opposed.

- Additional information regarding community preferences, such as an area-specific questionnaire survey, would support an informed decision.

Options and Recommendations: Move forward with Option B as recommended on page 26 of the public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations* (Attachment 3), which is to transfer the area between Baxter Road and Boniface Parkway from University Area Community Council to Scenic Foothills Community Council. Further discussion regarding community impacts and preferences is anticipated before the Assembly.

2) Boundary Study Area #21: Sitka Street Park

Public Hearing Draft report and map references:

- Boundary study area evaluation and recommendation: Attachment 3, pp. 37-38.
- Map of Boundary Study Area #21: Attachment 6, Maps 5 and 5b (pp. 9-10).
- Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary: Attachment 2, Maps 5 and 5b.

Comment: Fairview Community Council does not support the public hearing draft recommendation for Option A, to retain its existing boundaries with Airport Heights, and recommends Option B instead, to transfer the western half of the Merrill Field Airport open space area south of 15th Avenue from Airport Heights to Fairview, as shown in the map on page 4 of this memo. Fairview argues that splitting the open space could strengthen common cause in advocating for open space improvements and neighborhood interests (Attachment 7, pages 15-16).

Response: The staff assessment of the relevant *boundary review criteria* finds there is a basis to support the proposal, as follows:

Natural Communities Criteria:

- The western portion of the open space abuts Fairview residences and includes a trail loop used by Fairview residents. The eastern portion of this open space contains Sitka Street Park playground and areas along Sitka Street most important to Airport Heights.

- Residents of Fairview and Airport Heights use this open space, advocate for park and trail improvements, and can be impacted by activities and projects in this parcel.

Identifiable Boundaries Criteria:

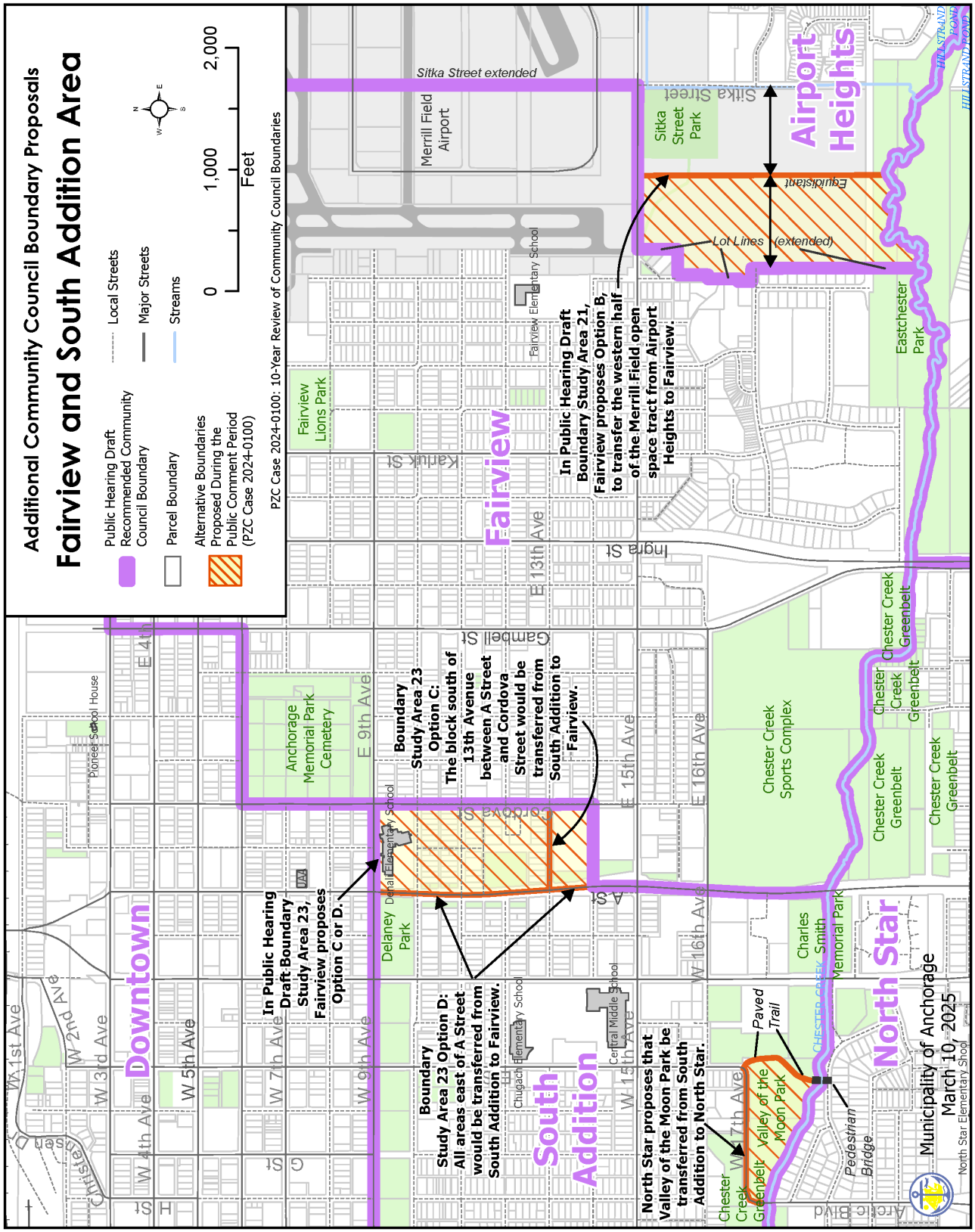
- There is no particularly strong boundary feature available. The current boundary is the backyard property lines and fences of Fairview residences abutting the open space.

- Splitting the open space tract in half would effectively employ the undeveloped wetland forest as the boundary between the two neighborhoods.

Community Desires Criteria:

- Airport Heights recommends retaining the existing boundary (See Attachment 7). Its members desire that Sitka Street Park playground and open space area adjoining Sitka Street remain a part of Airport Heights.

Options and Recommendations: Change the recommendation for Boundary Study Area #21 to Option B on page 38 of the public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations* (Attachment 3), which is to transfer the western half of the Merrill Field Airport open space area from Airport Heights Community Council to Fairview Community Council. Retain the eastern half including the Sitka Street Park playground in Airport Heights.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Parcel Boundary
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In Public Hearing Draft Boundary Study Area 23, Fairview proposes Option C or D.
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Boundary Study Area 23 Option D: All areas east of A Street would be transferred from South Addition to Fairview.
In Public Hearing Draft Boundary Study Area 21, Fairview proposes Option B, to transfer the western half of the Merrill Field open space tract from Airport Heights to Fairview.
North Star proposes that Valley of the Moon Park be transferred from South Addition to North Star.
Sitka Street extended
Lot Lines (extended)
Equidistant
Downtown
Fairview
South Addition
Airport Heights
North Star
Municipality of Anchorage
March 10, 2025

3) Boundary Study Area #23: West of Cordova Street from 9th to 15th Avenue

Report and Map References:

- Boundary study area evaluation and recommendation: Attachment 3, pp. 39-41.
- Map of Boundary Study Area #23: Attachment 6, Area Maps 5 and 5b (pp. 9-10).
- Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary: Map on page 4 of this memo.

Comment: Fairview Community Council does not support the public hearing draft recommendation for Option A, to retain its existing boundaries with South Addition west of Cordova Street. It recommends to instead follow Option C or Option D. Option C would transfer all areas east of A Street between A and Cordova Streets from South Addition to Fairview. Option D would transfer only the two vacant blocks between 13th Avenue and Central Lutheran Church from South Addition to Fairview. Fairview argues that Denali Elementary should be in Fairview because its attendance area is largely in Fairview, and that the neighborhood areas east of A Street are more aligned with Fairview (Attachment 7, pages 15-16).

Response: The staff assessment of the relevant *boundary review criteria* finds that although the criteria do not, *on balance*, support Option C (to transfer all areas east of A Street to Fairview), there is enough basis to support changing the public hearing draft recommendation to Option D (to transfer the two vacant blocks south of 13th Avenue), as follows:

Natural Communities criteria:

- Areas east of A Street are more proximate to the neighborhood of western Fairview.
- West of Cordova Street between 10th and 13th Avenues, the scale and physical attributes of residences have commonalities with South Addition, while residences east of Cordova Street (in Fairview) tend to have a higher density and scale.
- South of 13th Avenue, the two vacant blocks are designated for high-density, large-scale multifamily or mixed-use housing, which is more consistent with Fairview east of Cordova Street.
- The Denali ES attendance area is east of A Street including primarily Fairview neighborhoods; however, the school also includes an area-wide optional program.

Identifiable Boundaries criteria:

- Either A Street or Cordova Street can provide identifiable north-south boundary line, although A street is the stronger, simpler boundary.
- Either 9th or 15th Avenue would provide the most identifiable east-west boundary line; however, 13th Avenue can provide an identifiable boundary better than the current community council boundary at the rear property line between Central Lutheran Church and the vacant blocks south of 13th Avenue.

Community Desires Criteria:

- North of 13th Avenue and west of Cordova Street, the residents/property owners strongly identify with South Addition, are active members of South Addition Community Council, and desire to remain in South Addition.

