



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Filing of Petition for Legislative Review Annexation to the Ketchikan Gateway Borough

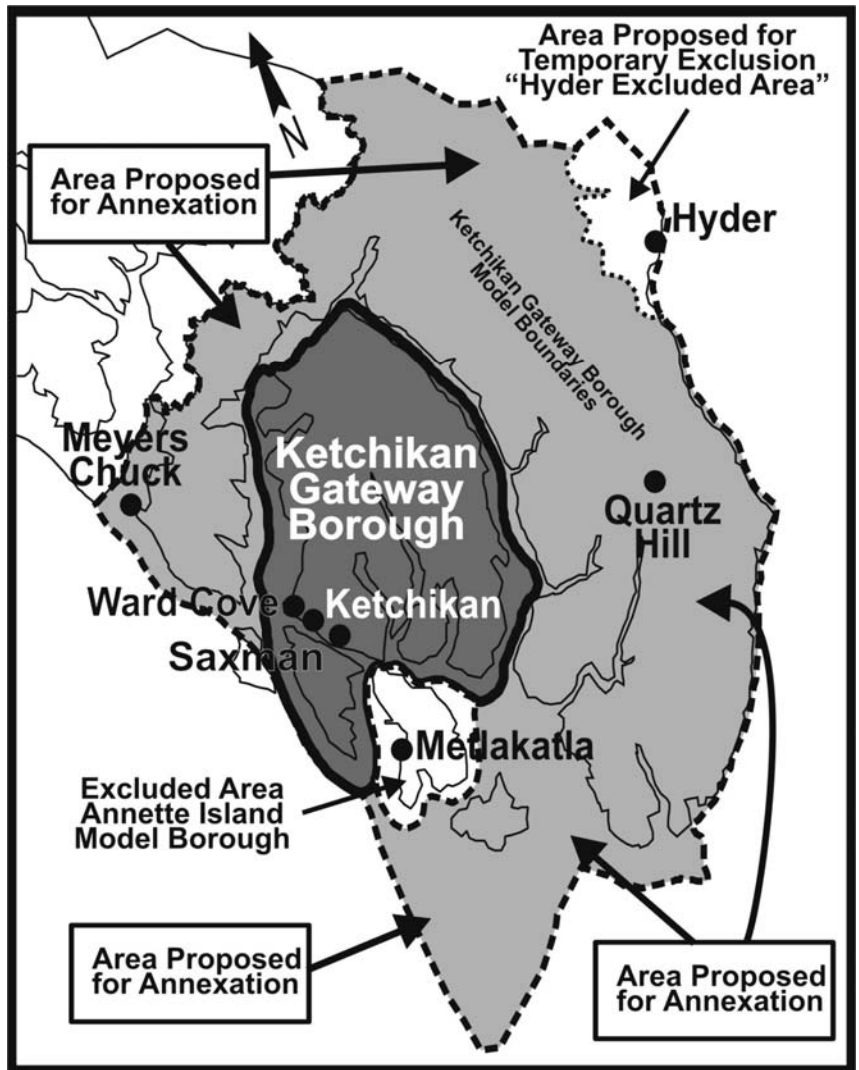
The Ketchikan Gateway Borough, a second-class borough, has filed a petition with the Alaska Local Boundary Commission (LBC) for annexation.

The area proposed for annexation includes the estimated 4,701-square-mile portion of the unorganized borough within the Ketchikan Gateway Borough model boundaries defined under 3 AAC 110.990(9), with the exception of approximately 205 square miles surrounding and including the community of Hyder. The Annette Islands Reserve is not within the Ketchikan Gateway Borough model boundaries.

Standards governing the annexation of borough governments are established in Article X, Sections 1 and 3 of Alaska's Constitution, AS 29.06.040(a), 3 AAC 110.160 – 3 AAC 110.210, and 3 AAC 110.900 – 3 AAC 110.990.

Procedures governing annexation of borough governments by the legislative review method are set out in Article X, Section 12 of Alaska's Constitution, AS 29.06.040, and 3 AAC 110.400 – 3 AAC 110.660.

The petition and related documents are available for public review at: 1) the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Clerk's Office at 344 Front Street, which is open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 2) Ketchikan Public Library at 629 Dock Street, which is open Monday – Wednesday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Thursday - Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.; 3) Meyers Chuck Post Office, which is open Tuesday – Wednesday 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; and 4) Hyder Community Association Library, which is open Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Any interested person or legal entity may file with the LBC written comments or a responsive brief supporting or opposing the annexation petition. Responsive briefs must be filed in accordance with 3 AAC 110.480. A person who files a responsive brief (as distinguished from written comments) gains certain procedural rights and duties during the annexation proceedings. The deadline for filing responsive briefs and written comments with the LBC is **4:30 p.m., April 28, 2006.** **Responsive briefs and written comments must be received in the office below by that deadline:**

Local Boundary Commission Staff
550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1770
Anchorage, AK 99501-3510
Fax: 907-269-4539
Email: LBC@commerce.state.ak.us

Questions concerning the proposed annexation may be directed to LBC staff at the mailing address, e-mail address, or facsimile number listed above. Additionally, inquiries may be directed to LBC staff by telephone at (907) 269-4560.

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 a preliminary report on the proposal. Following comment on Commerce's preliminary report, Commerce will issue its final report. The LBC will then hold at least one local public hearing on the proposal. If the LBC approves the petition, annexation will be subject to legislative review pursuant to Article X, Section 12 of Alaska's Constitution.