Community and Economic Analysis for Preparation of an Annexation Petition

The City of Palmer, Alaska is conducting a study to better understand the potential impacts of annexing new territory into City boundaries. Annexation would affect the City's governance, finances and service provision. If done right, annexation can improve these municipal functions.

Before making a petition to annex land, it is important to know where and how annexation could benefit the city, its citizens and potential new citizens, as well as where and how annexation would likely not be worthwhile. This Community and Economic Analysis is intended to:

Identify land areas outside current City limits that would most likely contribute to a successful annexation

Identify regulatory, financial or service provision issues that should be addressed before making an annexation petition Inform and share feedback among the City and potential future citizens within the Greater Palmer community about the annexation process and how it could affect them

Schedule

Consultant team engaged to carry out the study.

Community discussions to identify current community concerns and how they might be addressed. Analyze potential non-fiscal impacts to the city, residents and businesses. Refine the initial economic analysis.

After the study has been completed, the City of Palmer will use the information learned through the Community and Economic analysis to decide whether and how to proceed with an annexation petition.

Winter-Spring 2019/2020

Summer-Fall 2020 Fall-Winter 2020

Winter-Spring 2020/2021

2021 and beyond

Complete initial economic analysis to estimate the economic and fiscal impacts of a potential annexation.

Complete the community and economic analysis. Present to City Council for consideration.

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The consultant team engaged by the City of Palmer to complete this study includes Agnew::Beck Consulting, Halcyon Consulting and the Alaska Map Company. All three firms include staff who worked on the 2006 Palmer Annexation Study (led by Northern Economics, Inc.) and/or 2010 Palmer Annexation Strategy (led by Agnew::Beck Consulting).

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