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By unanimous MOTION, Birchwood Community Council, at its regular monthly meeting, opposes both proposed ordinances, 2003-49 and 2003-50.

Each of these ordinances deals with removing 1) over 1600 acres of existing and future residential housing from the Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department Service Area, along with several long established businesses; and 2) the second proposed ordinance would also add additional Eklutna controlled property proposed as residential along with the most welcome new Fred Meyers complex.

The basis for this de-annexation is 25 homeowners (within Powder Ridge subdivision of 50 homes) who apparently expressed dis-satisfaction with the response time to a residential fire within their area. They called upon their Assemblymembers for an explanation. Ms Fairclough then approached other businesses and property owners to see if they would like to switch to another service area when she introduced her ordinances.

After open discussion, both at the Birchwood meeting and at the Powder Ridge meeting, we do not feel that a de-annexation will solve the response time issue. A mutual aid agreement exists between both service areas, although it is the Anchorage Service Area that actually has the ladder truck that was called for by the CVFD, which had to come from the Airport Heights Station since the Eagle River Station did not have their unit available. Much of the acreage proposed for de-annexation is not developed at this time, and will not be fully realized in the near future. Further, the solicitation of existing or proposed commercial development did not seem appropriate in this case.

To date, the existing tapes have not been released to either the local media which has requested them, or the CVFD. It is those tapes, not any transcript, which will detail the appropriate solution to this response-time issue. Changing boundaries between these two fire service areas will only cause serious financial problems to both entities.

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