

**Turnagain Community Council**  
**Resolution 2025-01**  
**A resolution advocating and opposing the proposed Community Council Boundary changes.**

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.”

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.

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.

WHEREAS after five publicly noticed meetings, the Boundary Advisory Committee created an Action Summary with their recommendations regarding each Boundary Study Area.

WHEREAS in late October 2024 the Planning Department released a public hearing draft report and recommendations with maps for Community Councils to review and respond to.

WHEREAS Turnagain Community Council has reviewed the Planning Department draft report and recommendations for Boundary Survey Area(s) Boundary Survey Areas: 29. Spenard Community Council District on Boundary Study Area Maps 7 and 8, 30. Turnagain Community Council District on Map 7, 31. West of Fish Creek to Wisconsin Street on Map 7 and 32. Spenard Beach Park on Map 7 and 7a.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Turnagain Community Council that:

- A. The Community Council supports the Planning Department recommendations for Boundary Survey Areas: 29. Spenard Community Council District on Boundary Study Area Maps 7 and 8, 30. Turnagain Community Council District on Map 7, 31. West of Fish Creek to Wisconsin Street on Map 7 and 32. Spenard Beach Park on Map 7 and 7a.

The staff and Boundary Review Committee’s recommendations to maintain the status quo boundaries for the Turnagain Community Council and the Spenard Community Council are appropriate and align with the natural and historic boundaries.

The opportunity for Turnagain Community Council to share the stewardship of Spenard Beach Park with the Spenard Community Council offers an inclusive & collaborative model for this popular park.

- B. The Turnagain Community Council opposes the Planning Department recommendations for Boundary Survey Area 40. Chugach State Park and Cook Inlet Coastline Boundaries Updates on Boundary Study Area Maps 1, 2, 5, 5a, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, for 4 primary reasons.
- a. The boundary review report fails to show the harm caused by the current use of the low tide line, only noting the ease of using high tide.
  - b. The proposed boundary change would limit the community council's formal standing to address nearshore development, activities and infrastructure that could have consequences that our community council has addressed and will continue to address on multiple actions.
  - c. No alternate mechanism to ensure that community councils or any public process is described when the lands are removed from the council boundaries.
  - d. This proposed action was not reviewed by the Boundary Advisory Committee, and is a unilateral staff action that disposes of a long-standing functioning public process that should not move forward.

There are a number of developments that has occurred or being considered between the high tide and low tide lines within current Turnagain Community Council boundaries, including the jet fuel pipeline to the airport, proposed relocation of a portion of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail into the mud flats associated with the Fish Creek Trail/Coastal Trail connection, addressing continuing of Point Woronzof erosion, and potential airport expansion, including a potential north/south runway. These activities have the potential to affect Turnagain Community Council residents and properties, and by having the low tide zone within TCC boundaries, TCC is provided legal notice, inclusion/collaboration in early stages of proposed projects, and the opportunity to submit formal comments. We would oppose this change because there is no other suitable mechanism for getting formal notice, participating as a stakeholder, or submitting formal comments.

**This Turnagain Community Council, after full membership discussion, approved this resolution by a vote of [#] Ayes, [#] Nays, & [#] Abstains. Attested this January 9, 2025.**