- South of 13th Avenue, there are no permanent residences. Central Lutheran Church, on the northwest corner of Cordova Street and 15th Avenue, has in the past expressed its desire to remain in Fairview. (It is currently in Fairview Community Council.)

- South Addition Community Council recommends Option A, to retain the existing boundary between A Street and Cordova Street at the north property line of Central Lutheran Church.

Options and Recommendations: Change the recommendation for Boundary Study Area #23 to Option C on page 40 of the public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations* (Attachment 3), to transfer the area between Cordova and A Streets south of 13th Avenue (and north of Central Lutheran Church) from South Addition Community Council to Fairview Community Council. North of 13th Avenue to 9th Avenue, continue to use Cordova Street as the community council boundary.

4) Boundary Study Area #32: Spenard Beach Park

Report and map references:

- Boundary study area evaluation and recommendation: Attachment 3, pp. 50-51.
- Map of Boundary Study Area #32: Attachment 6, Maps 7 and 7a (pp. 12-13).
- Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary: Attachment 2, Maps 7 and 7a.

Comment: Spenard Community Council does not support the Department's public hearing draft recommendation for Option A, to retain Spenard Beach Park. It instead recommends Option C, to share Spenard Beach Park between Turnagain and Spenard by including it in both community council districts, overlapping their areas (Attachment 7, page 52).

Response: The staff assessment of the relevant *boundary review criteria* (in Attachment 3) finds that the criteria do not support the proposal and that there is a stronger basis for retaining the existing boundaries with Spenard Beach Park in Turnagain Community Council, as follows:

Representation criteria:

- According to the Parks and Recreation Department, all community councils near a park receive equal notice and public involvement opportunity regarding projects and management activities in the park. Overlapping the community council districts in Spenard Beach Park would not affect or improve public notification, comment, or stewardship opportunities for Spenard Community Council in the park. The Parks and Recreation staff consulted by the Planning Department on this issue explained that per municipal code (AMC 2.40), the public outreach process to a park's community councils always includes the neighboring councils within 1,000 feet of the park. Solicitations for advocacy are directed equally to all community councils within 1,000 feet of a park because the Municipality understands that communities near a park use and care for the park, regardless of community council district boundaries.

- Parks and Recreation staff identified examples of this, including the *Russian Jack Springs Park Master Plan* (Russian Jack and Northeast CCs) and the *Eastchester Park Master Plan* (Airport Heights, Rogers Park, and Fairview CCs). For park master plans and major park improvements, Parks and Recreation puts together Community Advisory Groups that include all relevant councils and user groups. For recent Spenard Beach Park improvements, Parks and Recreation has been working with both Turnagain and Spenard Community Councils. In all these instances, all councils are given equal opportunity to weigh in, Park and Recreation staff attends all council meetings, and Parks and Recreation earns resolutions of support from each individual council.

Natural Communities criteria:

- Spenard Beach Park is South of Lakeshore Drive on Lake Spenard and is within the boundaries and jurisdiction of the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport / Lake Hood Seaplane Base. The Municipality manages it as a park through a lease agreement with the Airport.

- The Municipality categorizes Spenard Beach Park as a *Community Use* park, which serves a broader purpose than a *Neighborhood* park. Community parks focus on

meeting the recreation needs of a larger section of the Anchorage community, including social contact between a wide variety of community members from different neighborhoods and backgrounds.

- Spenard Beach Park is closer to the residential neighborhoods of Turnagain than to the residences in Spenard Community Council, which are separated from it by the Spenard Road commercial corridor to its southeast and the Turnagain neighborhood subdivisions to the northeast.

- The rest of the Airport also impacts both community councils and is divided among the adjoining community councils without overlapping their districts.

Identifiable Boundaries criteria:

- Overlapping districts would conflict with the municipal code's boundary review criteria in AMC 2.40 that community councils be *divided one from another* by identifiable physical or traffic barriers.

- It is important for community council districts to remain separate, divided one from another by contiguous boundaries, to avoid confusion in maps for the public. Municipal GIS data for creating maps such as community council district boundaries is used by a variety of municipal agencies and other organizations and individuals who make the maps. Users of the municipal GIS data would need to know how to interpret and render the overlapping community council districts on maps for public use. To minimize instances of confusing or erroneous maps, it is likely that the municipal GIS division would need to distribute the mapping data with a handout for cartographers in other departments and organizations that explains how to use the data to create maps with overlapping districts, and how to symbolize and label those. Regardless of GIS division time and efforts, someone will inevitably misuse or misinterpret the GIS data through no fault of their own. It would be unrealistic to expect someone who wants to make a map of the community councils to know Turnagain Community Council district overlaps with Spenard Community Council, or where that overlap would be. The GIS division believes that the Municipality would be setting itself up for years of constantly having to communicate the issue and having to be vigilant about monitoring maps made with the data. Planning staff believes it would set the public up for confusion.

Community Desires criteria:

- Turnagain Community Council supports the public hearing draft recommendation to retain the park within its district to "align with the natural and historic boundaries," however, is open to sharing the park within both community council districts to support both community councils providing stewardship for the park.

Options and Recommendations: Move forward with Option A as recommended on page 51 of the public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations* (Attachment 3), which is to retain existing boundaries, with Spenard Beach Park in Turnagain Community Council.

5) Boundary Study Area #33: South of Dimond Boulevard to 92nd Avenue

Report and map references:

- Boundary study area evaluation and recommendation: Attachment 3, pp. 51-52.
- Map of Boundary Study Area #33: Attachment 6, Maps 10 and 11 (pp. 16-17).
- Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary: Attachment 2, Maps 10 and 11.

Comment: Taku Campbell Community Council no longer supports the public hearing draft recommendation to transfer the area south of Dimond Boulevard to 92nd Avenue between Minnesota Drive and Seward Highway from Taku Campbell to Bayshore/Klatt. Taku Campbell now recommends Option A, to retain its existing southern boundary at 92nd Avenue.

Taku Campbell expresses that its current boundaries provide representation aligned with neighborhoods' geographic, historic, and demographic characteristics, and that transferring the residents south of Dimond Boulevard including Dimond Estates Mobile Home Park and Mt. Vernon Street area would disrupt community cohesion divide natural communities. It states there is a lack of clear benefits to transferring this area (Attachment 7, page 54).

Response: The staff assessment of the relevant *boundary review criteria* finds there is a basis to support the proposal to retain existing boundaries, as follows:

Natural Communities criteria:

- Taku Campbell has clarified that the area south of Dimond is not peripheral to its district. Dimond Estates Mobile Home Park and Mt. Vernon are closer to Taku Campbell neighborhoods north of Dimond Boulevard than to Bayshore/Klatt neighborhoods, which are southwest of Minnesota/O'Malley.

Identifiable Boundaries criteria:

- Dimond Boulevard is a more identifiable, recognizable boundary than 92nd Avenue, which is not constructed west of Old Seward Highway.

Community Desires criteria:

- 3 of 5 Taku Campbell members who responded to the project's survey questionnaire agreed its current boundaries align with natural communities; 1 was neutral and 1 disagreed.

- 8 of 10 Bayshore/Klatt members who responded to the project's questionnaire agreed its current boundaries align with natural communities; 1 was neutral and 1 disagreed.

- Bayshore/Klatt Community Council has not submitted a resolution.

Options and Recommendations: Change the recommendation for Boundary Study Area #33 to Option A on page 51 of the public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations* (Attachment 3), which is to retain existing boundaries.

6) Boundary Study Area #40: in Chugach State Park

Report and map references:

- Boundary study area evaluation and recommendation: Attachment 3, pp. 56-59.
- Maps of Boundary Study Area #40 in Chugach State Park: Attachment 6, Boundary Study Area Maps 4, 9, and 13.
- Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundary: Attachment 2, Maps 4, 9, and 13.

Comment: Basher Community Council does not support the public hearing draft recommendation for Option B, to remove the 40-acre Chugach State Park tract which was once a private inholding and is now a part of Chugach State Park, from the Basher Community Council district. Basher recommends Option A instead, to retain this 40-acre tract in Chugach State Park in Basher's district boundaries. Basher expressed that it has historically been very involved in issues affecting the 40-acre tract in Study Area #40 and desires to retain as much influence as it can over that area (Attachment 7, pages 3-4).

Response: The staff assessment of the relevant *boundary review criteria* finds that the criteria do not support the proposal and that there is a stronger basis for moving forward with the public hearing draft recommendation, as follows:

Representation criteria:

- Consultations with the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), including the public involvement coordinator, chief planner, and Superintendent of Chugach State Park (CSP), demonstrate that removing the 40-acre tract of Chugach State Park from Basher Community Council's district boundaries will have no impact on its public notice, public comment, or participation and advocacy opportunities in CSP planning, development, or management decisions. Basher will receive the same notice and involvement opportunities as a community council adjoining the park. Specifically:

    - Wendy Sailors, public outreach coordinator for the State of Alaska DNR, explained in a consultation with municipal Planning staff on January 17, 2025, that all state agencies use a statewide online public notice system for any public comment announcement. Public notice requirements are based on the type of proposals. Decision-making and advisory boards follow an open meetings requirement. Chugach State Park-related public outreach and engagement efforts are directed at community councils that are near and adjacent to the park because those communities have an interest in what is going on in CSP just outside their boundaries. For example, Ms. Sailors has attended Glen Alps and Rabbit Creek meetings regarding projects in CSP outside those community councils' boundaries.

