

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION WITH THE LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR INCORPORATION OF A XUNAA BOROUGH AND DISSOLUTION OF CITY OF HOONAH**

A local action petition to incorporate a non-unified home rule borough and dissolve the City of Hoonah has been filed with the Local Boundary Commission (LBC). The petitioner is the City of Hoonah, in accordance with 3 AAC 110.410(a)(4). The petitioner's representative is City of Hoonah administrator Dennis H. Gray Jr. The territory proposed by the city for incorporation consists of approximately 10,403 square miles (approximately 4,246 square miles of land, and 6,157 square miles of water) and includes the City of Hoonah and neighboring communities of Game Creek, Elfin Cove, Glacier Bay and Funter Bay. The cities of Gustavus, Pelican and Tenakee Springs are excluded from the proposed borough.

The area contemplated for incorporation would adjoin the City and Borough of Yakutat and the Haines Borough to the north, the City and Borough of Sitka to the south, and the City and Borough of Juneau to the east, thus enclosing virtually the entire northern portion of Southeast Alaska within an organized borough.

The legal description of the area proposed for incorporation is set out in the Petition. A map of the area proposed for incorporation can be seen at Hoonah City Hall and the Hoonah Indian Association, as well as on the City of Hoonah's website and the LBC website.

Standards governing the borough incorporation are established in Article X, Constitution of the State of Alaska; AS 29.05.031; 3 AAC 110.045 – 3 AAC 110.067; and 3 AAC 110.900 – 3 AAC 110.990. Procedures governing borough incorporation by local action method are set out in Article X, Section 12 of Alaska's constitution, AS 29.05.060 - AS 29.050.150, and 3 AAC 110.400 – 3 AAC 110.700.

The petition and related documents are available for public review at the following locations, days, and times:

Hoonah City Hall, 300 Front Street, Hoonah, AK. **Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

Hoonah Indian Association, 254 Roosevelt Street, Hoonah, AK. **Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

Any interested person or entity may file with the LBC written comments regarding the incorporation petition. Additionally, a person with the capacity to sue may file with the LBC a responsive brief supporting or opposing the petition. Responsive briefs and public comments must be filed in accordance with 3 AAC 110.480 and 3 AAC 110.700. A person who files a responsive brief (as distinguished from written comments) gains certain procedural rights and duties during the petition proceedings. The deadline for filing responsive briefs and written comments with the LBC is 5 p.m., Thursday, February 29, 2024. The LBC relaxed 3 AAC 110.700(d) so that the public is not required to send an original if an electronic comment has been filed.

Responsive briefs and written comments must be received in the office below by that deadline:

Local Boundary Commission staff  
550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1640 • Anchorage, AK 99501

Phone: 907-269-4559

Email: [LBC@alaska.gov](mailto:LBC@alaska.gov)

Questions concerning the proposed incorporation may be directed to LBC staff at the mailing address or email address listed above. Additionally, inquiries may be directed to LBC staff by telephone at (907) 269-4559.

Persons interested in receiving future LBC notices, updates, and materials by email may subscribe to the LBC notice list service by visiting

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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 and issue a preliminary report on the proposal. Following receipt and consideration of comments on the preliminary report, Commerce will issue its final report. Procedures governing departmental reports are set out in 3 AAC 110.530. The LBC will then hold at least one local public hearing on the proposal, and a decisional meeting. If approved by the LBC, the incorporation will require approval by the voters.