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INTRODUCTION

Sources of information relevant to the land surveyor include the Federal, State, and local platting authorities, various information centers, and common survey reference works. This chapter is compiled in an effort to provide a ready reference of names, addresses, and books that the surveyor will commonly use.

PLATTING AUTHORITIES

Unified Homes Rule Municipalities & Organized Boroughs

Since platting regulations are subject to constant revision, the surveyor is advised to contact the personnel within the platting authority to obtain current information. The information listed in this section was extracted from the 1993 edition of the Alaska Municipal League's Alaska Municipal Officials Directory. The following is a list of all Unified Home Rule Municipalities and Organized Boroughs within Alaska.

Aleutians East Borough
P.O. Box 349
Sand Point, Alaska 99661
(907) 383-2669

Haines Borough
P.O. Box 1209
Haines, Alaska 99827
(907) 766-2711

Municipality of Anchorage
P.O. Box 196650
Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6650
(907) 343-4431

City and Borough of Juneau
155 S. Seward Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801
(907) 586-5240

Bristol Bay Borough
Box 189
Naknek, Alaska 99633
(907) 246-4224

Kenai Peninsula Borough
144 North Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska 99669
(907) 262-4441

Denali Borough
P.O. Box 480
Healy, Alaska 99743
(907) 683-1330

Ketchikan Gateway Borough
344 Front Street
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
(907) 228-6625

Fairbanks North Star Borough
P.O. Box 71267
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707
(907) 459-1000

Kodiak Island Borough
710 Mill Bay Road
Kodiak, Alaska 99615
(907) 486-9300

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Lake & Peninsula Borough
P.O. Box 495
King Salmon, Alaska 99613
(907) 246-3421

Northwest Arctic Borough
P.O. Box 1110
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752
(907) 442-2500

Matanuska-Susitna Borough
350 E. Dahlia Avenue
Palmer, Alaska 99645-6488
(907) 745-4801

City and Borough of Sitka
304 Lake Street
Sitka, Alaska 99835
(907) 747-3294

North Slope Borough
P.O. Box 69
Barrow, Alaska 99723
(907) 852-2611

City and Borough of Yakutat
P.O. Box 160
Yakutat, Alaska 99689
(907) 784-3323

CITIES WITHIN ORGANIZED BOROUGHES

Aleutians East Borough

Akutan 2nd Class
False Pass 2nd Class
Cold Bay 2nd Class
King Cove 1st Class
Sand Point 1st Class

Larsen Bay 2nd Class
Old Harbor 2nd Class
Ouzinkie 2nd Class

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Homer 1st Class
Kachemak 2nd Class
Kenai Home Rule
Seldovia 1st Class
Seward Home Rule
Soldotna 1st Class

Lake and Peninsula Borough

Chignik 2nd Class
Newhalen 2nd Class
Nondalton 2nd Class
Pilot Point 2nd Class
Port Heiden 2nd Class

Denali Borough

Anderson 2nd Class

Fairbanks North Star Borough

Fairbanks Home Rule
North Pole Home Rule

Ketchikan Gateway Borough

Ketchikan Home Rule
Saxman 2nd Class

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Houston 2nd Class
Palmer Home Rule
Wasilla 1st Class

Haines Borough

Haines 1st Class

North Slope Borough

Atkasuk 2nd Class
Anaktuvuk Pass "

Kodiak Island Borough

Akhiok 2nd Class
Kodiak Home Rule

North Slope Borough

Barrow 1st Class
Kaktovik 2nd Class
Nuiqsut 2nd Class

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Point Hope 2nd Class
Wainwright 2nd Class

Northwest Arctic Borough

Ambler 2nd Class
Buckland 2nd Class
Deering 2nd Class
Kiana 2nd Class

Kivalina 2nd Class
Kobuk 2nd Class
Kotzebue 2nd Class
Noorvik 2nd Class
Selawik 2nd Class
Shungnak 2nd Class

CITIES WITHIN THE UNORGANIZED BOROUGH

Below are listed all of the home rule and first class cities not within an organized borough and second class cities not within an organized borough for which the Alaska Municipal League's Directory notes as having a Planning & Zoning Commission. If the city is outside of an organized borough, platting authority rests with the city. In addition, some of the cities within organized boroughs have advisory boards with whom platting must be coordinated.

