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Alaska Department of Commerce, Community,  
and Economic Development

# CERTIFICATE

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## OF INCORPORATION OF THE PETERSBURG BOROUGH

By the power and duty vested in me under the laws of the State of Alaska,<sup>1</sup> I, Susan Bell, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, hereby certify that the Petersburg Borough, a non-unified home rule borough, was duly incorporated on January 3, 2013.<sup>2</sup> The boundaries described below include approximately 3,829 square miles of land and water. I certify further that upon incorporation of the Petersburg Borough, the home rule City of Petersburg was concurrently dissolved, and that the Petersburg Borough immediately succeeded to all rights, powers, and duties of the former City of Petersburg under AS 29.06.520.

The corporate boundaries of the Petersburg Borough are described as follows:

Beginning at the line of mean high tide at Point Coke (Sumdum (D-6), Alaska, 1951, with minor revisions 1963) North 57° 47' 34" Latitude and West 133° 41' 50" Longitude; the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING hereof;

Thence southeasterly to the line of mean high tide at the northwestern most point on Harbor Island;

Thence northeasterly to the line of mean high tide at the westernmost point of land in Section 28, Township 47 South, Range 73 East, Copper River Meridian (northeast of Sand Spit) (Sumdum (D-5), Alaska, 1955, with minor revisions 1981);

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<sup>1</sup> The provisions of 3 AAC 110.630(d) state, "When the requirements in [3 AAC 110.630(a)] have been met, the department shall issue a certificate describing the effective change." In relevant part, 3 AAC 110.630(a) states, "[A] final decision of the commission is effective when (1) notification of compliance with 42 U.S.C. 1973c (Voting Rights Act of 1965) is received from the United States Department of Justice [and] (2) certification of the legally required voter approval of the commission's final decision is received from the director of elections . . ."

<sup>2</sup> The Local Boundary Commission's final written decision granting the petition for incorporation of a Petersburg Borough and concurrent dissolution of the City of Petersburg was issued on August 22, 2012. The notification of compliance with 42 U.S.C. 1973c in this matter was received by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development on December 26, 2012 (Department of Justice file number DJ 166-012-3-2012-5144). On January 3, 2013, the Director of the State of Alaska Division of Elections certified that by a margin of 782 to 600, voters in the proposed Petersburg borough had approved the proposition to incorporate the Petersburg Borough and concurrently dissolve the City of Petersburg. The effective date of the concurrent incorporation of the Petersburg borough and dissolution of City of Petersburg is January 3, 2013.



Thence easterly along the natural divide between the Tracy Arm and Endicott Arm watersheds, including glaciers (identifiable through the USGS National Hydrography Boundary Dataset, 2012) to its intersection with the Alaska-Canada Boundary Line in Section 19, Township 49 South, Range 80 East, Copper River Meridian approximately 3600 feet Southwest of Boundary Peak 75 on the Alaska-Canada Boundary Line (Sumdum (B-2), 2000);

Thence southeasterly along the Alaska-Canada Boundary Line to Kate's Needle, also known as Boundary Peak No. 70;

Thence southwesterly, further along the Alaska-Canada Boundary Line to a point on the watershed divide between LeConte Bay and the Stikine River (northeastern boundary of the City and Borough of Wrangell);

Thence southwesterly along the boundary of the City and Borough of Wrangell (based on certificate of incorporation dated May 30, 2008) in a generally southwesterly direction to a point in Sumner Strait south of McArthur Reef at approximately North 56° 21' 18" Latitude and West 133° 10' 60" Longitude (where the Petersburg/Wrangell Ranger Districts and Thorne Bay Ranger District meet);

Thence westerly along Sumner Strait to a point between Totem Bay on Kupreanof Island and Buster Bay on Prince of Wales Island, at North 56° 23' 40" Latitude and West 133° 25' 03" Longitude;

Thence northerly to the line of mean high tide on the south shore of Kupreanof Island in Totem Bay and at the southernmost end of the watershed divide between Duncan Canal and Rocky Pass, at North 56° 29' 39" Latitude and West 133° 24' 49" Longitude;

Thence northerly through Kupreanof Island along the watershed divide between Duncan Canal and Rocky Pass which passes through Township 62 South, Range 77 East, Sections 4, 5, 8, 9 and 17; Township 61 South, Range 77 East, Sections 5, 7, 8, 18, 19, 30, 31 and 32; Township 60 South, Range 76 East, Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 20, 27, 28, 29, and 34; Township 59 South, Range 75 East, Sections 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 23, 25, and 36; Township 59 South, Range 76 East, Sections 6, 7, 18, 31, 32, and 33; Township 58 South, Range 75 East, Sections 25 and 36; Township 58 South, Range 76 East, Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 30, and 31; and Township 57 South, Range 76 East, Section 31 to a point on said divide, just northwest of Towers Lake at North 56° 52' 58" Latitude and West 133° 30' 23" Longitude;

Thence northeasterly further along said divide which passes through Township 57 South, Range 76 East, Sections 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 33, and 34 to a point northwest of the north end of Duncan Canal on Kupreanof Mountain (Elevation 1806) at approximately North 56° 54' 22" Latitude and West 133° 22' 07" Longitude;

Thence easterly to a point on the line of mean high tide at the southernmost end of Portage Bay to a point, at approximately North 56° 55' 19" Latitude and West 133° 16' 25" Longitude;

Thence northwesterly along the line of mean high tide of the east shore of Portage Bay to East Point at the entrance to Portage Bay, at approximately North 57° 00' 15" Latitude and West 133° 19' 30" Longitude;

Thence to a point in Frederick Sound, at North 57° 03' 49" Latitude and West 133° 19' 30" Longitude;

Thence along Frederick Sound to a point west of Cape Fanshaw, at the south end of Stephens Passage, at North 57° 11' 09" Latitude and West 133° 44' 19" Longitude;

Thence along Stephens Passage to a point between the Five Fingers and the Brothers, at North 57° 17' 48" Latitude and West 133° 44' 19" Longitude;


Thence along Stephens Passage to a point east of Point Hugh on Admiralty Island, at North 57° 34' 08" Latitude and West 133° 42' 17" Longitude;



Thence northeasterly along Stephens Passage to Point Coke near Holkham Bay at North 57° 47' 34" Latitude and West 133° 41' 50" Longitude the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; hereof;

Containing approximately 3,829 square miles, more or less, a portion of which is in the Petersburg Recording District, and a portion of which is in the Juneau Recording District, both in the First Judicial District, State of Alaska.

Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.




Susan Bell, Commissioner  
Department of Commerce, Community, and  
Economic Development

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF ALASKA )  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT ) SS.

This is to certify that on the 25 day of January, 2013 before me, the undersigned, a notary public, duly commissioned and sworn as such, personally came Susan Bell, to me known to be the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, who signed the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation of the Petersburg Borough.



Notary Public for the State of Alaska  
My commission expires: with office

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