

# Assembly on 2017-03-21 6:00 PM

Meeting Time: 03-21-17 18:00

## eComments Report

Agenda Item: eComments for 6. 2017-04 An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Parcels of Borough Land by Sealed Bid Followed by an Over-the-Counter Sale (Mayor)

Overall Sentiment

### **Katherine Becher**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:24am 03-17-17

Hi, I would respectfully request the KPB Assembly consider adopting the State's DNR Land Auction benefit to Veterans to be included in the KBP Land Auction .

The State of Alaska Land Auction has two provisions for Veterans to acquire affordable land:

#### "1. Land Discount/Purchase Preference

The Veterans Land Discount program allows certain veterans a 25% discount on the purchase price of state residential/recreational land. The discount may be used only once during the veteran's lifetime and may not be used in conjunction with the veterans preference.

2. Under the Veterans Land Sale Preference, before offering to the general public any unoccupied residential land by auction, a veteran has the exclusive opportunity purchase the land at a restricted sale at fair appraised market value. Parcels that are offered under this preference must be five acres or less, classified as settlement land and zoned for residential use only."

You could lift the 5 acre restriction to make more land available to Veterans.

The full outline of how this is done is on the State of Alaska DNR website, and you would not have to "re invent the wheel" on this. [http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/landsale/public\\_notice/pdf2/Auction480.pdf](http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/landsale/public_notice/pdf2/Auction480.pdf) pg 114/115

I would also request that being eligible for Veterans Preference for Borough land does not negate the right to use it for State Land Purchases

Thanks so much for your consideration

Kathy Becher, USAF Veteran

becherkathy@Hotmail.com

907-252-7984

Soldotna, AK