City of Cordova (Home Rule)
P.O. Box 1210
Cordova, Alaska 99594
(907) 424-6200

City of Craig (1st Class)
P.O. Box 725
Craig, Alaska 99921
(907) 826-3275

City of Nenana (Home Rule)
P.O. Box 70
Nenana, Alaska 99760
(907) 832-5441

City of Dillingham (1st Class)
P.O. Box 889
Dillingham, Alaska 99576
(907) 842-5211

City of Petersburg (Home Rule)
P.O. Box 329
Petersburg, Alaska 99833
(907) 772-4519

City of Galena (1st Class)
P.O. Box 149
Galena, Alaska 99741
(907) 656-1301

City of Valdez (Home Rule)
P.O. Box 307
Valdez, Alaska 99686
(907) 835-4313

City of Hoonah (1st Class)
P.O. Box 360
Hoonah, Alaska 99829
(907) 945-3663

City of Wrangell (Home Rule)
P.O. Box 531
Wrangell, Alaska 99929
(907) 874-2381

City of Hydaburg (1st Class)
P.O. Box 49
Hydaburg, Alaska 99922
(907) 285-3761

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City of Kake (1st Class)
P.O. Box 500
Kake, Alaska 99830
(907) 785-3804

City of Aniak (2nd Class)
P.O. Box 43
Aniak, Alaska 99557
(907) 675-4481

City of Klawock (1st Class)
P.O. Box 113
Klawock, Alaska 99925
(907) 755-2261

City of Bethel (2nd Class)
P.O. Box 388
Bethel, Alaska 99599
(907) 543-2047

City of Nome (1st Class)
P.O. Box 281
Nome, Alaska 99762
(907) 443-5242

City of Kaktovik (2nd Class)
P.O. Box 27
Kaktovik, Alaska 99747
(907) 640-6313

City of Pelican (1st Class)
P.O. Box 737
Pelican, Alaska 99832
(907) 735-2202

City of Kupreanof (2nd Class)
P.O. Box 50
Petersburg, Alaska 99833
(907) 772-3660

City of St. Mary's (1st Class)
P.O. Box 163
St. Mary's, Alaska 99658
(907) 438-2515

City of Manokotak (2nd Class)
P.O. Box 170
Manokotak, Alaska 99628
(907) 289-1027

City of Skagway (1st Class)
P.O. Box 415
Skagway, Alaska 99840
(907) 983-2297

City of McGrath (2nd Class)
P.O. Box 30
McGrath, Alaska 99627
(907) 524-3825

City of Tanana (1st Class)
P.O. Box 249
Tanana, Alaska 99777
(907) 366-7159

City of Nickolai
P.O. Box 25
Nickolai, Alaska 99691
(907) 293-2113

City of Unalaska (1st Class)
P.O. Box 89
Unalaska, Alaska 99685
(907) 581-1251

City of Nunapitchuk
P.O. Box 190
Nunapitchuk, Alaska 99641
(907) 527-5327

City of Angoon (2nd Class)
P.O. Box 189
Angoon, Alaska 99820
(907) 788-3653

City of Old Harbor (2nd Class)
P.O. Box 109
Old Harbor, Alaska 99643
(907) 286-2204

City of Point Hope
P.O. Box 169
Pt. Hope, Alaska 99766
(907) 386-2537

City of St. George (2nd Class)
P.O. Box 929
St. George, Alaska 99591
(907) 859-2263

City of St. Paul
P.O. Box 901
St. Paul Island, Alaska 99660
(907) 546-2331

City of Whittier (2nd Class)
P.O. Box 608
Whittier, Alaska 99693
(907) 472-2337

City of Tenakee Springs (2nd Class)
P.O. Box 52
Tenakee Springs, Alaska 99841
(907) 736-2221

City of Thorne Bay (2nd Class)
P.O. Box 19110
Thorne Bay, Alaska 99919
(907) 828-3380

DISTRICT RECORDING OFFICES

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Juneau Recording District
400 Willoughby, 3rd Floor
Juneau, Alaska 99801
(907) 465-3449

Records for: Haines
Juneau
Skagway

And provides plat copies for the following Districts:

Haines
Juneau
Ketchikan
Petersburg
Sitka
Skagway
Wrangell

Ketchikan Recording District
415 Main St., Rm. 320
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
(907) 225-3143

Records for: Ketchikan
Petersburg
Wrangell

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Cape Nome Recording District
Box 431
Nome, Alaska 99762
(907) 443-5178

Records for: Cape Nome

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Anchorage Recording District
3601 C St., Ste 1140
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
(907) 762-2443

Records for: Aleutian Islands
Anchorage
Bristol Bay
Cordova
Iliamna
Kvichak

And provides plat copies for the following Districts:

Aleutian Islands
Anchorage
Bristol Bay
Chitina
Cordova
Homer
Iliamna
Kenai
Kodiak
Seldovia
Seward
Valdez
Palmer
Talkeetna
Bethel (4th Judicial Dist.)

