

NIKISKI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ASSEMBLY PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2022-046
REGARDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NIKISKI ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Kenai Borough Assembly is considering proposed Ordinance 2022-46, which would reduce the boundary area of the Nikiski Advisory Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 a group of Nikiski residents petitioned the Kenai Peninsula Borough to create a Nikiski Advisory Planning Commission, and the Petitioners met all legal requirements to petition for the Nikiski APC; and

WHEREAS, in July 2022 the Planning Department hosted a duly-announced meeting in the community of Nikiski soliciting input regarding the boundaries of the proposed Nikiski APC, during which the community unanimously supported the boundaries set forth in Ordinance 2022-41; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly heard public comments and asked questions, and the petitioner accurately stated to all Assembly members that she knew of no member of any village on the west side of the boundary area that had signed the petition, and that one person who signed the petition did own land and a business on the west side of Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly, in full possession of these facts, approved the Nikiski APC (NAPC) with its current boundaries in Ordinance 2022-41; and

WHEREAS, seven members were appointed to the Nikiski APC by the mayor, one of which DOES own land and a business on the west side of Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS, the Tyonek Native Association and the Native Village of Tyonek, after Ordinance 2022-041 was passed, stated that they did not wish to be involved in the Nikiski APC; and

WHEREAS, the Nikiski APC was asked in January 2023 to give opinion on proposed Ordinance 2022-046, which would reduce the boundary area significantly, and that body unanimously voted to advise that the boundary area remain as written in Ordinance 2022-41; and

WHEREAS, the lands owned by Tyonek Native Association and the Native Village of Tyonek comprise a very small percentage of the land on the west side of Cook Inlet within the Nikiski APC boundary area; and

WHEREAS, Nikiski's economy is symbiotic with the western NAPC area through its service areas and oilfield/oil platform support, fishing, and tourism, and any future development will perpetuate that connection; and

WHEREAS, the Nikiski Community Council respects all indigenous people and wishes to offer reasonable resolution of a shared voice;

BE IT KNOWN that:

- 1) The Nikiski Community Council approves the boundaries in Ordinance 2022-41; and
- 2) The Nikiski Community Council advocates *against* the passing of proposed Ordinance 2022-46.

Passed by the Nikiski Community Council on February 6, 2023.



Jason Ross, President