

2.40.040 Establishment of community council districts.

- A. *Standards.* The assembly shall define community council districts so as to group residents within natural communities and so as to recognize community desires as to boundaries. Natural communities are defined as areas within the municipality that are divided one from another by physical or traffic barriers, and that have common interests, and that have or are achieving a distinct identity by reason of geography, history, population, transportation and other factors. Population is not a criterion.
- B. *Procedures for changes in districts.* Review and amendment of community council district boundaries shall adhere to the standards for defining district boundaries set forth in subsection A. above, and follow a public process. Reviews shall occur periodically to ensure that community council district boundaries adjust through decades of neighborhood growth and change, and continue to reflect and represent actual neighborhoods, as follows:
1. *Initiation and timing of boundary reviews.* 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.
 2. *Public review process.* For any review of one or more district boundaries, the planning department shall obtain public input and the participation of community councils on possible changes to community council district boundaries, and shall submit to the planning and zoning commission and assembly a report and recommendations on district boundaries. The planning and zoning commission shall review the report, and after conducting a public hearing, forward its recommendation to the assembly. Upon receipt of the recommendation, the assembly shall conduct a public hearing and by ordinance may adjust community council district boundaries. The assembly and the planning and zoning commission shall each solicit and consider the recommendations of community councils concerning changes in community council district boundaries.
- C. *Initial districts.* Initially, the suggested district boundaries were those described in appendix A to GAAB 5.75.030.B, a copy of which is available in the office of the municipal clerk.
- 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;
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;
35. Turnagain Arm;
36. University Area.

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