Palmer Recording District
836 So. Colony Way
Palmer, Alaska 99645
(907) 745-3080

Records for: Palmer
Talkeetna

And provides plat copies for the following Districts:

Palmer
Talkeetna

Homer Recording District
195 E. Bunnell Ave., Ste. A
Homer, Alaska 99603
(907) 235-8136

Records for: Homer
Seldovia

And provides plat copies for the following Districts:

Homer
Seldovia

Chitina Recording District
Alaska Courth System
Box 86
Glennallen, Alaska 99588
(907) 822-3405

Records for: Chitina

Maintained by the Alaska Court System.

Kenai Recording District
120 Trading Bay Road #230
Kenai, Alaska 99611
(907) 283-3118

Records for: Kenai

Kodiak Recording District
204 Mission Road, Rm. 16
Kodiak, Alaska 99615
(907) 486-9432

Records for: Kodiak

Seward Recording District
Alaska Court System
P.O. Box 1929
Seward, Alaska 99664
(907) 224-3075

Maintained by the Alaska Court
System.

Records for: Seward

Sitka Recording District
210-C Lake Street
Sitka, Alaska 99835
(907) 747-3275

Records for: Sitka

Valdez Recording District
Alaska Court System
Box 127
Valdez, Alaska 99686
(907) 835-2266

Maintained by the Alaska Court
System.

Records for: Valdez

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Bethel Recording District
P.O. Box 426
Bethel, Alaska 99559
(907) 543-3391

And provides plat copies for the following Districts:

Bethel
Kuskokwim

Records for: Bethel
Kuskokwim

Fairbanks Recording District
1648 S. Cushman St. #201
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701-6206
(907) 452-3521

And provides plat copies for the following Districts:

Barrow
Cape Nome (2nd Judicial Dist.)
Fairbanks
Ft. Gibbon
Kotzebue (2nd Judicial Dist.)
Manley Hot Springs
Mt. McKinley
Nenana
Nulato
Rampart

Records for: Barrow
Fairbanks
Ft. Gibbon
Kotzebue (2nd Judicial Dist.)
Manley Hot Springs
Mt. McKinley
Nenana
Nulato
Rampart

STATE RECORDER'S OFFICE

State Recorder's Office
3601 C Street, Suite 200
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
(907) 762-2437

General Recording Information:

- On July 1, 1975 The geographical boundaries of McCarthy and Chitina were combined to be known as the Chitina Recording District.
- The geographical boundaries of Hyder and Ketchikan were combined to be known as the Ketchikan Recording District.
- The geographical boundaries of Fairhaven and Cape Nome were combined to be known as the Cape Nome Recording District.
- The Barrow Recording District was established.
- The Kotzebue Recording District was established.
- On Jan. 1, 1980 The Place of Recording for the Bethel and Kuskokwim Recording Districts was changed from Bethel to Anchorage.
- On July 15, 1981 The Place of Recording for the Bethel Recording District was changed from Anchorage to Bethel.
- On September 1, 1990 The Place of Recording for the Kuskokwim Recording District was changed from Anchorage to Bethel.

AGENCIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

FEDERAL AGENCIES

Bureau of Land Management

Division of Cadastral Survey
Branch of Field Survey
6881 Abbot Loop Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99513
(907) 271-1403

Division of Cadastral Survey
Branch of Examination & Records
222 West 7th Avenue, #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513
(907) 271-5591

Division of Cadastral Survey
Branch of Survey Preparation & Contracts
222 West 7th Avenue, #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513
(907) 271-5506

District Offices
1150 University Avenue
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-3844
(907) 474-2302 Arctic District
(907) 474-2330 Kobuk District
(907) 474-2352 Steese/White Mtn.

