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TO: Review Agencies, Community Councils, and Members of the Public

SUBJECT: 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries – Request for Comment on Public Hearing Draft Recommendations, PZC Case No. 2024-0100

The Planning Department is seeking comments regarding the public hearing draft recommendations of Planning and Zoning Commission Case No. 2024-0100, the *10-Year Review of Community Council District Boundaries*. This is a code text and map amendment to the community council district boundaries established in Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) Section 2.40, *Community Councils*. This project fulfills a municipal requirement to conduct reviews of community council district boundaries every 10 years to determine if any boundaries should be adjusted, with public hearings before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Assembly.

Materials for Review. The public hearing draft materials are dated October 2024 and include:

- The public hearing draft assembly ordinance for approval (Attachments 1 and 2), which contains the recommended revised community council districts and district boundary maps.
- The public hearing draft *Report and Recommendations* and appendices (Attachments 3–6), which document the public process and evaluation of 40 Boundary Study Areas, providing the basis for the draft assembly ordinance. Pages 1–3 of the report in Attachment 3 summarizes the recommended boundary changes and provides a cross-reference between each community council and all the Boundary Study Areas involving that community council.
- Maps of all the Boundary Study Areas are provided in the report's Appendix C (Attachment 6).

Review Schedule. The public review process and schedule are below.

- The public comment period will extend through November, December, and January.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission will open a public hearing on January 6 and continue the public hearing to February 3.
- After closing the public hearing, the Commission will forward its recommendations to the Anchorage Assembly.
- The Assembly will receive the Commission's recommendations and schedule its public hearing for final action.

(See the next page for instructions on submitting comments.)

REQUEST TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS. If your community council includes any of the 40 boundary study areas identified in Attachment 3, or is affected by a recommended district boundary change, or wishes to state its position on any boundary area, please take the following actions by February 3, 2025:

- Submit comments from your community council in the form of an adopted **resolution** voted upon and adopted by your general membership, that states your community council's position as to its boundaries.
- Members of your community council may also submit their own written comments.
- Consider sending a representative to provide verbal testimony to supplement your resolution.

Submitting Written Comments. Written comments and resolutions provided by December 27, 2024, will be included in the case packet that will go to the Planning and Zoning Commission before the January 6, 2025, meeting. Comments received between December 27 and the February 3, 2025, meeting will go to the Commission in a supplementary packet.

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
(search for case number 2024-0100)

Questions? Please contact Tom Davis at (907) 343-7916 or tom.davis@anchorageak.gov, or visit the project web page:

<https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/Pages/CommunityCouncilBoundariesReview.aspx>

Attachments:

1. Public Hearing Draft Assembly Ordinance (AO)
2. AO Exhibit A: Public Hearing Draft Community Council District Maps
3. Public Hearing Draft Report and Recommendations
4. Appendix A: Questionnaire Responses and Public Comments Identifying the Boundary Study Areas
5. Appendix B: Boundary Advisory Committee – Letters and Meeting Summaries
6. Appendix C: Boundary Study Area Maps