

Re: Draft #1, Title 21

In addition to being poorly written and confusing (poorly thought out?), this draft appears, at least to a considerable extent, as an attempt to squeeze us all into an uptown Anchorage suburb, without any consideration for those of who escaped. Years ago I lived in College Gate where I had an Iditarod sled dog team (Iditarod 1979). The summer following the race I moved to a more rural site and since then moved again, even more rurally – to Chugiak. Those moves were appropriate in that College Gate is really not the place for a dog kennel of any size. Chugiak is, for me and lots of other folks. Also, it's a place where residents keep other outdoor animals (their own and others), recreational vehicles and boats and old cars (requiring sizable storage facilities so as not to appear unsightly), vegetable gardens (feeling free to barter with a neighbor) and other items related to their chosen life style. Lots tend to be larger than in the suburbs but only on the order of an acre or two.

Please, rethink and rewrite the thing. Celebrate and allow our diversity! Let it regionalize and recognize that some of us live in College Gate, some in Chugiak.

Thanks.

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