    - Monica Alvarez, Section Chief for Resource Assessment and Development at DNR, and formerly the project planner for the current *Chugach State Park Management Plan* and *Chugach Access Plan*, explained that updates to state park management plans involve a substantial public process and public noticing that would include all community councils nearby. Ms. Alvarez attended the meetings of community councils while working on the two plans. In addition, the CSP Advisory Board holds open public meetings monthly to discuss park management actions with opportunity for the public to participate. Extending

community council districts into CSP would be based on a perceived sphere of influence that community councils do not really have over the State of Alaska;

- Ben Corwin, the Superintendent of Chugach State Park, in consultation with municipal Planning staff on January 21, 2025, explained that CSP improvement projects such as trail or trailhead improvements are consistent with the CSP Management Plan. For such projects, the State reaches out to the adjacent community councils directly, attend community council meetings or invite them to CSP Advisory Board meetings, which are posted on the state's public notice page. CSP outreach is to all community councils that are adjacent to the park. Most community council districts do not extend into CSP, and Mr. Corwin had not realized that any community council districts extended into the park. Whether a community council abuts the CSP or extends into the park, the community council would be impacted the same by park improvement projects and so is included in the same notice and comment opportunities.

Natural Communities criteria:

- Chugach State Park is a natural resource park and under ownership and management of the State of Alaska DNR. It is a natural wilderness area with public trails and trailheads serving the broader community. There are no private residences in CSP, and CSP is not a part of any local neighborhood.

Identifiable Boundaries criteria:

- The 40-acre tract is within Chugach State Park and has no identifiable boundary or physical feature that separates it from the rest of Chugach State Park; the tract property line is unmarked and the forest and alpine areas within versus around outside the tract are indistinguishable. The tract boundary is a relic plat and has no management function.

Community Desires criteria:

- Glen Alps and Rabbit Creek Community Council, whose districts also include a parcel within CSP, support the recommendation of Boundary Study Area #40 to remove these parcels from their districts.

Options and Recommendations: Move forward with Option B as recommended on page 58 of the public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations* (Attachment 3), which is to remove the three parcels in Basher, Glen Alps, and Rabbit Creek Community Councils, which were once private inholdings and are now a part of Chugach State Park, from those community council districts.

7) **Boundary Study Area #40 (in the Tidal Flats):**

Report and map references:

- Boundary study area evaluation and recommendation: Attachment 3, pp. 56-59.
- Maps of Boundary Study Area #40 in the Tidal Flats: Attachment 6, Anchorage Bowl Map (page 1), Turnagain Arm Map (page 3), and Boundary Study Area Maps 1, 2, 5, 11, 13, and 14.
- Public Hearing Draft Community Council Boundaries: Attachment 2, Anchorage Bowl Map (page 1), Turnagain Arm Map (page 3), and Boundary Study Area Maps 1, 2, 5, 11, 13, and 14.

Comment: Birchwood, Government Hill, Old Seward/Oceanview, and Turnagain Community Councils do not support the public hearing draft recommendation for Option C, to adjust the coastal boundaries of community councils along Cook Inlet from "mean low or lower water" to "mean high water" (i.e., shifting the boundary from mean low tide to mean high tide so that the tidal mudflats are no longer in the community council districts. The four community councils recommend Option A instead, to retain coastal district boundaries at "mean low or lower water" (Attachment 7, see community council resolutions that begin on pages 7, 22, 34, and 58).

Their comments include that some residents live in homes overlooking the tidal flats and care about what occurs on them. Birchwood expresses that it is an advocate of Beach Lake Park and the mouth of Peters Creek, which it says include tidal flats. Old Seward/Oceanview cites that the outdoor activity area within the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge (ACWR) at the base of Oceanview Bluff and west of the Seward Highway is a geographic focus and common interest among its residents and the broader community. Turnagain and Government Hill expressed the underlying concern: that the boundary change would limit the community councils' standing to address nearshore development, activities, and infrastructure that could impact a neighborhood, and questions what harm is caused by current use of the low tide line. Turnagain and Government Hill cite examples such as the aircraft fuel pipeline from the Port to the international airport that is buried in the mudflats, and a proposed relocation of a portion of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail into the mudflats.

Response: The staff assessment of the *boundary review criteria* finds that the criteria do not support retaining the coastal boundaries at *mean low or lower water*, and that there is a stronger basis for moving forward with the public hearing draft recommendation, as follows:

Representation criteria:

- Consultation with the Section Chief for Resource Assessment and Development at the State of Alaska DNR on February 21, 2025, indicates that removal of the tidal mudflats from a community council district will make no difference to public notice, comment, or participation or advocacy opportunities for community councils regarding planning, permits, or leases for activities in the tidal flats. Specifically:
    - The State of Alaska manages Cook Inlet waters, including the tidal flats, out to the 3-mile limit. The State of Alaska DNR would be the agency to issue a permit or a lease for a land authorization, including in the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge (ACWR). A short-term permit has no public notice requirements. Lease and easements would be noticed to the public through the state's online public notice system. Requirements for public notice are established by statute (AS 38.05.945). This statute lists the types of organizations that receive notice and

is the state's most stringent notice requirement. Community councils are not on the list of entities to receive public notice. It does not matter if a community council extends into the tidal mudflats or not.

- Coastal community councils will receive consultation opportunities for major projects such as a relocation of the Coastal Trail, or Point Woronzof bluff erosion, regardless of whether their boundaries extend into the mudflats.

Natural Communities criteria:

- Community council districts are delineated based on neighborhood areas that form "natural communities" of residents, property owners and businesses, to provide forums and representation for those members in those neighborhoods. There are no neighborhoods or people out in the tidal mudflats of the Cook Inlet. Tidal mudflats are a part of the waters of the Cook Inlet, submerged at least part of the day. Tidal mudflats do not include the vegetated, low-lying coastlands of the ACWR or Peters Creek estuary that are of concern to Birchwood, Turnagain, and Old Seward/Oceanview.

Identifiable Boundaries criteria:

- Consultations with the Municipal Surveyor indicate that the location of mean low or lower water is unknown to the Municipality and State of Alaska DNR. In some places it may even extend out beyond the boundaries of the Municipality. There is no discernable physical feature in the tidal mudflats that marks mean low or lower water.

- The existing community council maps do not accurately reflect the location of mean low water. To correct the maps, the Municipality would need to consult with federal marine agencies (e.g., NOAA) to determine mean low water. The scale of the community council district maps of the Anchorage Bowl would need to be reduced to show how far out the community councils extend out into the Cook Inlet.

- Mean high water (i.e., mean high tide) is the shoreline between the marine waters (including tidal mudflats) and coastlands (upper beaches, sand dunes, vegetated estuaries, wetlands, and uplands). The shoreline is a discernable and mapped feature that provides an identifiable boundary based on delineation of land versus the sea.

Community Desires criteria:

- 4 of 11 coastal community councils, including Downtown, South Addition, Girdwood, and Turnagain Arm, support adjusting the boundaries to "mean high water." 3 coastal community councils, including Chugiak, Sand Lake, and Bayshore/Klatt, did not submit comments.

- 4 of 11 coastal community councils do not support adjusting the boundaries to "mean high water." However, their concerns seem based on a perceived public process and sphere of influence that do not exist, or a perception that the vegetated coastlands of ACWR or creek estuaries are included in the tidal mudflats. (They are not.)

Options and Recommendations: Move forward with Option C as recommended on page 59 of the public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations*, to adjust the coastal boundaries of the community councils to follow "mean high water."

8) Small Boat Launch Area

Comment: Government Hill Community Council recommends that the Small Boat Launch pier area south of Ship Creek and seaward of the Alaska Railroad tracks be transferred from Downtown Community Council to Government Hill, as shown on the map on page 15 of this memo. Government Hill comments that the Small Boat Launch is managed by the Port of Alaska and has access only through Government Hill (Attachment 7, page 22).

Response: The staff assessment of the relevant *boundary review criteria* indicates the criteria do not support the proposal and that there is a stronger basis for retaining the Small Boat Launch pier area in Downtown Community Council, as follows:

Natural Communities criteria:

- The longtime boundary between Government Hill and Downtown is Ship Creek. Areas south of Ship Creek including the Small Boat Launch have been a part of Downtown Community Council since its establishment in the 1970s.

- The Small Boat Launch and other areas south of Ship Creek are within the *Our Downtown: Downtown District Plan*. This plan sets forth the future land use and development vision for the boat launch and other areas south of Ship Creek. The *Our Downtown* plan and other area-specific plans for south of Ship Creek envision integrating the Small Boat Launch area into the mixed-use commercial and residential redevelopment oriented toward Downtown and the Alaska Railroad Depot.

- Areas north of Ship Creek are industrial and port facilities and a part of the *Government Hill Neighborhood Plan* area. These areas are envisioned to remain industrial facilities in nature associated with the Port of Alaska.

- The existing transportation barriers between the Small Boat Launch and the rest of the areas south of Ship Creek are anticipated to be reduced with the advent of planned trail connections, including the Coastal Trail and Ship Creek Trail connection project.

Identifiable Boundaries criteria:

- Ship Creek provides a strong, simple, recognizable boundary.

- Using the Alaska Railroad would complicate the boundary and necessitate using an arbitrary southern boundary south of the Small Boat Launch.

