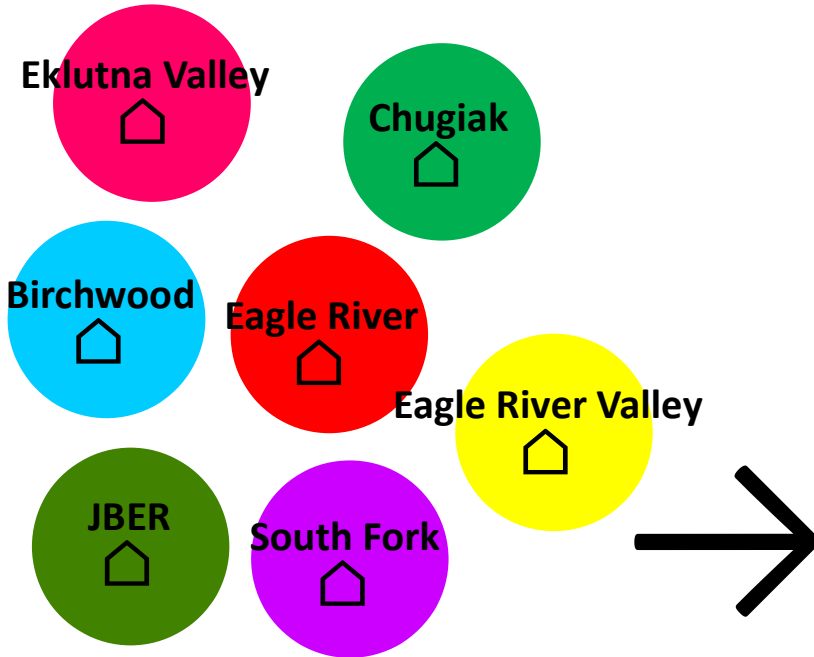


## LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMMISSIONS

To the greatest extent permitted by law, the authority of the Assembly shall be vested and transferred to the local governance commissions (LGC). The commissions shall derive authority and power from the Assembly by ordinance.

Powers must be delegated to local governance commissions to the greatest extent permitted by law unless a power is exercised directly by qualified voters of the Borough at a Borough election.

## NEIGHBORHOOD/ LOCAL GOVERNANCE



Delegates from various Local Governance Commissions serve on the Borough Assembly. The Mayor also holds a seat on the Assembly.

## THE ASSEMBLY

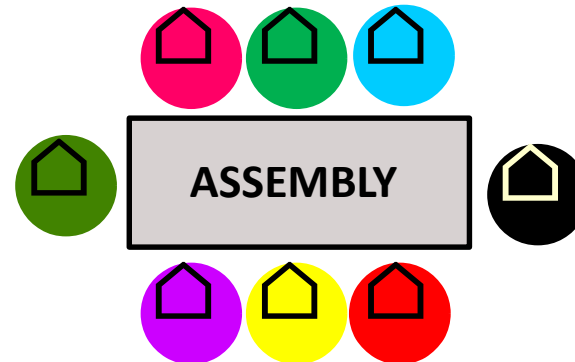
The Assembly serves as the governing body of the Borough. The Assembly shall, except as restricted by law, including this Charter, transfer its legislative authority to local governance commissions, cities within its borders, and/or Borough voters directly. The Assembly is composed of one member from each Assembly district and the mayor. Assembly districts shall have the same boundaries of local governance commission districts.

No Assembly member may receive any compensation for serving on the Assembly. The Assembly shall create an election review commission by ordinance. The election review commission shall be comprised of one member from each local governance commission appointed by that commission.

The presiding officer of the Assembly shall be the chair of the Assembly. The presiding officer position shall rotate among Assembly seats. No Assembly district shall have its member serve as chair for two consecutive years. The mayor shall be the vice chair of the Assembly. The Assembly shall appoint a Borough clerk and prescribe the duties of that office. The Assembly may create a planning commission by ordinance. Each local governance commission may appoint one person to serve on the Borough Planning Commission.

