

Community Council Boundaries 10-Year Review Project
Planning & Zoning Commission Case No. 2024-0100
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Transmitted to Community Councils and the Federation of Community Councils
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To Community Councils:

The public process for the Municipality's *10-year review of community council district boundaries* is resuming.

- The project began in late 2022 with an online questionnaire.
- The project continued in 2023 with community council consultations and six meetings of the project's Boundary Advisory Committee.
- The municipal Planning Department has released the public hearing draft recommended district boundaries on [the project web page](#). The recommendations reflect the outcomes of the 2023 public process.
- The public hearing draft materials identify 9 study areas that are recommended to have boundary changes, although most districts and boundary areas that were studied are not recommended to change.

Materials for Review. The public hearing draft materials for review on [the project web page](#) include:

1. Draft *Assembly Ordinance (AO)* and "Exhibit A," providing the recommended revised community council district maps.
2. The staff *Report and Recommendations* and its appendices providing the boundary study areas analysis.

Hint: The Executive Summary on pages 1 – 3 of the *Report and Recommendations* summarizes where all the recommended boundary changes are and provides a cross-reference from your community council to any boundary study areas that involve your community council. Maps of all the boundary study areas are in Appendix C to the report.

Public Review Schedule. The upcoming schedule includes:

- The public comment period will extend through November, December, and January to give community councils and the public time to review and submit comments to the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC).
- The PZC will open a public hearing on January 6 and continue the public hearing to February 3.
- After closing the public hearing, the PZC will deliberate and forward its recommendations to the Anchorage Assembly.

- The Assembly will receive the PZC’s recommendations in early 2025 and schedule its public hearing for final action.

REQUEST TO YOU: Please take the following actions in your community councils by February 3, 2025, to represent the desires of your membership as to boundaries.

In November:

- Introduce this topic at your November general membership meeting and executive committee meetings.
- Consider assigning members who will follow this project and report to your community council membership.

In December and January:

- Deliberate on this topic at your general membership meetings in December and/or January.
- If your Community Council includes any of the boundary study areas, or is affected by a recommended district boundary change, or wishes to state its position on any of the study areas in the report, please submit comments from your Community Council in the form of a written Resolution voted upon and adopted by your general membership.
- Members of your community council may also submit their own written comments.

In January and February:

- Consider sending a community council representative to provide verbal testimony to supplement your written resolutions.

In general, if your community council district was included in any of the approximately 40 boundary study areas identified in this project, then it is advisable to submit a written Resolution from your community council to the PZC that states your community council’s position as to its boundaries--even if the public hearing draft recommends no changes to the boundaries of your community council.

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 (available after 11/15/2024) (search for case number 2024-0100 after 11/15/2024)

I will follow up with a letter early next week, providing additional background information. As you have questions, please contact me at (907) 343-7916 or tom.davis@anchorageak.gov