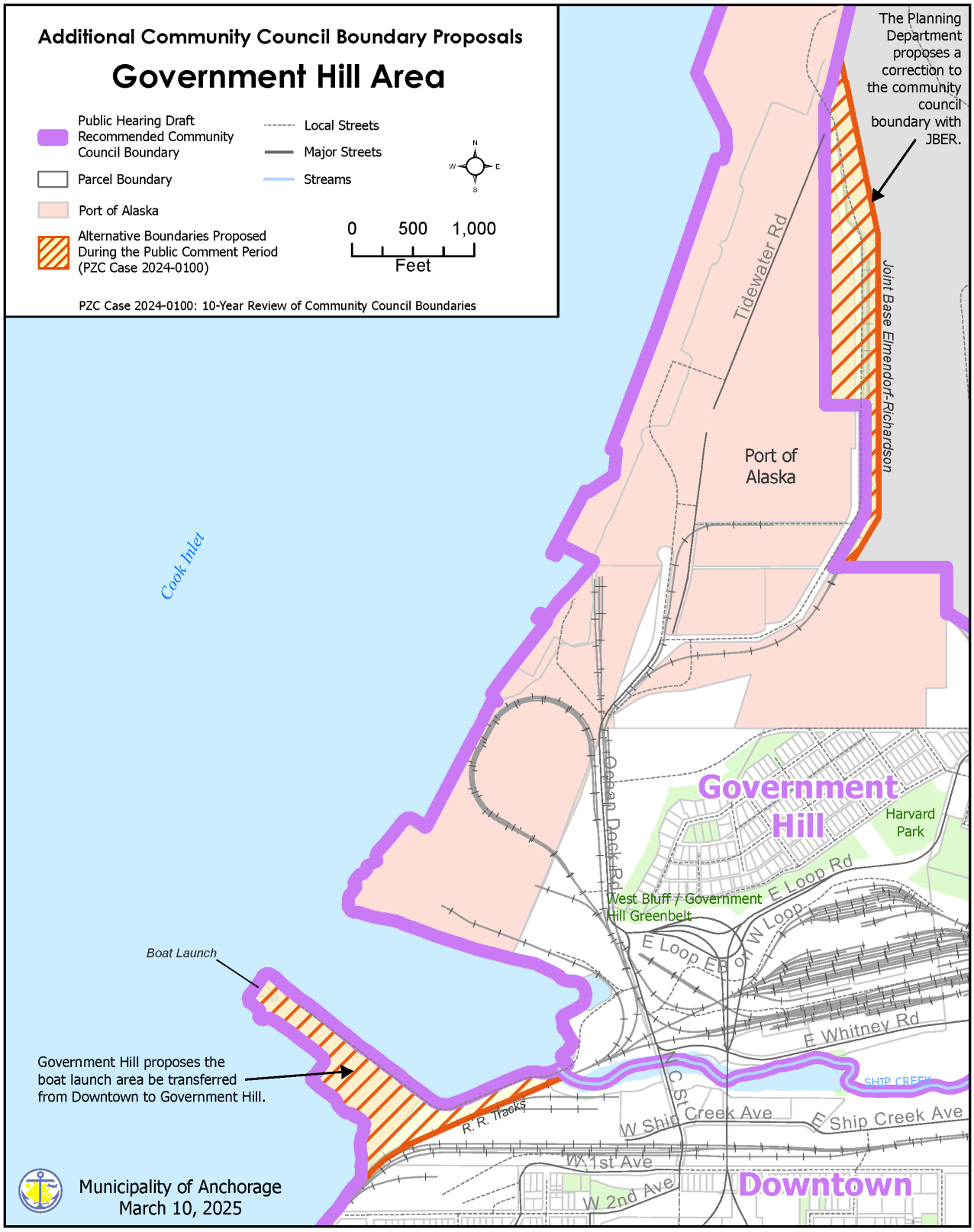
Community Desires criteria:

- Downtown Community Council desires to retain the Small Boat Launch area.

Options and Recommendations:

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundary between Government Hill and Downtown Community Councils at Ship Creek.

- *Option B:* Transfer the Small Boat Launch pier area from Downtown to Government Hill, using the boundaries depicted on the map on page 15 of this memo.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PZC Case 2024-0100: 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries
The Planning Department proposes a correction to the community council boundary with JBER.
Tidewater Rd
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
Port of Alaska
Cook Inlet
Ocean Dock Rd
Government Hill
Harvard Park
West Bluff / Government Hill Greenbelt
E Loop Rd
E Loop EB
W Loop
E Whitney Rd
SHIP CREEK
Boat Launch
Government Hill proposes the boat launch area be transferred from Downtown to Government Hill.
R.R. Tracks
Ship Creek
W Ship Creek Ave
E Ship Creek Ave
W 1st Ave
W 2nd Ave
Downtown
Municipality of Anchorage
March 10, 2025

9) Valley of the Moon Park

North Star Community Council recommends that Valley of the Moon Park be transferred from South Addition Community Council to North Star, as depicted on page 4 of this memo. North Star expresses that Valley of the Moon Park serves as a recreational and social hub for its residents. The park's location, proximity, and area topography align more naturally with the North Star neighborhood and its identity, needs and interests, and that it serves as a natural, existing centerpiece of North Star, similar to the relationship that Westchester Lagoon and Delaney Park have to South Addition, and it serves as a symbol of the neighborhood. The two community councils have a long history of collaboration on advocacy for the park, which has not been negatively impacted by the park lying exclusively within SACC boundaries and would not be negatively impacted if the park were transferred (Attachment 7, page 27).

Response: The staff assessment of the relevant *boundary review criteria* indicates the criteria do not support the proposal, and that there is stronger basis for retaining the park in South Addition Community Council with the existing boundary at Chester Creek, as follows:

Representation criteria

- According to consultation with the Parks and Recreation Department, all community councils near a municipal park receive equal notice and public involvement opportunity regarding projects and management activities in the park. Transferring Valley of the Moon Park would not affect or improve public notification, comment, or stewardship opportunities for North Star Community Council in the park. The Parks and Recreation staff consulted by the Planning Department regarding this issue explained that per municipal code (AMC 2.40), the public outreach process to a park's community councils always includes the neighboring councils within 1,000 feet of the park. Solicitations for advocacy are directed equally to all community councils within 1,000 feet of a park because the Municipality understands that communities near a park use and care for the park, regardless of community council district boundaries. A park may be important to, cared for, and advocated for by a neighborhood regardless of it being located across a community council district boundary.

- Parks and Recreation staff identified examples of this, including the *Russian Jack Springs Park Master Plan* (Russian Jack and Northeast CCs) and the *Eastchester Park Master Plan* (Airport Heights, Rogers Park, and Fairview CCs). For park master plans and major park improvements, Parks and Recreation puts together Community Advisory Groups that include all relevant councils and user groups. For recent Spenard Beach Park improvements, Parks and Recreation has been working with both Turnagain and Spenard Community Councils. In all these instances, all councils are given equal opportunity to weigh in, Parks and Recreation staff attends all council meetings, and Parks and Recreation staff earns resolutions of support from each individual council.

Natural Communities criteria:

- The Municipality categorizes Valley of the Moon as a *Community Use* park, which serves a broader purpose than a *Neighborhood* park. Community parks focus on meeting the recreation needs of several neighborhoods and even a large section of the Anchorage community, including social contact between a wide variety of community members from different neighborhoods and backgrounds. It serves more than a neighborhood.

- Valley of the Moon Park is across Chester Creek from some of the central residential subdivisions of North Star and serves as a primary public space for the North Star neighborhood community while also serving the broader Anchorage community. It is also adjacent across 17th Avenue to homes and residential areas in South Addition Community Council and serves South Addition residents as well.

- Valley of the Moon Park is geographically adjacent to two of the central neighborhoods of North Star and serves as a symbol (i.e., the rocket ship) of North Star.

Identifiable Boundaries criteria:

- Chester Creek forms the long-time boundary between South Addition and North Star and provides a clear, identifiable natural physical boundary.

- Using secondary streets and a pedestrian trail to transfer the Valley of the Moon segment north of Chester Creek would complicate the boundary and make it less clear.

Community Desires criteria:

- North Star passed a resolution in favor of its proposal with 10 votes in favor, 1 opposed, and 3 abstaining (Attachment 7, page 25).

- In response, South Addition passed a motion supporting retaining the existing boundary by unanimous consent (Attachment 7, page 47).

Options and Recommendations:

- *Option A (Recommended):* No change. Retain existing boundary at Chester Creek.

- *Option B:* Transfer Valley of the Moon Park from South Addition to North Star, using the boundaries depicted on the map on page 4 of this memo.

10) Campbell Airstrip Road to Campbell Creek

Comment: Basher Community Council proposes that the portion of Far North Bicentennial Park located south of Campbell Airstrip Road and north of South Fork Campbell Creek, and the park and public lands 200 feet west of Campbell Airstrip Road, be transferred from Hillside and Campbell Park Community Councils to Basher, as depicted on the map on page 20 of this memo. Comments submitted by Ted Trueblood, chairman of the Campbell Airstrip Road Limited Road Service Area (LRSA), support the proposal.

