

RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
SPENARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
SCCR 01-02

“A resolution detailing the wishes of the Spenard Community Council concerning Community Council boundaries.”

Whereas, the Anchorage Municipal Charter Article VIII grants unto a duly recognized Community Council the basic right of self determination, and

Whereas, the Spenard Community Council being a duly organized community council under section 2.40.010 of the Anchorage Municipal Code, and

Whereas, the Spenard Community Council was formed in 1975 and has met regularly, and

Whereas, the Spenard Community Council has been consistently one of the most active community councils, and

Whereas, the Spenard Community Council has represented its entire area on all issues and insured all citizens, businesses and property owners have a right to be heard, and

Whereas, the areas outlined below have traditionally looked to the Spenard Community Council for assistance, protection and a place to voice concerns, and

Be It Therefore Resolved, That the Spenard Community Council has voted that the boundaries of the Spenard Community council should continue to include all those areas formerly considered Spenard with the following caveats:

1. The area bounded by Northern Lights, the railroad tracks and Minnesota Drive extending to the Westchester Lagoon (commonly known as Forest Part and Huntington Park along with West High School and Romig Junior High School) will be traded to the Turnagain Community Council. Spenard Community Council will in turn be granted the area bounded by Turnagain Boulevard and Street, Northern Lights Boulevard, Spenard Road and the Railroad Tracks. The area from Spenard Road on Lakeshore Drive/Wisconsin to Constellation Avenue south to the Ted Stevens International Airport to include Spenard Beach will also become part of the Spenard Community Council.
  - a. The areas described above going to the Turnagain Community Council have similar social/economic status as those generally considered as the

- Turnagain area. The residents of the area consider themselves part of Turnagain.
- b. The areas described above going to the Spenard Community Council are of a closer social/economic status as those generally considered part of the Spenard area. The area is traditionally part of Spenard and in the case of the Spenard Beach even includes the name of Spenard.
  - c. This makes Spenard Road core to the Spenard Community Council.
  - d. The residents of this area identify with Spenard and come to the Spenard Community Council with concerns issues and desires.
2. The Midtown area should remain part of the Spenard Community Council. This area is Arctic Boulevard to International to Old Seward Highway to Fireweed Lane. This area should remain part of the Spenard Community Council unless two thirds of the residents of the area decides otherwise. The area should not be carved up to be part of other councils. The area either be a new council area in whole or remain part of the Spenard Community Council.
    - a. This area needs a balance between residential and commercial. The new Comprehensive Plan calls for more residential in this area and we fear that this may be considered a commercial district or Community Council if it is removed from the Spenard Community Council.
    - b. The Spenard Community Council has represented this area since 1975 and the Council has addressed all issues. We feel that some other groups that covet some portions of this area are concerned with single issues.
    - c. The Spenard Community Council recommends that if the Midtown Town area that is concerned with business issues wants to form a group that look after the business interests it should form a BID like that of downtown or form a Mid Town Chamber of Commerce.
  3. The Spenard Community Council feels that the eastern boundary should be expanded to the New Seward Highway. The council has represented this area for years but the official map has never been changed.
  4. The Ted Stevens International Airport should be evenly represented in whole by the Spenard, Turnagain and Sand Lake Community Councils.

Passed on this 6th day of February 2002.

Thomas J. McGrath, Chairman

This resolution was passed with a twelve to one vote on February 6, 2002 by the Spenard Community Council