



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Filing of Petition for Incorporation of the City and Borough of Wrangell

Under AS 29.05.060(7), qualified voters of the proposed borough have filed a petition with the Alaska Local Boundary Commission (LBC) for incorporation of the "City and Borough of Wrangell," a unified home rule borough.

The proposed borough boundaries would include all of Wrangell Island, Etolin Island, Zarembo Island, Woronkofski Island, Dry Island, Farm Island, numerous smaller islands, and the mainland generally lying to the east, including Meyers Chuck, Union Bay, and other portions of the western Cleveland Peninsula. The proposed borough boundaries encompass an estimated 3,465 square miles. The legal description of the boundaries of the proposed City and Borough of Wrangell is set out in the Petition. A map of the area proposed for incorporation appears to the right.

Standards governing the incorporation of borough governments are established in Article X of Alaska's Constitution, AS 29.05.031, AS 29.05.100, 3 AAC 110.045 - 3 AAC 110.065, and 3 AAC 110.900 - 3 AAC 110.990.

Procedures governing incorporation of borough governments are set out in AS 29.05.060 - 29.05.150 and 3 AAC 110.400 - 3 AAC 110.660.

The petition and related documents are available for public review at the Irene Ingle Public Library in Wrangell, which is open Monday and Friday 10 a.m. - Noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

An interested person or entity may file with the LBC written comments supporting or opposing the incorporation petition. Additionally, a person or legal entity may file with the LBC a responsive brief in support of or in opposition to the petition. Responsive briefs must be filed in accordance with 3 AAC 110.480. A person who files a responsive brief (as distinguished from written comments) gains certain procedural rights and duties during the incorporation proceedings. **The deadline for filing responsive briefs and written comments with the LBC is 4:30 p.m., July 14, 2006. Responsive briefs and written comments must be received in the office below by that deadline:**

Local Boundary Commission Staff
550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1770
Anchorage, AK 99501-3510
Fax: 907-269-4539
Email: LBC@commerce.state.ak.us

Questions concerning the proposed incorporation may be directed to LBC staff at the mailing address, e-mail address, or facsimile number listed above. Additionally, inquiries may be directed to LBC staff by telephone at (907) 269-4560.

After the Petitioner has an opportunity to answer any responsive briefs and comments, the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (Commerce) will prepare a preliminary report on the proposal. Commerce will also hold at least one public informational meeting on the proposed borough. Notice of that meeting will be issued separately. Following comment and briefing on the incorporation proposal, Commerce's preliminary report, and the public meeting, Commerce will issue its final report.

The LBC will then hold at least one local public hearing on the proposal. If the LBC approves the petition, incorporation will be subject to approval by a majority of the qualified voters in the proposed borough casting ballots on the proposition at an election to be conducted by the State of Alaska. The LBC will notify the Division of Elections upon its approval of the petition. The Division of Elections will have 30 days from the date notification is received to issue an Order and Notice of Election. The election will be conducted within 30 to 90 days of the date of the order and notice. Under AS 29.05.110(b), a qualified voter who is registered to vote within the proposed municipality at least 30 days before the date of the election order may vote in that election. Voters may verify with the Division of Elections that the information on their voter record is current by contacting the Region I Elections office at 907-465-3021.

