

Port Alexander Activity Report

Community Overview

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2001 Population: 81

Region: Southeast

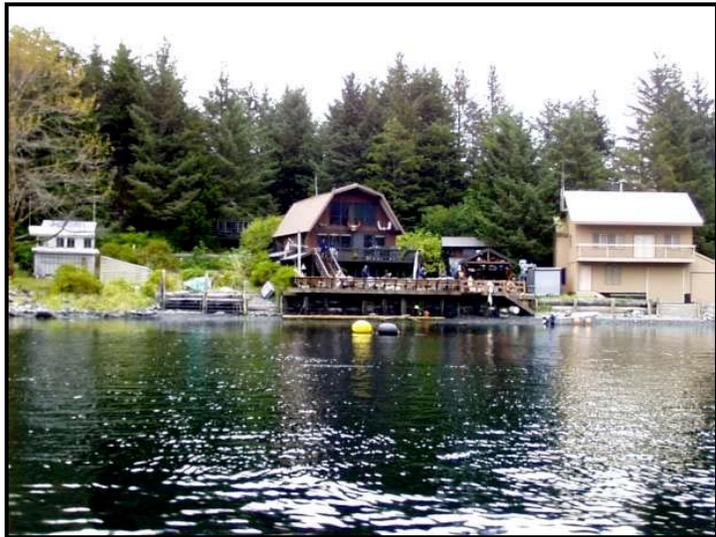
Local Governments: Second Class City



The City of Port Alexander operates a piped water system. The City Council is the policy making body for the utility.

Water is derived from Dirty Dick Dam and is treated, stored in a tank and piped to 51 households. A new water filtration system is needed. One home uses a rain catchment system. Homes use individual septic tanks, haul honeybuckets, or use outhouses for sewage disposal. There is no central electrical generation or refuse disposal service. Aluminum is shipped to Sitka for recycling. Funds have been requested to electrify the community. A number of homes in Port Alexander are used only seasonally.

The City is concerned that they came up short on money complete their water plant upgrade. They were unable to complete the new contact chamber and chlorination system. The old chlorination system is out of compliance with EPA.



General Information

The City requested that the Juneau Office update the rate study that was done several years ago. A copy of the previous study was located and the Juneau Office hopes to begin updating those figures this Spring.

Observations and Recommendations

Finances — They appear to be in good shape. A realistic budget was adopted and monthly financial and manager’s reports are prepared.

Accounting Systems — The City ordered a copy of QuickBooks 2002 with tax disk updates. They talked to Intuit in late March and the program was being shipped out to them.

Tax Problems — There appears to be no tax problems.

Personnel System — There appears to be no personnel problems. The City has a personnel policy and all positions have a job description.

Organizational Management — There appears to be no organizational management problems. The policy making body meets as required and is active in making utility policy.

Operation of Utility — There appears to be no problem with the operation of the utility.

Category	Inadequate	Meets Minimum Requirements	Exceeds Minimum Requirements
Finances		X	
Accounting Systems		X	
Payroll Taxes		X	
Personnel System		X	
Organizational Management		X	
Operation of Utility		X	

Anticipated Activity

The Juneau Office anticipates updating a previous rate study with more current figures.