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Greetings

On February 4, 2013, the Borough Assembly passed Borough Resolution No. 2013-4 authorizing the Alaska Department of Natural Resources to act as the Platting Authority for the Petersburg Borough until regulations and procedures are adopted by the Petersburg Borough to exercise platting authority. It's been 9 years since the borough was formed. The assembly needs to do it's job and pass an ordinance which will allow the Petersburg Planning and Zoning to act as the Platting authority for Area 2.

The Planning and Zoning has prepared an ordinance with zoning regulations and platting procedures which will accomplish this. There has been considerable push back from the residents in Area 2 on zoning, every time this ordinance has been up for consideration, and the assembly has backed down and put off doing the hard work here. My request is that the assembly consider only the portions of the ordinance that will transfer Platting Authority from the state to the borough.

At present, the ADNR Platting Authority for the Unorganized Borough reviews subdivisions and easement vacations for Area 2. This is an expensive and time-consuming process for the residents of this area. In addition to the technical surveying standards, ADNR has only two requirements for subdivision approval applications; the property owner must have a certificate to plat (title search) and there must be legal public access to all lots within the subdivision. My request is that the assembly consider making the plat approval requirements be very basic. These can always be amended in the future as necessary. Thank you for your consideration of this matter

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