Basher's comments refer to a recently proposed wildfire mitigation project along Campbell Airstrip Road and other projects along the road are important to the community fall in areas of public parkland outside of Basher's current boundaries (Attachment 7: Basher comment on pages 2-5; Ted Trueblood comment on pages 71-75).

Response: The staff assessment of the relevant *boundary review criteria* finds there is basis to support the proposal, with a modification north of the Campbell Airstrip Road Trailhead to provide an identifiable boundary following a physical feature, as follows:

Representation criteria

- As discussed in proposals 4 and 9 earlier in the memo, transferring parkland between adjacent community council districts has no effect on opportunities for representation, public notice, public comment, or other involvement in park planning, development, or management. Basher's opportunities for involvement in wildfire mitigation, trailhead management, and park planning will not change from this proposal.

Natural Communities criteria:

- The Basher, South Bivouac, and Campbell Airstrip Trailheads and the forest and trails along the south side of Campbell Airstrip Road, and north of South Fork Campbell Creek and the Campbell Creek Gorge, are of more immediate interest and impact to the community of Basher than to Hillside Community Council.

- The paved, multi-use trail running along the west side of Campbell Airstrip Road, from the Campbell Airstrip Trailhead to Tudor Road, is of more immediate interest and impact to the community of Basher than Campbell Park Community Council.

- Basher has a strong interest in wildfire hazard mitigation along both sides of Campbell Airstrip Road as its primary evacuation route.

Identifiable Boundaries criteria:

- The South Fork of Campbell Creek can serve as strong and identifiable a boundary as Campbell Airstrip Road does.

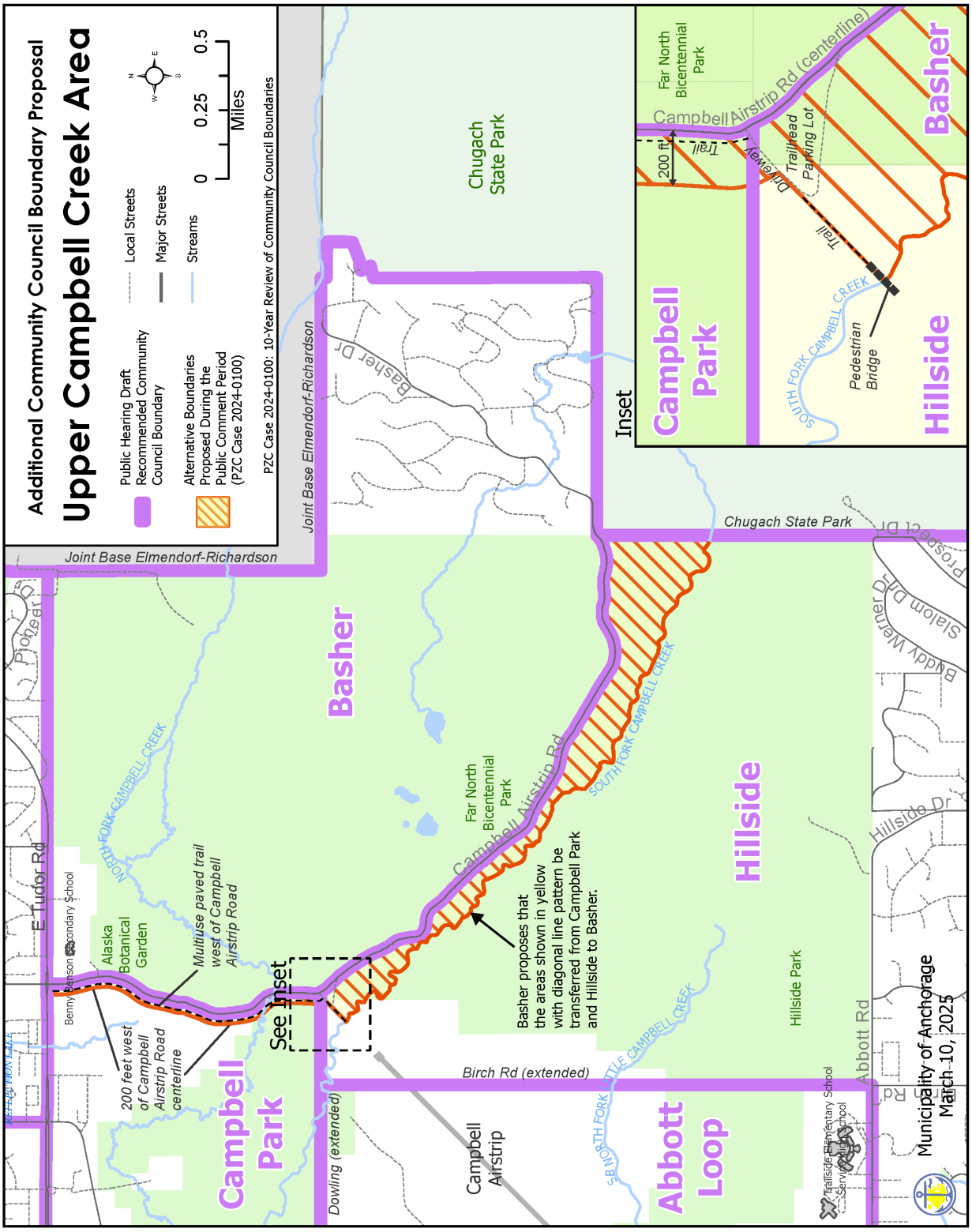
- North of the Campbell Airstrip Trailhead, the proposal to set the community council boundary at 200 feet west of Campbell Airstrip Road would create an arbitrary and non-identifiable boundary that follows no actual feature or rationale for its specific location. By comparison, the paved multi-use trail along the west side of Campbell Airstrip Road is an identifiable feature that can serve as a boundary. No other feature seems available in the vicinity.

Community Desires criteria:

- Campbell Park Community Council supports Basher's proposed boundary change.
- Hillside Community Council has not submitted comments.

Options and Recommendations:

- *Option A:* No change. Retain existing boundaries.
- *Option B (Recommended):* Transfer the portion of Far North Bicentennial Park south of Campbell Airstrip Road, east of the Campbell Airstrip Trailhead and creek pedestrian bridge, and north of the South Fork of Campbell Creek, from Hillside Community Council to Basher Community Council. From Campbell Airstrip Trailhead northward to Tudor Road, shift the western boundary of Basher Community Council with Hillside and Campbell Park Community Councils to become a combination of the trail connecting from the pedestrian bridge over Campbell Creek to the Campbell Airstrip Trailhead and the paved multi-use trail that runs along the west side Campbell Airstrip Road.
- *Option C (as proposed by Basher):* Transfer the portion of Far North Bicentennial Park south of Campbell Airstrip Road, east of the Campbell Airstrip Trailhead and creek pedestrian bridge, and north of the South Fork of Campbell Creek, from Hillside Community Council to Basher Community Council. From Campbell Airstrip Trailhead northward to Tudor Road, shift the western boundary of Basher Community Council with Hillside and Campbell Park Community Councils to become a combination of the trail connecting from the pedestrian bridge over Campbell Creek to the Campbell Airstrip Trailhead and a line 200 feet west the centerline of Campbell Airstrip Road.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Basher
Hillside
Campbell Park
Abbott Loop
Inset
Far North Bicentennial Park
Campbell Airstrip Rd (centerline)
200 ft
Trail
Trailhead Parking Lot
Pedestrian Bridge
SOUTH FORK CAMPBELL CREEK
Basher Dr
Chugach State Park
Prospect Dr
Slalom Dr
Buddy Werner Dr
Hillside Dr
Abbott Rd
E Tudor Rd
Pioneer Dr
NORTH FORK CAMPBELL CREEK
Benny Benson Elementary School
Alaska Botanical Garden
Multiuse paved trail west of Campbell Airstrip Road
200 feet west of Campbell Airstrip Road centerline
See Inset
Campbell Airstrip Rd
Basher proposes that the areas shown in yellow with diagonal line pattern be transferred from Campbell Park and Hillside to Basher.
Birch Rd (extended)
Dowling (extended)
Campbell Airstrip
SB NORTH FORK LITTLE CAMPBELL CREEK
Hillside Park
Hillside Elementary School
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11) Glen Alps/Upper Hillside

Comment: Glen Alps Community Council proposes that the 40-acre quarter-section east of Michael Road between Upper Huffman Road and Upper De Armoun Road/Canyon Road be transferred from Hillside Community Council to Glen Alps, as shown on the map on page.22. Area resident Marc June also submitted comments to this effect. Glen Alps chair Rob Brown submitted results of a questionnaire regarding this proposal (Attachment 7 pp. 19, 70, 76).

Response: The staff assessment of the relevant *boundary review criteria* finds there is a basis to support the proposal, as follows:

Natural Communities criteria:

- The properties in the 40-acre quarter-section abut Glen Alps and share topography, weather, proximity to Chugach State Park, trailhead access, lot sizes, and community issues such as wildlife, runoff, being on the same power line circuits, and steep slopes.

- The quarter-section is within the Glen Alps Road Service Area, sharing interest in road maintenance, funding, and allocation of associated tax revenue with Glen Alps.

- The residential subdivision that developed from the Spendlove homestead is split between the community council districts. Spendlove Drive and Jeanne Road and the properties along them, including the properties adjoining Jeanne Road east of Michael Road, were a part of greater Glen Alps since the 1950s.

