

NEW CITY HALL SPACE NEEDS QUESTIONNAIRE

Your name:

Department:

Background info:

- Homer's current City Hall was built in 1979 as a retail store. It was enlarged to 9,145 square feet in 1985-86 when it became City Hall. Copies of the floor plan of the existing building are attached, with square feet noted for different areas.
- In the draft Town Center Development Plan, design alternatives A and B both show a City Hall of 22,000 square feet. However, this figure is purely a guess as to what size the new building will be.
- The most recent estimate of Homer's population (city limits) is 5,435 in 2005. An estimate often cited for the total "Homer area" (including Anchor Point, Nikolaevsk, Diamond Ridge, and out to the head of the bay) is 12,000. The following tables show historical and projected population figures. (Actual growth could be quite different. A study prepared for the City of Homer in 1982 projected Homer's population in the year 2000 as follows: low scenario—5,400; intermediate scenario—8,100; and high scenario—17,000. As you can see below, the actual population in 2000 was 3,946.)

HOMER POPULATION - CITY LIMITS

1970	1,083 (actual Census data)
1980	2,209 (increase of 104% since 1970)
1990	3,660 (increase of 66% since 1980)
2000	3,946 (increase of 7.8% since 1990)
2002	5,548 (Dept. of Labor estimate; takes 2002 annexation into account)
2005	5,435 (Dept. of Labor estimate - Yes, they think we've shrunk)
2015	5,979 (estimate assumes 10% increase since 2005)
2025	6,577 (estimate assumes 10% increase since 2015)
2035	7,234 (estimate assumes 10% increase since 2025)

HOMER AREA POPULATION GUESSTIMATES (10% increases per decade)

2005	12,000 (rough estimate)
2015	13,200
2025	14,520
2035	15,972

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Questions:

1. How many employees currently work in your department (including yourself)?

2. How would you describe current work space conditions in your department?

- A. More than enough space for current needs
- B. About the right amount of space
- C. A little too small
- D. Way too small

Other comments:

3. How many employees do you think your department will need

five years from now?

ten years from now?

twenty years from now?

thirty years from now?

Other comments:

4. Please describe the frequency and numbers of visitors (members of the public) in your department.

- A. We rarely have visitors.
- B. We rarely have more than two people at a time visit our department.
- C. It is not uncommon to have three or four people visit our department at one time.

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- D. It is not uncommon that we need to make room or schedule room for meetings of six or more people.

Other comments:

5. Which best describes your needs for public meeting space?

- A. Existing space is adequate for our needs now.
B. We need a little more space within our department to accommodate visitors.
C. We need a lot more space within our department to accommodate visitors.

Other comments:

6. What is your opinion of the Council Chambers and Mayor's Conference Room for meeting purposes?

7. What kind of meeting space would you recommend in the new City Hall, if it is designed to meet the needs of the community for the next 30 years?

8. What best describes your current situation in regard to storage (for files, books, office supplies, etc.)?

- A. Existing storage space is about right.
B. We could use a little more space for storage.

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C. We need a lot more storage space.

Other comments:

9. Describe the storage space you would like to see for your department in the new City Hall (designed to meet the needs of the community for the next 30 years).

10: Other comments regarding a new City Hall: