

1 OLD SEWARD/OCEANVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2 JANUARY 10, 2025

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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE OLD SEWARD/OCEANVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONCERNING
5 PROPOSED CHANGES BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
6 PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO THE BOUNDARIES OF
7 OLD SEWARD/OCEANVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
8 RESOLUTION 2025-01
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10 WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has recently completed a Community
11 Council Boundaries 10-Year Review Project to review and potentially modify the
12 Community Council districts to ensure Community Councils continue to reflect and
13 represent Anchorage’s actual neighborhoods as our community evolves; and

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

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

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

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

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

35 WHEREAS, the shared geographic focus includes the outdoor activity center within
36 the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge which is contiguous with section 40 shown on map
37 13 at the base of Oceanview Bluff and parks; the common endeavor is the Wildlife Refuge
38 to the West of the Seward Highway; and sufficient interest and ability among the
39 neighbors, from all segments of the community—to support the Old Seward/Oceanview
40 Community Council; and

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

7 WHEREAS, Seward Highway and the Alaska Railroad Corridor are physical barriers
8 to the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council with the local landmark and prominent
9 natural feature being the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge bordering the Oceanview
10 bluffs and parks with its natural open spaces which do not adjoin Potters Marsh on the
11 East side of Seward Highway; and

12 WHEREAS, this Community Council does not recommend people who use the
13 Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge traverse the Seward Highway and Alaska Railroad
14 transportation corridor and tracks to access Potters Marsh; and

15 WHEREAS, Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council strongly opposes the White
16 Paper Report recommendation Option C to transfer to Rabbit Creek Community Council
17 nearly two miles of Anchorage Wildlife Refuge within our natural boundaries of Seward
18 Highway and Alaska Railroad transportation corridor and shoreline as this has always been
19 central to the natural community identity and values, as well as their geographic
20 connectivity.

21 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Old Seward/Oceanview Community
22 Council members support the Planning and Zoning Commission's White Paper Report
23 recommended options for study areas 35 and 36 and rejects the recommended Option C
24 for study area 40.

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26 Resolved on January 29, 2025, __21__ YEA, __0__ NAY, __0__ ABSTAIN

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30 Electronically,
31 President January 29, 2025
32 Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council