

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced:
Drafted by: A. G. Mead

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2817

A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Annexation Petition by Legislative Review Before the Local Boundary Commission.

WHEREAS, Article X, sec. 3 of the Alaska Constitution requires the state to be divided into boroughs which encompass an area and population with common interests to the maximum degree possible; and

WHEREAS, Article X, sec. 12 of the Alaska Constitution directs the establishment of a local boundary commission to consider any proposed local government boundary change; and

WHEREAS, the Local Boundary Commission conducted an intensive study, which included public testimony from throughout Alaska, in order to adopt “model borough boundaries” throughout the unorganized borough to be used as a “frame of reference” by the Local Boundary Commission in evaluating future petitions; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2587, the Assembly authorized the filing of an annexation petition to annex that portion of land between the CBJ and the then City of Petersburg, an area also sought by Petersburg as part of its borough incorporation petition; and

WHEREAS, in deciding Petersburg’s petition and granting Petersburg much of the land identified in the CBJ’s annexation petition it became necessary for the CBJ to amend its petition; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly has carefully considered whether amending its annexation petition to include other areas of the unincorporated borough either previously identified as part of Juneau’s model borough boundary, or which, in considering the standards for annexation set by state law, would appropriately and best be served by annexation to the City and Borough of Juneau; and

WHEREAS, at its Committee of the Whole meeting on January 3, 2017, the Assembly directed a resolution be prepared to authorize the amendment of the CBJ’s currently pending annexation petition to include the following areas (identified on the map attached as Exhibit A):

- Lands abutting and in Seymour Canal beginning with the Pack Creek watershed and including all lands to the north that drain into Seymour Canal;

- The Glass Peninsula;
- All of the lands on Admiralty Island to the north of Hawk Inlet, including Horse and Colt Islands;
- An area south of the Greens Creek Mine and the existing City and Borough of Juneau boundary that encompasses all lands that drain into Wheeler Creek and lands to the west of the Wheeler Creek basin that drain directly into Chatham Strait.

WHEREAS, the Assembly further directed that the petition be filed as a petition for annexation by legislative review process; and

WHEREAS, state law (3 AAC 110.425) requires that prior to submitting a petition for legislative review, prospective petitioners prepare a draft of the prospective petition, provide public notice, and conduct a public hearing on the annexation proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. The Assembly directs the Manager to amend the City and Borough of Juneau’s petition, currently pending (in stayed status) before the Local Boundary Commission by including those lands identified herein and as shown on Exhibit A, and by filing the petition as a petition for annexation by legislative review.

Section 2. The Assembly directs the Manager to initiate the process in accordance with 3 AAC 110.425 by preparing a draft of the prospective annexation petition and providing for the public notice and hearing as required by law.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Kendell D. Koelsch, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie J. Sica, Municipal Clerk