Glennallen District
P.O. Box 147
Glennallen, Alaska 99588
(907) 822-3217

BLM - Alaska Resource Library
222 W 7th Ave. #36
Anchorage, Alaska 99513
(907) 271-5025

National Archives - Alaska Region
654 West 3rd Ave. Rm. 102
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
(907) 271-2441

Corps of Engineers
Survey Section
P.O. Box 898
Anchorage, Alaska 99506-0898
(907) 552-2207

Forest Service
Chugach National Forest
201 E. 9th Avenue, Suite 206
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
(907) 271-2500

Soil Conservation Service
1760 Westwood Way
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709
(907) 479-2657

Soil Conservations Service
268 E. Fireweed, Ste. 3
Palmer, AK 99645
(907) 745-4274

U.S. Geological Survey

Earth Science Information Center
4230 University Drive, Room 101
Anchorage, Alaska 99508
(907) 786-7011

U.S. Geological Survey
Alaska Distribution Center
Federal Building
Box 12
101 12th Street, Rm 126
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
Phone: (907)456-7535

Map Distribution, USGS
Box 25286 Federal Center
Denver, Co. 80225
Phone: (303) 236-7477

Aerial & Satellite Photography

Geodata Center-Geophysical Inst.
West Ridge, University of Alaska
Fairbanks, AK 99775
Phone: (907) 474-7487

NOAA, NOS, & NGS

NOAA, NGS, N/CG174
SSMC3 Station 9202
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Phone: (301) 713-3242
(Information Services Section)

National Ocean Survey
222 W 7th Ave, #30
Anchorage, Alaska 99513
Phone: (907) 271-5040

National Ocean Survey
6501 Laffayette
Riverdale, MD 20737-1199
Phone: (301) 436-6990

National Park Service

National Park Service
Alaska Regional Office
Land Resources Division
2525 Gamble, Rm 107
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
(907) 271-2589

STATE AGENCIES

**Department of Transportation
& Public Facilities**

Central Region Office
P.O. Box 196900
Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6900
(907) 243-1111

Southeast Region Office
P.O. Box 240747
Juneau, Alaska 99824-1467
(907) 364-4256

Northern Region Office
2301 Peger Road
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-5316
(907) 452-2200

Valdez District Office
P.O. Box 507
Valdez, Alaska 99686
(907) 835-4322

**Department of Natural Resources
Division of Land**

Southcentral Regional Office
3601 C Street, Suite 1080
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
(907) 762-2261

Northern Regional Office
3700 Airport Way
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709
Phone: (907) 451-2700

Southeast Region Office
400 Willoughby Avenue, 4th Floor
Juneau, Alaska 99801
(907) 465-3400

Cadastral Survey
Land & Resources Section
P.O. Box 107005
Anchorage, Alaska 99510
(907) 762-2415

Division of Water
Navigability Section
P.O. Box 107005
3601 C Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99510
(907) 762-2575

**Department of Environmental
Conservation (Regional Offices)**

Southcentral Regional Office
800 E. Diamond Blvd.
Suite 3-470
Anchorage, Alaska 99515-2044
Phone: (907) 349-7755

Northern Regional Office
610 University Ave.
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-3643
Phone: (907) 451-2360

Southeast Regional Office
410 Willoughby Ave.
Suite 105
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1795
(907) 465-5350

Pipeline Corridor
411 W. 4th Ave.
Suite 2-C
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2343
(907) 278-8594

**Department of Community
and Regional Affairs**

1001 Noble, Suite 430
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
(907) 451-2150

333 West 4th Ave., Ste. 220
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2341
(907) 269-4500

P.O. Box 112100
Juneau, Alaska 99811-2100
(907) 465-4750

Law Library

303 "K" Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Phone: (907) 264-0584

P.O. Box 114100
Juneau, Alaska 99811-4100
Phone: (907) 463-4761

604 Barnette Street
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
Phone: (907) 452-9241

Legislative Information

130 Seward St., Ste. 313
Juneau, Alaska 99801-2197
Phone: (907) 465-4648

119 N. Cushman St., Ste. 101
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701-2879
Phone: (907) 452-4448

716 W. 4th, Ste. 200
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2133
Phone: (907) 258-8111

Miscellaneous

Department of Commerce & Economic
Development - Occupational Licensing
Board of Architects, Engineers and Land
Surveyors

P.O. Box D-LIC
Juneau, Alaska 99811
(907) 465-2540

Alaska State Archives
141 Willoughby St.
Juneau, Alaska 99801
(907) 465-2925

LOCAL AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Congress on Surveying and Mapping

-or-

National Society of Professional Surveyors

-or-

American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing
5410 Grosvenor Lane
Bethesda, Maryland 20814
(301) 493-0200

ACSM - Alaska Section
P.O. Box 3761
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Alaska Society of Professional Land Surveyors