Identifiable Boundaries criteria:

- The current boundary between Glen Alps and Hillside Community Councils was simply drawn along a section line boundary in the 1970s and does not accurately reflect the actual neighborhood that is Glen Alps as it has developed. It is not easily identifiable, as it follows side yard property lines between abutting residences.

Community Desires criteria:

- 42 residents in the vicinity responded to a questionnaire survey created by the chair of Glen Alps regarding the proposal. 37 respondents including 21 out of 24 respondents who live in the affected area supported the proposal. 2 respondents including 1 who lives in the affected area opposed the proposal. 5 respondents including 2 who live in the affected area were indifferent.

- At least some residents of the Lewis & Clark Subdivision south of Upper De Armoun Road (i.e., just south of the 40-acre quarter-section) are not interest in transferring.

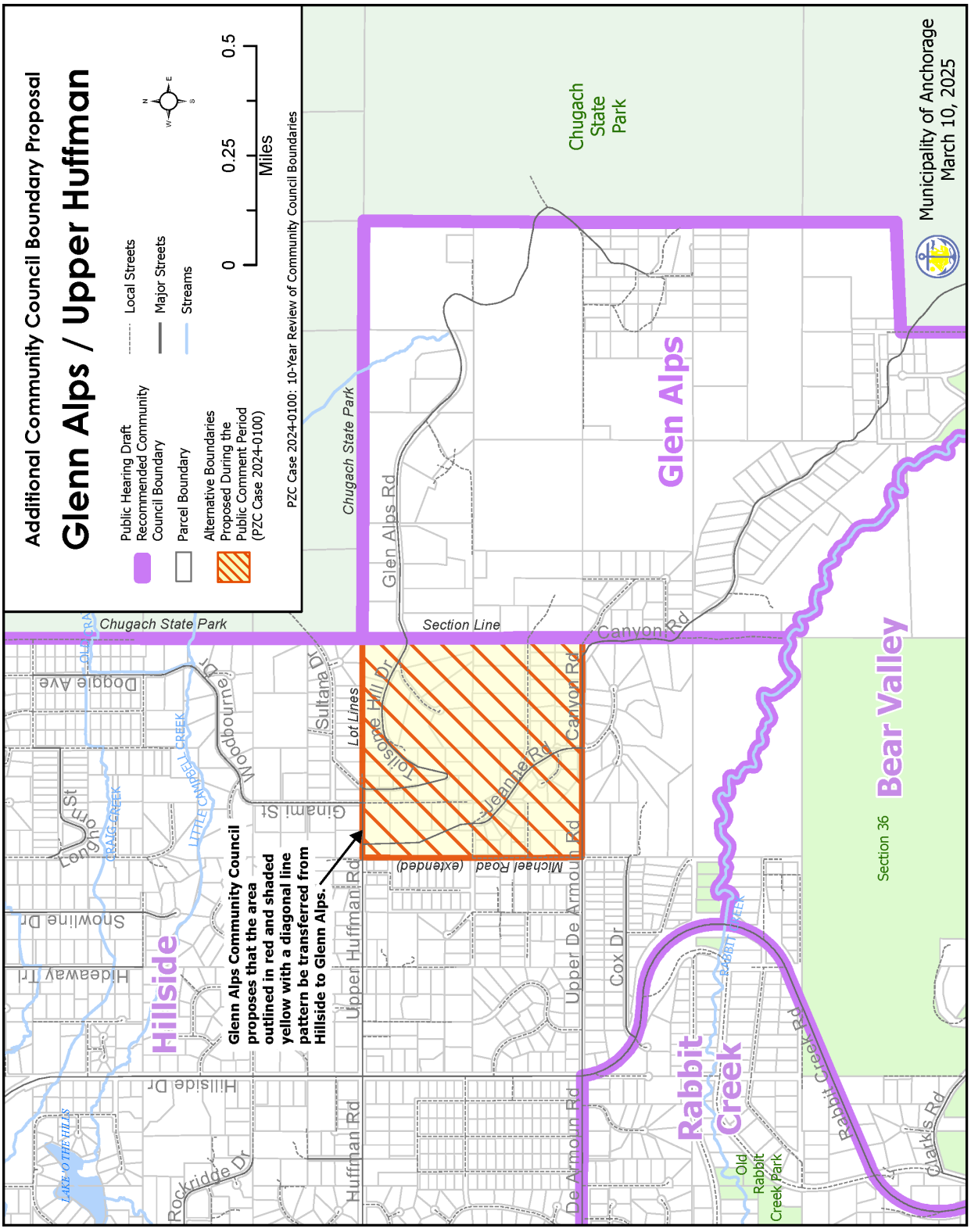
- Hillside Community Council has introduced a draft resolution for a vote in April.

Options and Recommendations:

- *Option A:* No change. Retain existing boundary.

- *Option B (Recommended):* Transfer the quarter-section comprising the area east of Michael Road between Upper Huffman Road and Upper De Armoun Road/Canyon

Road, shown in the map below, from Hillside Community Council to Glen Alps Community Council.



12) Port/JBER

The Planning Department recommends a correction to Government Hill Community Council's boundary where the Port of Alaska adjoins Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER). The correction would be to adjust the community council boundary to more accurately follow the management area boundary between the Port and JBER. A map of this area is on page 15 of this memo.

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Planning and Zoning Commission
Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2025
and
March 10, 2025

10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries

PZC Case No. 2024-0100

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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Assembly Chambers
Z.J. Loussac Library
3600 Denali Street
Anchorage, Alaska

MINUTES OF
January 06, 2025
6:30 PM

A work session on the Anchorage School District (ASD) Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), 2025-2031, was held prior to the meeting and conducted by Ryan Yelle with the MOA Long-Range Planning Division and Tom Fenoseff with the Anchorage School District.

A. ROLL CALL

Present	Andre Spinelli (Chair), Jared Gardner, Radhika Krishna (Vice Chair), Scott Pulice, Jeff Raun, Brandy Eber, Daniel George, Greg Strike
Excused	Jim Winchester
Staff	Elizabeth Appleby, Tom Davis, Ryan Yelle

B. MINUTES

1. Monday, December 9, 2024

2. Thursday, December 12, 2024

COMMISSIONER PULICE moved to approve the minutes. COMMISSIONER RAUN seconded.

AYE: Eber, Gardner, George, Krishna, Pulice, Raun, Spinelli, Strike
NAY: None

PASSED

C. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS / EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

1. Disclosures

COMMISSIONER GEORGE disclosed in Case 2024-0100 that he serves as the Federation of Community Councils Vice Chair, who is contracted with the municipality to act as an administrator for the community councils of record.

CHAIR SPINELLI did not declare a conflict existed and directed Commissioner George to participate in Case 2024-0100.

CHAIR SPINELLI disclosed in Case 2025-0001 that he owns property adjacent to the site and is negotiating to purchase additional property also adjacent to the site. This case is being postponed to February 3, 2025, at which time he will disclose again. He was not sure he would have a direct conflict but will consider recusing himself from participating.

COMMISSIONER RAUN disclosed in Case 2024-0100 that his spouse is on the executive leadership team of their community council. He has not discussed the case with her and has no financial interest, nor has he been involved in any action the community has or may take on the matter.

CHAIR SPINELLI did not declare a conflict existed and directed Commissioner Raun to participate in Case 2024-0100.

At the request of Vice Chair Krishna, COMMISSIONER GEORGE explained that he did not believe the Federation of Community Councils would be weighing in in any formal way on the matter, but he would need to see next week's agenda. He also did not believe the community council that he is a delegate from would be impacted by this ordinance but could recuse himself if necessary.

2. **Informational Item: Case 2024-0128 (EA)**
Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Transportation Project Review (Concept Report) for Glenn Highway and Hiland Road Interchange Improvements.

ELIZABETH APPLEBY briefed the commission on the concept report on behalf of the Municipality's Planning Department.

There were no comments.

D. CONSENT AGENDA - None

1. **Resolutions for Approval**
2. **Introduction for Public Hearings**
3. **Site / Landscape Plan Approval**
4. **Time Extensions; Expedited Hearing Requests; Minor Conditional Use Amendments**
5. **Other**

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND ACTIONS OF PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

F. REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Resolutions for Approval**

2. **Introduction for Public Hearings**

3. **Site / Landscape Plan Approval**

4. **Time Extensions; Expedited Hearing Requests; Minor Conditional Use Amendments**

5. **Other**

   a. **CASE: 2024-0121 (RY)**
   PETITIONER: Anchorage School District (ASD)
   REQUEST: Recommend to the Anchorage Assembly and the Anchorage School Board approval of the ASD 6-Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), 2025-2031

MR. YELLE presented the staff report and recommendations on behalf of the Municipality's Long-Range Planning Division, adding that the commission's questions had been addressed during the work session prior to the meeting.

TOM FENOSEFF with the Anchorage School District was present to respond to any questions.

COMMISSIONE RAUN moved in Case 2024-0121 to recommend to the Anchorage Assembly and the Anchorage School Board approval of the ASD Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan, including staff's findings on page 3 of the staff report.
COMMISSIONER PULICE seconded.

