

**Big Lake Incorporation Petition and
The City of Houston Annexation Petition
Schedule (Subject to change by LBC chair)
September 22, 2014***

Thursday, July 24, 2014

Acceptance of the Petition to the Local Boundary Commission for incorporation of Big Lake as a Second-Class City within the Organized Borough Using the Local-Option Method

Friday, July 25, 2014

Acceptance of the Petition to the Local Boundary Commission for Annexation to the City of Houston, A Second Class City Within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Using the Local Option Method by Unanimous Consent

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Notice published. Petition's public comment period starts (*lasts 66 days - must last at least 49 days*).

Friday, September 05, 2014

Publish notice of public information meeting (at least 15 days before Public Informational Meeting)

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

Public information meeting

Friday October 03, 2014

Petition public comment and responsive brief deadline

Monday, October 20, 2014

Deadline to receive petitioner's reply brief (*lasts 17 days – must last at least 14 days*).

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Finish and mail preliminary report (*58 days to write preliminary report*)

Friday, December 19, 2014

Supplemental Notice published to include notice given of the election of a 3 mill rate on real property

Saturday, December 20, 2014

Public comment on preliminary report period starts (*lasts 28 days - must last at least 28 days*).

Friday, January 16, 2015

Preliminary report public comment period deadline

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 (Monday, January 19 is a state holiday)

Start writing final report *30 days to write final report*)

Friday, March 6, 2015

Public hearing and final report notice published in *Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman*. Public comment period to end Friday, March 27, 2015

(done 36 days before hearing - must precede the hearing by at least 30 days).

Friday, March 6, 2015

Mailed final report, and public hearing notice (*done 28 days before hearing – must precede the hearing by at least 21 days*).

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

LBC public hearing in the Big Lake Lions Recreation Center on April 15, 2015 at 1:30 PM

(Decisional meeting must be within 90 days of the hearing, but the Big Lake and Houston decisional meeting will immediately follow the hearing.)

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Decision drafted and sent to commissioners (*13 days from decisional meeting.*)

May 5, 2015

LBC meeting to approve a written decision.

Monday, May 18th, 2015

The LBC staff issues the written decision to the parties by this date. (*The written decision must be issued within 30 days of the decisional meeting. The 18 day period for public to request reconsideration of decision starts when the decision is issued; the LBC has 30 days from then to order reconsideration on its own motion. If reconsideration is granted, then petitioner or respondent has 10 days to file a brief*).

June 23, 2015

*Amended on August 1, 2014, August 8, 2014, September 18, 2014, September 19, 2014, December 16, 2014, and March 23, 2015, and August 13, 2015

Big Lake Hearing continued

July 16, 2015

LBC Meeting to Approve or amend decision

Note: If the LBC approves the petition, one can expect the Division of Elections to conduct an election about 120 days after the written decision is mailed.