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6 include all of that area of land designated by the voters of Alaska as the
7 new capital site of the state.

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11 be appointed by the governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.
12 The development corporation shall designate one person to serve as a member
13 of the council. The council members appointed by the governor or designated
14 by the development corporation shall serve an initial term which expires on
15 the Monday following the first Tuesday in October of the calendar year
16 following the calendar year of initial appointment or designation. Council
17 members may be reappointed by the governor or redesignated by the development
18 corporation. Except as provided in AS 29.21.160 the successors of the initial
19 appointees and designee shall serve for a term of two years commencing on
20 the date the initial appointments and designation expire. Each appointee
21 and designee shall hold office for the term of his appointment and until his
22 successor has been appointed or designated and has qualified.

23 (b) Council members appointed by the governor or designated by the
24 development corporation need not be residents of the capital city.

25 (c) The council shall elect a chairman from among its membership.
26 The chairman presides at council meetings, determines the agenda for council
27 meetings, and carries out the other duties specified by ordinance.

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29 members appointed by the governor, the governor shall designate the replacement
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5 Sec. 29.21.060. TRANSITION. (a) When the capital city attains a
6 population of 400 permanent residents, as certified by the lieutenant
7 governor based on the best information available, the lieutenant governor
8 shall notify the council of this determination. The lieutenant governor
9 shall specify an election date which shall be the first Tuesday of October
10 following the notification, except that if it is less than six months from
11 the date of the certification to the first Tuesday of October then the
12 election date shall be the first Tuesday of October of the year following.
13 The elected members shall take office on the Monday following the election.

14 (b) After the lieutenant governor has specified the election date,
15 the council shall make arrangements for an election at which five council
16 members and a mayor shall be elected in the manner prescribed by ordinance
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24 appointed council member leaves office during the three years, the governor
25 may appoint a successor. The terms of all other appointed or designated
26 council members expire when the elected council members take office. The
27 term of elected council members is as provided in AS 29.24.280 except that
28 three of the members are elected for an initial term of one year.
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1 *Sec. 29.21.070. PLANNING AND LAND USE REGULATION AUTHORITY. The
2 general development plan and specific development plans constitute the land
3 use plan for the capital city area. When a parcel of land has been developed
4 in accordance with the applicable specific development plan, that parcel
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6 similar ordinances of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

7 Sec. 29.21.080. TRANSFER OF UTILITIES TO THE CAPITAL CITY. The
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9 for and agree to an orderly schedule for transferring to the capital city
10 ownership of, and financial and operational responsibility for utilities and
11 any other facilities which the development corporation considers to be
12 integral parts of the capital city infrastructure. Before January 1, 1985,
13 the development corporation and the council of the capital city shall jointly
14 retain independent consultants to study and determine an orderly schedule
15 for transfer of these utilities and facilities to the capital city. The
16 study shall consider the capabilities of the capital city and its existing
17 and anticipated residents to finance the cost of these utilities and other
18 facilities and their operating expenses. The consultants shall propose a
19 recommended schedule for and terms of transfer which are commensurate with
20 the capital city's existing and anticipated population, tax base and any
21 other factors relating to its capability to finance and operate these
22 facilities as they consider appropriate. The development corporation shall,
23 after considering the consultants' report, propose a schedule of and terms
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26 development corporation and the capital city. If the development corporation
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8 or entity or government body, or continue to operate them.

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12 29.21.020

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14 this chapter;

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16 Development Corporation;

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23 Sec. 29.21.100. SHORT TITLE. AS 29.21.010 - 100 of this chapter may
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29 the proposal to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee which shall

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2 so, shall recommend to the legislature legislation it considers desirable
3 for the disposition of the utilities and other facilities. If the legislature
4 does not enact legislation regarding the disposition within one year after
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13 this chapter;

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5 Sec. 29.21.050. (Sec. 29.18.550.) APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS.
6 Until a mayor is elected in accordance with Sec. 060 (Sec. 570) of this
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8 serve at the pleasure of the council. The city manager may not be a council
9 member.

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 16 Secs. 510-600 of this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise,

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 18 (Sec. 520) of this chapter;

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28 Sec. 29.21.100. (Sec. 29.18.610.) SHORT TITLE. Sections 010-100
 29 (Sections 510-610) of this chapter may be cited as the Capital City
 Incorporation Act.