OLD SEWARD/OCEANVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION JANUARY 10, 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE OLD SEWARD/OCEANVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONCERNING PROPOSED CHANGES BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO THE BOUNDARIES OF OLD SEWARD/OCEANVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2025-01

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has recently completed a Community Council Boundaries 10-Year Review Project to review and potentially modify the Community Council districts to ensure Community Councils continue to reflect and represent Anchorage's actual neighborhoods as our community evolves; and

WHEREAS, in October 2024, the Municipality of Anchorage released a White Paper Report of the Community Council Boundaries 10-Year Review Project for public comment and hearings; and

WHEREAS, the White Paper Report identified a total of 40 individually numbered boundary study areas for evaluation based on public feedback, with study areas 35, 36, and 40 of specific concern to the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council; and

WHEREAS, for study area 35, Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council affirms its unanimous support for White Paper Option B, the transfer of a Community Council service area from Bayshore/Klatt community Council to Old Seward/Oceanview Council extending the current Northern boundary of Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council from Klatt Road to O'Malley Road, with the New Seward Highway continuing as the East boundary, and the West boundary delineated by C Street; and

WHEREAS, for study area 36, Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council affirms its support for White Paper Report Option A recommending No Change to its current boundary, which includes the and South of Huffman Road and between Old Seward and New Seward Highway; and

WHEREAS, for study area 40, Old Seward/Oceanview Community council objects to the White Paper Report recommended Option C to adjust the Community Council districts' boundaries along the shorelines of Cook Inlet so the boundaries follow the "mean high water" mark rather than a lower tidal mark as currently depicted, and instead prefer Option A, no changes to existing boundaries; and

WHEREAS, current Community Council coastal boundaries reflect a significant corridor of coastal land use that defines these various coastal communities and is integral to the identify of their community councils with the tidal flats serving as a major community recreation area during winter months for hikers, cross-country skiers, ice skaters, paragliders, and kiteboarders as well as hosting protected bird habitats, walking trails, and duck hunting areas during summer and fall months; and

WHEREAS, Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council strongly opposes the White Paper Report recommendation to transfer to Rabbit Creek Community Council nearly two miles of Railroad transportation corridor and shoreline as this has always been central to their natural community identity and values, as well as their geographic connectivity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council members support the white Paper Report recommended options for study areas 35 and 36 and rejects the recommended option for study area 40.

Resolved on January _____, 2025, ____ YEA, ____ NAY, ____ ABSTAIN

Joan Henry
Electronically,
President January 10, 2025
Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council