

Kodiak Island Borough
CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE
Recommendations

CONSOLIDATION IS THE DISSOLUTION OF TWO OR MORE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WHICH THEN ARE COMBINED TO FORM A NEW SINGLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Consolidation Committee is charged with investigating what a new consolidated government would look like for Kodiak. The following are recommendations made by the Consolidation Committee; some of these recommendations are tentative pending further discussion and consideration, and all are subject to change at the discretion of the committee or direction of the Assembly.

- ❖ Consolidation will dissolve the City of Kodiak and Kodiak Island Borough and create a new borough government. The village communities will remain independent municipal entities, as they currently are.
- ❖ The new, consolidated government will be a **Home Rule Borough**.
- ❖ The reasons for consolidation are as follows:
 - to provide maximum self-governance with minimum governmental units
 - to provide services in a streamlined and equitable manner
 - to provide effective representation
- ❖ The Assembly composition of seven members will be as follows:
 - All members will be elected at-large.
 - And, assuming a Mayor-Manager form of government, the Mayor will be elected at-large.
- ❖ The new home rule borough will be named the **Municipality of Kodiak**;
Another name that has been suggested is the **City and Borough of Kodiak**
Ultimately, the Committee feels that feedback from the citizens should determine the name of the new borough.
- ❖ It is the intent of the Committee that all powers and services of the Kodiak Island Borough and City of Kodiak be maintained; and any powers not otherwise prohibited may be adopted in the new home rule borough.
- ❖ Water & Sewer services will be provided in the area of the current infrastructure and will be paid by user fees; future expansion will be possible and determined under the new consolidated government.

- ❖ Animal Control Services will be provided along the road system and paid for via a non-areawide ~~property~~ tax and user fees.
- ❖ Parks & Recreation powers will be provided in the area of the road system, excluding the Anton Larsen Bay Dock which will move to Ports & Harbor services, to be paid with non-areawide ~~property~~ taxes and user fees.
- ❖ Solid Waste powers will remain as they currently are; public services may change as the contract with waste collectors change.
- ❖ Port and Harbor services will be provided as a borough wide power/service, excluding the facilities owned by the island's 2nd class cities and tribal governments (the new borough will not take over village community harbors), and services will be paid for by an areawide tax such as severance tax plus user fees.
- ❖ Public Safety/Law Enforcement will continue in its current form, limited to the current boundaries of the city but may be expanded after consolidation by a vote of the residents.
- ❖ The consolidated government will provide road maintenance services throughout the road system utilizing an internal public works department, with the ability to subcontract work as needed, paid for via property and sales tax.
- ❖ The consolidated government will have a centrally administered fire department that will provide fire and EMS response to the road system with a blended workforce of paid and volunteer workers, paid for with non area-wide taxes and user fees.
- ❖ The Building Inspection Department will be maintained and paid for with area-wide funding plus user fees.
- ❖ Library services will continue and be paid through the general fund and supplemented by user fees.
- ❖ The two airport facilities, the Lily Lake Municipal Airport and the Trident Basin Seaplane Base, will be maintained and supported by user fees and area-wide taxes.
- ❖ Areawide health powers will continue as it is in the current form.
- ❖ Tourism will be an areawide service.
- ❖ Economic Development will be maintained on an areawide basis.
- ❖ The consolidated government will provide disaster preparedness on an areawide basis.