State Society
P.O. Box 101465
Anchorage, Alaska 99510-1465

Mat Su Valley Chapter
P.O. Box 872921
Wasilla, Alaska 99687

Kenai Peninsula Chapter
P.O. Box 378
Homer, Alaska 99603

Fairbanks Chapter
P.O. Box 71478
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

Associate Surveyors of Alaska
(Student Organization)
c/o Survey Technology Dept.
2533 Providence Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99504
(907) 263-1172

Western Federation of Professional Surveyors
P.O. Box 830
Tahoe City, California 96145
(Jerry W. Tippin, Treasurer)
916-581-1116 Business
916-583-8275 Home
916-586-6818 Fax

American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing - Alaska Region
P.O. Box 241166
Anchorage, Alaska 99524-1166

Alaska Surveying and Mapping Conf., Inc.
P.O. Box 103294
Anchorage, Alaska 99510-3294

Alaska Professional Design Council, Inc.
P.O. Box 103115
Anchorage, Alaska 99510-3115
(907) 376-3744

University of Alaska - Anchorage
Surveying & Mapping Science Department
3211 Providence Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99508
(907) 786-1172

URISA
900 2nd St. NE, Suite 304
Washington, DC
(202) 289-1685

URISA - Alaska Chapter
P.O. Box 243894
Anchorage, Alaska 99524-3894

National Council of Examiners for Engineering & Surveying
P.O. Box 1686
Clemson, SC 29633-1686
(803) 654-6824

SURVEY REFERENCE WORKS

Prior editions of the Standards of Practice Manual have listed a common surveying references that all surveyors should have access to. As these references are constantly being revised and updated and as only a partial summary was previously printed, we now feel that a list of vendors specializing in surveying related works is more in order. Also, some unique manuals and references are listed.

Landmark Enterprises
2640 Cordova Lane, Ste. 103
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
1-800-497-2665
(Note: Catalogue available)

Department of Commerce
National Technical Information Service
5285 Port Royal Road
Springfield, VA 22161
(Bulk Geodetic Publications)

Wattles Publications
P.O. Box 1706
Tustin, CA 92680
(714) 832-5711

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management, D-433
Branch of Survey & Mapping Development
Bldg. 50, Denver Federal Center
P.O. Box 25047
Denver, CO 80225-8047
(BLM Cadastral Publications)

Land Surveyor's Publications
420 Oak Avenue
Spruce Pine, NC 28777
1-800-533-4387

Specific References

Mineral Land Publications
P.O. Box 1186
Boise, Idaho 83701

ANCSA 14(c) Survey Handbook
Division of Cadastral Survey
222 West 7th Avenue, #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513
(907) 271-5506

ACSM Publications
5410 Grosvenor Lane
Bethesda, MD 20814-2212
(301) 493-0200 Phone
(301) 493-8245 Fax

Public Land Laws of Alaska
Bureau of Land Management
Div. of Conveyance Management
Branch of Conveyance Coord.
222 West 7th Avenue, #13
Anchorage, AK 99513
(Includes Statehood Act, ANCSA, FLPMA,
ANILCA, ARR Transfer Act and related
case law decisions.)

Government Publications
Superintendent of Documents
U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, DC 20402
(All Federal Publications)

National Geodetic Information Center
C185, National Ocean Survey
Rockville, MD 20852
(Individual Geodetic Publications)

The Law of Easements and Licenses in Land
J.W. Bruce and J.W. Ely, Jr.
1988 by Warren, Gorham & Lamont, Inc.
210 South Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02111
Library of Congress No. 87-50958

"Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair."

(George Washington, 1787)

"One of the greatest differences between the amateur and the professional is that the latter has the capacity to progress."

(W. Somerset Maugham)

"The watchwords of the surveyor are Patience and Common Sense."

"Yet it seems to me that to a man of active mind and high ideals the profession is singularly suited; for to the reasonable certainty of a modest income must be added the intellectual satisfaction of problems solved, a sense of knowledge and power increasing with the years, the respect of the community, the consciousness of responsibility met and work well done. It is a profession for men who believe that a man is measured by his work, not by his purse, and to such I commend it."

(A.C. Mulford, Boundaries and Landmarks 1912)

"If the surveyor's evaluation of the evidence in the example is eventually upheld in a court of law, it is because the surveyor has arrived at a comprehensive and well-reasoned answer rather than because he has arrived at the theoretically correct answer. Again, there are no "true" answers waiting to be discovered; only well reasoned ones."

(Mitchell Williams and Harlan Onsrud, Land Surveys, a Guide for Lawyers)