

# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE



Planning Department

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*Mayor Dave Bronson*

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Dear Community Council Officers and Executive Boards:

The Municipality of Anchorage Planning Department is initiating a 10-year review of Community Council district boundaries, and we would appreciate your feedback regarding Community Council boundaries in your area.

Every 10 years the Municipality reviews Community Councils boundaries and seeks input as to whether any boundaries between neighborhood community council districts should be adjusted. 10-year review is required by code to ensure that the geographic boundaries of community councils continue to reflect their neighborhoods, and that all citizens continue to get representation by an active, engaged community council for their area.

The Municipality last conducted comprehensive boundary reviews in 2003 and 2014. The most recent boundary changes include the creation of Midtown Community Council, the merger of Mid-Hillside and Upper Hillside, and a boundary adjustment for Government Hill to incorporate a property near the Port of Alaska.

**Assembly Process and Schedule.** The Assembly reviews any proposed boundary changes and makes the final decision. To kick things off, the Planning Department is seeking comments from you and your Community Council members regarding any community council boundaries that may need adjusting. We have established a [project web page](#) and you will receive a brief online survey questionnaire this month. We will collect any comments by mid December 2022 to identify boundary study areas for consideration. If comments indicate more than a few boundary study areas, we will work with the Federation to organize a Boundary Review Advisory Committee.

In January 2023 we will release draft maps showing options for any proposed boundary adjustments. There will be a 2-month public comment period. Then the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) and Assembly will each hold a hearing and take in the recommendations of Community Councils on proposed boundary changes.

**Your Role Now.** In November and December, please help us identify any boundary study areas:

1. Please respond to this letter if you have questions or any initial comments about your boundaries.
2. Encourage your members to respond to the online questionnaire that will be emailed out this month.
3. Consider who you might nominate to serve on a Boundary Review Advisory Committee, if needed.

**Your Role in 2023.** In January through May, please comment on any proposed boundary adjustments:

4. Provide comments in a Resolution from your Community Council to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
5. Provide comments from your Community Council to the Assembly regarding the PZC's recommendations.

I appreciate your action on these steps and look forward to working you. Please contact me at (907) 343-7916 or [tom.davis@anchorageak.gov](mailto:tom.davis@anchorageak.gov) if you have any questions or initial comments about Community Council boundaries.

Thank you,

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**Attachment:** AIM 70-2022: Mandatory Community Council Boundary Review

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