C-ER Consortium Mission and Action Plan

<u>Anchorage Municipal Code Title 21 Rewrite - Land Use Regulations</u>

The regulation of land use is found in Title 21 of the Anchorage Municipal Code. The MOA has undertaken a complete rewrite of Title 21 as well as making those chapters within 21 more User friendly.

The public review and rewrite of those regulations, known as the Title 21 rewrite, is anticipated to come before the Assembly for final approval this fall. There have been numerous revised drafts released since 2003, all with public comment periods.

During the rewrite process the local community councils voiced their concern. The various drafts of the Title 21 rewrite didn't appear to address the community priorities or distinctive differences of Chugiak-Eagle River. With each revised draft, new issues emerged.

<u>Desire for a Separate Chapter for Chugiak-Eagle River in Title 21 & the Creation of the Consortium</u>

In the spring of 2006, and in response to community concerns, the 6 councils organized & formed the Consortium. Our official name is Consortium of Chugiak-Eagle River Community Councils.

The Consortium is composed of 2 members from each of the 6 councils. (Birchwood, Chugiak, Eagle River, Eagle River Valley, Eklutna Valley, and South Fork). We also have a community representative at-large and associate members. We are all volunteers.

Our goal is to oversee the creation of a separate chapter in Title 21 of land use regulations that are specific to Chugiak-Eagle River.

We asked the Anchorage Assembly to give our community a placeholder in the Title 21 Rewrite for a separate Chugiak-Eagle River chapter. The Assembly approved a unanimous resolution to that effect.

Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan

- You need a current set of guidelines in order to write local land use regulations.
- This 10 year Comp Plan is a generalized set of guidelines for local land use development and future growth for Chugiak-Eagle River.
- This was approved by the Anchorage Assembly December 12, 2006.
- In the Implementation section, the Comp Plan calls for revising Title 21 to include a separate chapter for Chugiak-Eagle River.

What's Next? - The Consortium:

- Has lead the way for this community to help create the draft chapter of land use regulations specifically for Chugiak-Eagle River;
- Has put together an acceptable method to create the draft chapter; and
- Has hired land use planners and an attorney to assist with the project. (Code writer & Code reviewer)

The Resulting Draft Chapter of Land Use Regulations:

- Will represent all citizens of Chugiak-Eagle River;
- Will comply with the Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan;
- Will comply with the community survey results;
- Will comply with existing Anchorage Municipal Code; and
- · Will undergo public review and revision.

Finally, we will seek adoption of the draft chapter through the Municipality.

How Can You Get Involved?

- Attend your council meetings. Each council should have a Title 21/separate chapter committee. Participate.
- Add your email address to the Consortium Email List to get direct and timely information on upcoming meetings and where we are in the separate chapter process.
- Remember this message board number. 689-7788 This line is 24/7 and is timely updated concerning meetings and events of the Consortium.
- Attend the Consortium's public meetings on the first Wednesday of the month,
 6:30 pm, in the MOA Conference Room located at 11901 Business Blvd. (second floor, above Garcia's Restaurant). The next meeting is July 9, 2008
- Submit your comments and issues, either thru your council or directly to the Consortium, as the writing of the separate chapter progresses.
- <u>Visit our website</u> to see what's going on. That site will show you who we are and what we have done to date.
- http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/consortium_c_e.html

Any questions?

Contact information and Comment Forms are available on the front table.