

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Planning Department – Land Management Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wayne Ogle, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *chi*
Bob Cicciarella, KESA Fire Chief *RWC*
Max Best, Planning Director *MB*
Marcus Mueller, Land Management Officer *MM*

FROM: Julie Denison, Land Management Technician *JD*

DATE: May 3, 2018

RE: Ordinance 2018-*22* An Ordinance Authorizing a Community Trail Management Agreement with Kachemak Nordic Ski Club (Mayor)

Kachemak Nordic Ski Club has developed, maintains and manages 40 kilometers of Nordic ski trails on borough land in the Diamond Ridge and Fritz Creek communities. Since 2006 Kachemak Nordic Ski Club trails have been authorized by the borough through a land use permit and lease. The permit and lease will concurrently expire on June 15, 2018. Kachemak Nordic Ski Club has applied for a Community Trails Management Agreement ("CMTA") to continue its efforts in developing, maintaining and managing a Nordic ski trail system on the southern peninsula.

A CMTA has been prepared that provides a framework and a set of management tools that can be used to implement a Trail Management Plan that works in balance with other interests of the borough.

The trail facilities proposed are year-round, non-motorized, human-powered which would be groomed in the winter for multiple uses and maintained in the summer also for multiple uses that the ground conditions can support. The trail management plan would allow for "administrative amendment" where modifications are consistent with the general scope authorized by the Assembly. "Major amendments" that introduce significant changes in location, use, fees, or regulations, would go before the assembly for additional approval.

The planning commission will consider this ordinance at its May 29, 2018, meeting and forward its recommendations to the assembly prior to the scheduled hearing on this ordinance.

Your consideration of this ordinance is appreciated.