

## **Mayor's Report March 16, 2026 Assembly Meeting**

1. **Assembly Meeting Date Reminder:** The first April meeting has been rescheduled from April 6<sup>th</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup> at noon due to clerk training in Anchorage.
2. **Board of Equalization Hearing:** The annual Board of Equalization (BOE) hearing will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at noon to hear property assessment appeals.
3. **Mayor Meetings in Juneau:** I'll be heading to Juneau tomorrow to meet with our state congressional delegation and others to discuss issues important to our Borough.
4. **Title 19 Rewrite, Communication Tower Ordinance Implementation, and Platting Authority:**

In response to residents' requests for stronger regulation of cell tower locations, the Assembly voted unanimously to direct the Borough Manager and the Economic Development Director to begin rewriting Title 19 for Borough-wide implementation, excluding the City of Kupreanof.

Revising Title 19 is a major project and is expected to take several years. As part of this rollout, a Borough-wide Communication Tower Ordinance will also be implemented.

During this transition, property outside Service Area 1 will be placed in a temporary "holding district," allowing all uses except communication towers. Any proposed tower in these areas will require a Conditional Use Permit.

In addition, with the Title 19 rollout, I am requesting that Borough staff begin the steps necessary for the Borough to adopt Platting Authority. Platting authority is already in place within Service Area 1; this process would extend it Borough-wide.

This decision will involve additional costs. During the FY 2027 budget process, the Assembly will evaluate the administrative expenses associated with implementing Title 19 across the entire Borough.