The mayor shall certify the passage of all ordinances and resolutions passed by the Assembly and, to extent required by applicable law, the executive power of the Borough is vested in the mayor. The Assembly shall appoint a borough manager by ordinance. The assembly may enter into a contract for Borough manager services with a term not to exceed five years. The Assembly shall adopt an ordinance for the Borough Manager selection process that includes the opportunity for the public and the local governance commissions to participate in the process.

## BOROUGH-WIDE/ ASSEMBLY GOVERNANCE



## CONTRACT SERVICES

The Borough may exercise any of its powers or perform any of its functions jointly, in cooperation with or through an agreement with any other government, tribe, native corporation, private entity, agency or instrumentality of these bodies or entities to the greatest extent permitted by law.

The Assembly shall adopt procurement procedures by ordinance that prohibit conflicts of interest in the selection of Borough service providers. Contracts are managed by the Borough Manager, confirmed by the Assembly.

The Borough shall not provide services to the public that can be provided by a private entity except where the Borough is required to provide the service by law or the provision of the service has been approved by qualified voters of the Borough at a Borough election.

## **CITIZEN RIGHTS**

The right to a planning process implemented and enforced on a neighborhood level through local governance commissions to ensure that the people have meaningful control over their individual property interests and land development goals, objectives, and policies for the future.

The right for all borough citizens to be treated fairly and without discrimination; this right is granted without regard to race, religion, sex, color, national origin, marital status, disability, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status.

The right to direct planning, implementation, and enforcement of individual property interest and land development goals through local government commissions.

The right to remain informed so that the citizens of the Borough may retain control over the Borough.

The right to immunity from taxes, except as required by Federal and State governments, or upon approval of a majority of qualified voters voting upon the question.

The right to local governance commissions with the maximum authority permitted by law to represent the interests of localized and specified areas within the Borough with common interests to assure maximum self-determination by Borough citizens.

The right to have all deliberations and actions of government within the Borough, cities, service areas, schools, and local governance commissions taken openly except where executive sessions are permitted by law.

The right for citizens to be heard and comment on deliberations and actions of government.

The right to the adoption and employment of innovative and competitive procurement methods via ordinance that ensure good stewardship of public funds.

The right to establish other freedoms and liberties by initiative.

## **PUBLIC EDUCATION**

There shall be a system of public education for the Borough, conducted in the manner provided by law. The system of public education shall be operated by a School Board consisting of at least one member from each Assembly district. Each city within the Borough shall comprise a single school district.

## **NEXT STEPS/LBC**

Our next steps include gathering signatures to submit with our Petition to Detach and Incorporate. The State's Local Boundary Commission (LBC) administers boundary changes. Once our petition is submitted and approved, their process includes public notification and hearings and a vote by the people of Chugiak-Eagle River. If our vote is in favor of detachment and incorporation, then a three-year transition period begins.

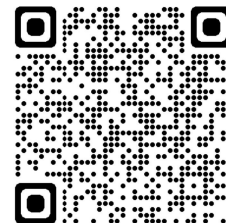
## **READ / SIGN PETITION**

Read the Petition to Detach and Concurrently Incorporate as a Borough. Print the signature page, complete the required information, and mail in to Eaglexit. We need the signatures of ?????? Chugiak-Eagle River residents in order to submit our Petition.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For more information go to [www.eaglexit.com](http://www.eaglexit.com), or call Chair Sean Murphy at 907-632-5307 or Vice Chair Paul Schneider at 907-644-0673.

The Board and supporters of Eaglexit thank you sincerely for your support and interest. We are working toward a community where local voices inform local decisions. and welcome your questions and comments.



# **Chugach Regional Borough**

## **CHARTER**



**EAGLEXIT**

## **PREAMBLE**

The people of the Chugach Regional Borough, exercising the powers of home rule granted by the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and in order to preserve our rights as citizens to determine what is in our best interests and to ensure our local government serves and protects those interests, hereby establish this Charter.