AYE: Eber, Gardner, George, Krishna, Pulice, Raun, Spinelli, Strike
NAY: None

PASSED

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **CASE: 2024-0100 (TD)**
   PETITIONER: MOA, Long-Range Planning Division
   REQUEST: Recommend by the Planning and Zoning Commission of an ordinance of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly amending Anchorage Municipal Code Title 2 Sections 2.40.035: Recognition of Community Councils; 2.40.040: Establishment of Community Councils; and 2.40.090: Community Council Maps, in order to carry out the 10-year review and adjustment of Community Council District Boundaries.

TOM DAVIS presented the October 2024 public hearing draft ordinance report and recommendations on behalf of the Municipality's Long-Range Planning Division.

The commission discussed community council boundaries at Spenard Beach Park boundaries, mudflats recommendations, and if there would be any implications to assembly or voting districts that would be informed by these changes.

CHAIR SPINELLI opened the hearing to public testimony.

There was no public testimony. There was no rebuttal testimony.

COMMISSIONER GEORGE moved in Case 2024-0100 to postpone the public hearing to February 3, 2025, to allow the community councils and any other organizations the necessary time to deliberate and provide resolutions for the Planning & Zoning Commission's review. COMMISSIONER GARDNER seconded.

COMMISSIONER GEORGE noted that many of the community councils did not meet over the holidays but will resume their monthly meetings in January, and this will afford them the opportunity to digest the materials and weigh in for the commission's review at the February meeting.

MR. YELLE noted that staff is requesting the public hearing be continued and wanted clarification if postponing would provide the same result.

COMMISSIONER STRIKE believed there is a difference between postponement versus a continuance. A postponement implies that the commission never held a public hearing this evening.

COMMISSIONER GEORGE clarified that his motion should be to continue the public hearing to February 3, 2025. COMMISSIONER GARDNER seconded.

AYE: Eber, Gardner, George, Krishna, Pulice, Raun, Spinelli, Strike
NAY: None

PASSED

2. **CASE: 2025-0001 (EA)**
PETITIONER: Western States Regional Council of Carpenters
REQUEST: Conditional Use for a vocational/trade school within the B-3 (General Business) District.

COMMISSIONER RAUN moved to postpone Case 2025-0001 to February 3, 2025, at staff's request. COMMISSIONER PULICE seconded.

AYE: Eber, Gardner, George, Krishna, Pulice, Raun, Spinelli, Strike
NAY: None

PASSED

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MINUTES OF
March 10, 2025
6:30 PM

A work session on Case 2024-0100, Community Councils 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries was held prior to the meeting and conducted by Tom Davis with the MOA Long-Range Planning Division.

A. ROLL CALL

Present	Andre Spinelli (Chair), Jared Gardner, Scott Pulice, Jeff Raun, Brandy Eber
Excused	Radhika Krishna (Vice Chair), Greg Strike, Jim Winchester
Staff	Tom Davis, Daniel Mckenna-Foster, Claudia Farias, Elizabeth Appleby, Mélisa Babb

B. MINUTES - None

C. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS / EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

MS. APPLEBY called a Point of Information, noting that Agenda Item G.1., Case 2025-0016, Eastchester Park Master Plan, is not connected or related to the Alaska DOT&PF Seward to Glenn Connection Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study. The Eastchester Park Master Plan is before the commission for review and recommendation to the Anchorage Assembly.

1. Disclosures

COMMISSIONER RAUN carried forward his disclosure in Case 2024-0100 and also disclosed in Case 2025-0016 that his spouse is on the executive leadership committee for the Rogers Park Community Council. He has not discussed these cases with her and has no financial interest, nor has he been involved in any action that the community council has taken on these matters.

CHAIR SPINELLI noted that Commissioner Raun had previously been directed to participate.

D. CONSENT AGENDA - None

1. Resolutions for Approval

2. Introduction for Public Hearings

3. Site / Landscape Plan Approval

4. Time Extensions; Expedited Hearing Requests; Minor Conditional Use Amendments

5. Other

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND ACTIONS OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. CASE: 2024-0100 (TD)
PETITIONER: Municipality of Anchorage – Long-Range Planning
REQUEST: Recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission of an ordinance of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly amending Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) Sections 2.40.035: Recognition of Community Councils; 2.40.040: Establishment of Community Councils; and 2.40.090: Community Council Maps, in order to carry out the 10-Year Review of the Community Council District Boundaries.

TOM DAVIS presented the updated recommendations in response to the public comments received since November 1, 2024.

CHAIR SPINELLI read the short five-member board process offering the petitioner the option to either postpone or go forward with hearing their case this evening.

MR. DAVIS opted to go forward with hearing the case.

CHAIR SPINELLI noted that the public hearing was continued from January 6 and February 3, 2025, and asked if anyone wished to testify. The following individuals testified:

CATHY GLEASON, Turnagain Community Council President
STEVE CALLAGHAN, University Area Community Council
TODD BUTLER, Tudor Area Community Council Interim President

Phone testimony:

PENNY GAGE, Northstar Community Council

There was no rebuttal testimony.

CHAIR SPINELLI closed the public hearing.

COMMISSIONER RAUN moved in Case 2024-0100 to recommend to the Anchorage Assembly approval of the October 2024 Public Hearing Draft Assembly Ordinance (Attachment 1) and the Community Council District Maps (Attachment 2 - Exhibit A), including changes 1 through 6 as shown on pages 1 and 2 of the March 10, 2025, staff report memorandum. COMMISSIONER GARDNER seconded.

COMMISSIONER RAUN intends to support the motion, noting the following findings of fact:

1. He acknowledged the amount of work that has gone into this has been impressive: the amount of dialogue and engagement, the standing up of a fully-fledged empowered committee, and the extension of this public hearing to enable more engagement with the community and receive the comments, some of which the commission heard this evening.
2. The Long-Range Planning Division has taken a hard look at the latest recommendations, evaluated them, and made the commission informed about their decision-making process and have given him the information necessary to fully support the motion.
3. He acknowledged some of the public testimony heard this evening. Turnagain Community Council put forward a compelling case around their interest in retaining them as they set the status quo for boundaries out to "low or lower water," with respect to the interest of being engaged and having what they see as an existing premise of right to be engaged for projects in their area.
4. Given the department's position around the lack of definition for what low water is, or may or may not be, and his understanding of the Tidal Flats is that it is a very dynamic area in which that intertidal zone changes quite a lot, giving it quite a different look and feel to the landscape as opposed to the other parts of the community council above ordinary high water, he supports the Department's recommendation.
5. With respect to the University Community Council's position around the area between Boniface and Baxter, he can appreciate the interest in looking to retain a semblance of residency within their community council. He would like to underscore the department's position that although they are recommending this go forward to the Anchorage Assembly as is, they are noting that there is a strong opportunity for continued discussion at the Assembly meeting, if not before, with respect to that issue.
6. He recommended the community council stay engaged and make their case to the Assembly.

COMMISSIONER GARDNER intends to support the motion, noting the following findings of fact:

1. He appreciated staff's efforts to put this together. Clearly, a lot of thought went into this.
2. With respect to a couple of parks that were identified as which community council was the best fit, the Planning Department's position having overlapping boundaries kind of creates some administrative and mapping challenges that make sense to him to put it in one or the other. Under the applicable notice rules for public outreach with respect to any projects involving those parks, all community councils within

1,000 feet of the park should receive notice. There is still a process in place, and he would encourage all affected community councils to continue through that process on behalf of the parks that affect our community.

COMMISSIONER EBER intends to support the motion and echoed her fellow commissioner's comments regarding the work that the staff has put into this, including the working group and the community involvement, and the thought and effort to present all the information clearly.

AYE: Eber, Gardner, Pulice, Raun, Spinelli
NAY: None

PASSED

F. REGULAR AGENDA - None

1. **Resolutions for Approval**
2. **Introduction for Public Hearings**
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5. **Other**

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

CHAIR SPINELLI offered the petitioners the short board option to postpone to the next available meeting.

NICOLETTE DENT with the MOA, Parks & Recreation Department opted to go forward with hearing Case 2025-0016.

MR. MCKENNA-FOSTER with the MOA, Long-Range Planning Division opted to go forward with hearing Cases 2025-0020 and 2025-0021.

1. **CASE: 2025-0016 (CF)**
   PETITIONER: Municipality of Anchorage – Parks & Recreation
   REQUEST: Approval of a Park Master Plan for Eastchester Park per AMC 21.05.040G.2.b.i.B.

CLAUDIA FARIAS presented the staff report and recommendations on behalf of the Municipality's Planning Department.

Exhibit E

10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries

Community Council Comments Received after March 10, 2025, PZC Hearing

May 2025

Municipality of Anchorage
Planning Department

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Hillside Community Council

A Resolution of Hillside Community Council in Support of a boundary Change with Glen Alps Community Council.

WHEREAS Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040 states that a review of community council district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur at least once every ten years.

WHEREAS the Municipal Planning Department began the current 10-year review of community council boundaries in 2022 with a questionnaire survey and outreach to community councils to identify potential Boundary Study Areas.

WHEREAS, Glen Alps Community Council has proposed that the 40-acre quarter-section east of Michael Road between Upper Huffman Road and Upper De Armoun Road/Canyon Road be transferred from Hillside Community Council to Glen Alps Community Council. Reference Exhibit "A".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

A. Hillside Community Council supports the proposal from Glen Alps Community Council to transfer the 40-acre quarter-section east of Michael Road between Upper Huffman Road and Upper De Armoun Road/Canyon Road from Hillside Community Council to Glen Alps Community Council. [If you support a boundary change with Glen Alps but wish to propose an alternative new boundary line from what Glen Alps proposed, you can do so in this paragraph.]

