

DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA  
ORDINANCE NO. 03-10

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Dave Talerico

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DENALI BOROUGH  
COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN.

BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the Denali Borough, Alaska that:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the ordinance is to amend the Denali Borough Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Chapter 7, under the section titled "Areawide and non-areawide services", by adding the underlined text attached hereto.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon adoption by the Denali Borough Assembly, and signature of the Mayor.

DATE INTRODUCED: May 14, 2003

FIRST READING: May 14, 2003

PUBLIC HEARING: June 11, 2003

PASSED and APPROVED by the DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Borough Clerk



## **AREAWIDE & NON-AREAWIDE SERVICES**

A borough may assume services by the assumption of powers on either an area-wide basis (throughout the borough) or non-area-wide basis (in those areas outside the cities but inside the borough). This is the most common way to provide services and implement powers. The powers would be assumed by the procedures in the borough charter. This form of providing a service is much more limited than service areas since it can be applied in two ways; to the entire borough or just to the areas outside the cities. Service areas are more flexible. They may cover parts of both or all of one and only parts of another.

**Funding.** Typically, funding would be through the borough from any source of revenue available to a borough government. These could include property tax, sales tax or revenue bonds. The borough would provide the service directly per the Charter, ordinance or administrative rules. The borough would retain ultimate authority in providing the service. It may sub-contract certain portions of the service. However, the borough would have the final say over the matter.

**Decisions.** The Borough Assembly would ultimately retain final say on powers provided on area-wide or non area-wide basis.

**Function and Responsibility.** Borough charter allows for broad discretion in types of powers and services that the Denali Borough can provide. According to A.S. 29.10.200 there are 55 specific limitations imposed upon home rule boroughs by the state. With the exception of those limitations, a charter may prescribe any powers, duties and procedures so long as they are not prohibited by some law. Services typically found include:

- Police protection
- Animal control
- Road service
- Alcohol beverage control
- Fire safety service
- Docks, ports and airport service
- Refuse collection

**Emergency Services Facilities.** The Denali Borough Comprehensive Land Use Plan, adopted July 9, 1995, included a survey of Borough residents. One question in that survey listed nine options for potential services to be assumed by the Borough. The top listed response was solid waste, for which the Denali Borough subsequently assumed responsibility. The second and third listed responses were emergency services and fire protection.

Fire and emergency services in the Denali Borough are largely provided largely by volunteer non-profit organizations – the Anderson Volunteer Fire Department, the McKinley Village Volunteer Fire Department, the Denali National Park Fire Department and the Cantwell Volunteer Fire Department. No change in responsibility for these services is planned. However, the Borough recognizes that the needs of these organizations are growing and supports their efforts to upgrade facilities and services.

The Tri-Valley Volunteer Fire Department in Healy owns and operates the Tri-Valley Community Center. In addition to fire and ambulance equipment and space for the Department's personnel, this

facility houses the Interior Neighborhood Health Corporation's health clinic and offices of the Denali Borough, the Alaska Court System and the Alaska State Troopers, plus two large community meeting rooms. The building was constructed in 1982 with a State Legislative grant and has been very well maintained. However, it is now too small to adequately accommodate all of its users.

A two-phase plan to enlarge the Tri-Valley Community Center has been developed. The first phase is a 4,200 square foot, two-story addition to the Fire Department end of the building. This will enable the Department to house all of its equipment, to provide office space for Fire Department and Alaska State Trooper personnel, and to provide sleeping space for firefighters. The second phase is an addition to the other end of the building for the health clinic.