

## Stuart Relay

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**From:** Paul Labolle  
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**To:** Stuart Relay  
**Cc:** Rep. Rebecca Himschoot  
**Subject:** HB226 State Affairs question

Hi Stuart,

In committee today Rep. Himschoot asked how “small community” was defined. That can be found in AS 18.56.400(2) seen below.

**Sec. 18.56.600. Definitions.**

In [AS 18.56.400](#) — 18.56.600,

(1) “housing” means owner-occupied, single-family housing and owner-occupied duplexes in which not more than 25 percent of the gross floor area is or will be devoted to commercial use;

(2) “small community” means a community with a population of 6,500 or less that is not connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks, or with a population of 1,600 or less that is connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks; in this paragraph, “connected by road” does not include a connection by the Alaska marine highway system.

Thank you and let me know if you need anything else,

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