

December 29, 2022



Dear Mr. Davis:

It is the opinion of the executive board of the Spenard Community Council (SCC) that the boundaries of our council should return to the original boundaries as outlined in the Anchorage Municipal Charter (AMC). We base this opinion on factors that include historic realities, current representation, and maintaining our neighborhood's character and sense of community.

As outlined in the AMC in 1975, the borders for the SCC were generally between Fish Creek/Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport and the New Seward Highway to the East, and portions of Northern Lights Boulevard, Fireweed Lane, and 36th Avenue to the North to International Airport Road to the South. Border changes in 2003 redrew these boundaries to mark Arctic Boulevard as Spenard's Eastern border and created the Midtown Community Council (MCC).

In 2016, the MCC moved their meeting time from 7:00pm to 12:00pm, creating a barrier to participation from most Midtown residents. The SCC passed resolution 2017-2-1 in February 2017 in support of adding a portion of the MCC to match the map included in the AMC with the remainder of the MCC becoming part of the North Star Community Council. This resolution was drafted after talks with members of all three councils, who reported that MCC was having difficulty getting a quorum on a regular basis and recognized that MCC and SCC had common character and interests.

Though this resolution passed, the boundaries remained the same. Following the Anchorage Assembly and State House and Senate redistricting, the SCC has further had its representation splintered.

Now that the Municipal Planning Department is requesting feedback from community councils regarding their borders, we wish to reiterate our desire to extend the boundaries of the SCC to their original configuration as described in the AMC. We look forward to further discussion.

Thank you,

Meg Mielke, President
Spenard Community Council