

So you
want to...

DISSOLVE

— your small Alaskan municipal government —

Rural Alaska is overgoverned.

Quinhagak, Alaska

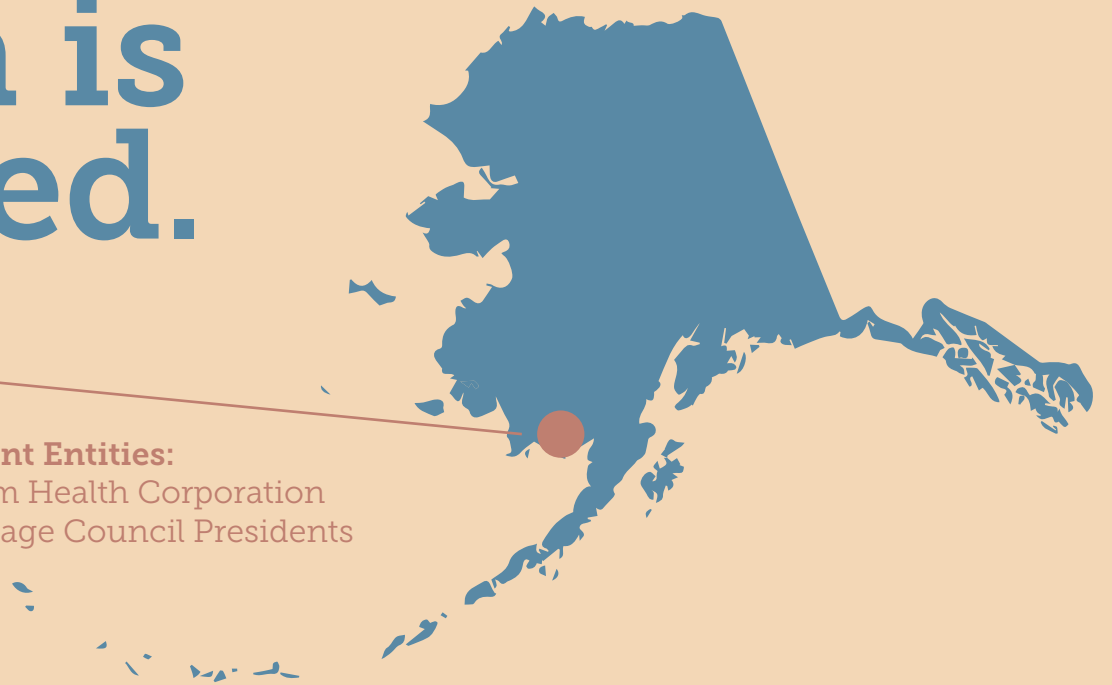
Population: 669

Governments:

Native Village of Kwinhagak
City of Quinhagak
State of Alaska

Quasi-Government Entities:

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation
Association of Village Council Presidents
Calista, Inc.



Not all government is bad. The quasi-government entities provide services for consortiums of tribes that are better delivered at scale. **For example, not every village can sustain a Level IV trauma center.**

However, most villages have a tribal government and a municipal government. Because these villages are >90% Alaska Native, these two local governments have essentially the same constituency.

How to Get Rid of That Pesky Municipal Government

1

Petition the State of Alaska to dissolve the municipal government.

25% of voters in the most recent municipal must sign the petition

2

The Local Boundary Commission must then find:

- The dissolution is in the best interests of the state
- The city is free of debt or has a repayment plan
- And one of the following:
 - The city doesn't meet incorporation standards
 - The city no longer exercises one or more of its mandatory powers

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Make a Succession Plan

(this step should happen concurrently with step 2)

This is where the **successor entity** needs to be identified. The few villages that have gone through this process named the tribal government as the successor. The successor will be responsible to continue to deliver municipal services, like water and sewer and public safety.

4

Dissolution must then be approved by either the Legislature or municipal voters

The Commission decides which approval method to use

5

Continue life as normal—just with fewer redundant governments!

NOTE: One of the "best interests" factors is reducing the burden on the state.