

Resolution 2024-04
**A Resolution Supporting Two Proposed Community Council Boundary Changes
and Opposing One**

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

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 supports 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.

ADOPTED this ____ day of November 2024.

President:

Dirk Sisson

Date: _____