This Hillside Community Council, after obtaining a quorum, approved this resolution by a vote of 9 Ayes, 2 Nays, & 0 Abstentions.

Attested this 2nd day of April 2025

Bruce Vergason
President, Board of Directors

Carmela Warfield
Registrar, Board of Directors

Todd Brownson
Member, Board of Directors

Jason Warfield
Vice President, Board of Directors

Dr Helena Wisniewski
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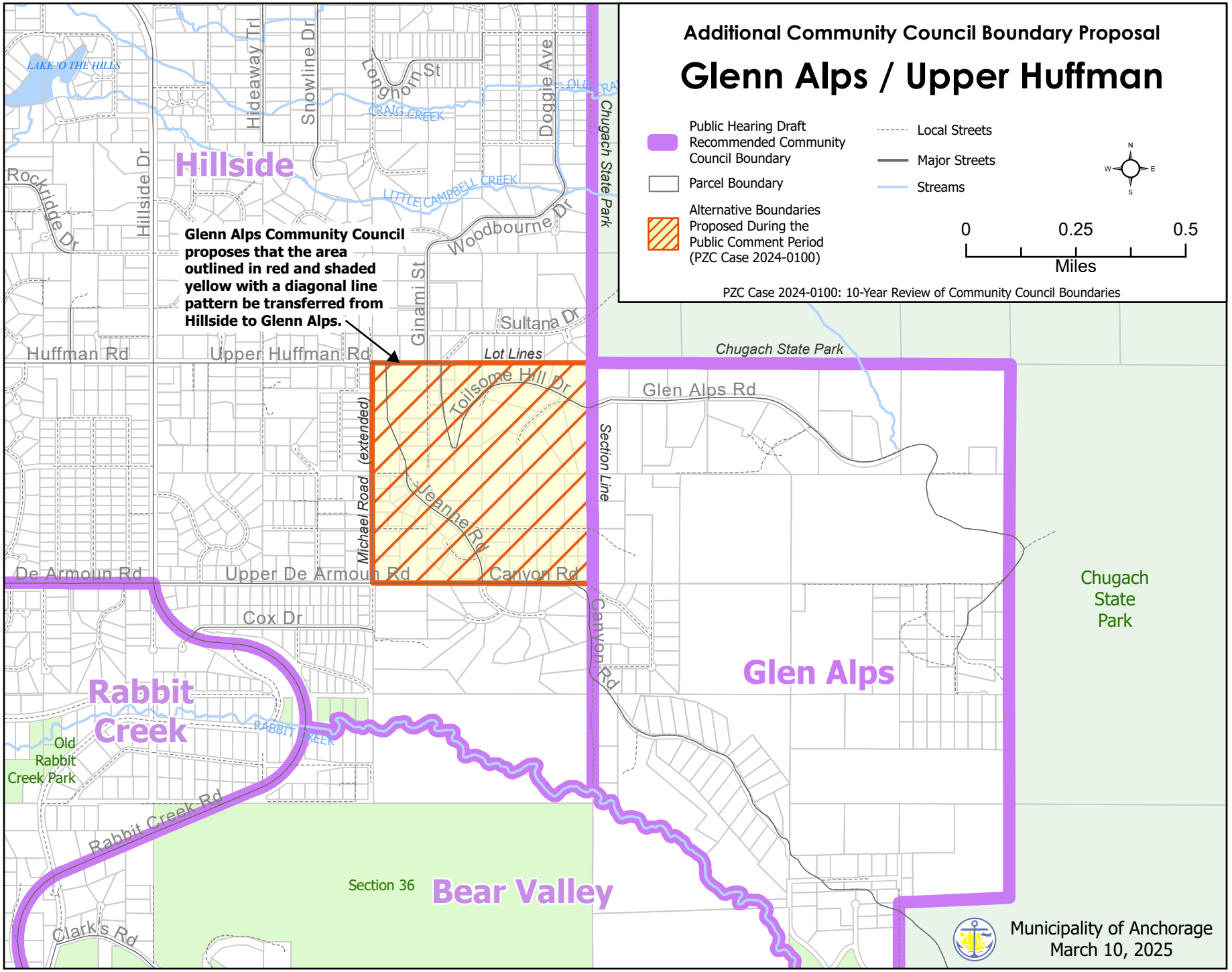
Additional Community Council Boundary Proposal
Glenn Alps / Upper Huffman
Public Hearing Draft Recommended Community Council Boundary
Parcel Boundary
Alternative Boundaries Proposed During the Public Comment Period (PZC Case 2024-0100)
Local Streets
Major Streets
Streams
0 0.25 0.5
Miles
PZC Case 2024-0100: 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries
Glenn Alps Community Council proposes that the area outlined in red and shaded yellow with a diagonal line pattern be transferred from Hillside to Glenn Alps.
Hillside
Glen Alps
Rabbit Creek
Bear Valley
Chugach State Park
Chugach State Park
Section 36
Lot Lines
Section Line
Michael Road (extended)
Hideaway Trl
Snowline Dr
Longhorn St
Doggie Ave
Rockridge Dr
Hillside Dr
Ginami St
Woodbourne Dr
Sultana Dr
Huffman Rd
Upper Huffman Rd
Toilsome Hill Dr
Glen Alps Rd
Jeanne Rd
De Armoun Rd
Upper De Armoun Rd
Canyon Rd
Cox Dr
Rabbit Creek Rd
Clark's Rd
Old Rabbit Creek Park
LAKE 'O THE HILLS
CRAIG CREEK
LITTLE CAMPBELL CREEK
RABBIT CREEK
Municipality of Anchorage
March 10, 2025

Sand Lake Community Council Resolution 2025-02

Resolution In Support of the Proposed Community Council Boundary Change

WHEREAS, every ten years, following the decennial U.S. Census results and after assembly redistricting, Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040 requires a review of Community Council district boundaries.

WHEREAS, in late October 2024 the Anchorage Municipal Planning Department released a public hearing draft report and recommendations.

WHEREAS, in the draft report there is only one change to the Sand Lake Community Council boundary, the southern border of the district is no longer on the water and is now located at the high tide level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Sand Lake Community Council** supports the Anchorage Municipal Planning Department's recommendation for the Sand Lake Community Council's boundaries.

This resolution was approved by 17 Yes, 0 No 1 Abstains

Attested this 10th day of March, 2025

Liz Vazquez

SLCC President

From:	SHERRY WRIGHT
To:	Davis, Tom G.
Subject:	Re: Community Council Boundaries 10-Year Review -- Release of public hearing draft boundary recommendations (PZC Case No. 2024-0100)
Date:	Monday, February 3, 2025 9:59:46 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Tom, Russian Jack Community Council voted for status quo. I'll have to look back through the minutes, which I can send you a copy of.

Sherry Wright, RJCC Secretary

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 30, 2025, at 6:08 PM, Davis, Tom G. <tom.davis@anchorageak.gov> wrote:
>
> *Community Council Boundaries 10-Year Review Project*
>
> To Community Councils:
>
> *Schedule Update* - The Planning Department is requesting postponement to March 10 for the continuation of the public hearing on PZC Case 2024-0100, the *10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries*. The public hearing was opened at the January 6 meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) and continued to February 3. This postponement to the March 10 PZC meeting is to give community councils who have not been able to comment enough time to submit a resolution stating their recommendations as to their boundaries. For example, several community councils made new proposals for boundary changes during the public comment period, and a few of the affected neighboring community councils have not had enough time to convey their own positions regarding such proposals. Staff also needs to further research information in response to questions raised by community councils during the public comment period.
>
> The March 10 staff report will address all public comments received, and any necessary amendments to the Public Hearing Draft ordinance and its recommended community council maps. The Public Hearing Draft materials for public review and other project information is available on the project web page.

Community Council Resolutions Received - To date, the following 18 community councils have either submitted resolutions stating their positions as to the recommended boundaries or I know they have scheduled an upcoming vote on their resolutions. If your community council has adopted a resolution or plans to do so but is missing from the list, please let me know.

- Airport Heights (Resolution 2024-7)
- Basher (Resolution 2024-04)
- Birchwood (Resolution 2024-12-01)
- Campbell Park (Resolution 2025-01)
- Downtown (Resolution 2024-11)
- Eagle River Valley (Resolution 2024-03)
- Girdwood (GBOS Resolution 2024-15)
- *Hillside (vote planned for 2-5-2025)*
- Midtown (Resolution 2024-05)
- *North Star (vote planned for 2-12-2025)*
- Northeast (Resolutions 2025-01 and 2023-05)
- *Old Seward/Oceanview (Resolution 2023-01; Resolution 2025-01 pending vote on 2-5-2025)*
- Rabbit Creek (Resolution 2024-15)
- Scenic Foothills (Resolution 2024-04)
- *South Addition (voted 1-29-2025; resolution pending)*
- Tudor Area (Resolution 25-1)
- Turnagain Arm (Resolution dated 12-12-2024)
- University Area (Resolution 2025-01)

I will also be checking in with all community councils not on this list.

Thank you,

Tom
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