

RESOLUTION 2025-001
A RESOLUTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT HILL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMENTING ON ANCHORAGE
MUNICIPALITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT 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.; 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 their recommendations regarding each Boundary Study Area; and

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; and

WHEREAS The Government Hill Community Council has reviewed the Planning Department draft report and recommendations for Boundary Study Areas 14 and 40 from the public hearing draft report; and

WHEREAS The Government Hill Community Council has previously testified on matters, such as the installation of the aircraft fuel pipeline that is buried in the mudflats in Boundary Study Area 40, and because activities or potential development on the mudflats will affect the adjacent land areas; and

WHEREAS The Government Hill Community Council understands that changing Community Council boundaries from the “Mean Low or Lower Water” to the “Mean High Tide” could prevent the Government Hill Community Council, and other Community Councils, from effectively participating during hearings for future activities or development taking place on the mudflats; and

WHEREAS The Government Hill Community Council acknowledges the fact that the Small Boat Launch (currently attached to the Downtown Community Council) is managed by the Port of Alaska and has access only through the Government Hill Community boundaries, now

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government Hill Community Council has the following recommendations:

- Government Hill Community Council supports Option A of the Planning Department recommendations for Boundary Study Area 40, retaining the existing Community Council Boundary as the “Mean Low or Lower Water” mark.

- Government Hill Community Council supports Option A of the Planning Department recommendations for Boundary Study Area 14, retaining the existing boundaries.
- Government Hill Community Council requests the small boat launch and the adjacent mudflats be transferred from the Downtown Community Council to the Government Hill Community Council.

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Consent

Signed: *Jody Sola*

Jody Sola, President
February 20, 2025