

Introduced by:	Tunseth
Date:	08/18/26
Hearing:	09/01/26
Action:	
Vote:	

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2026-29**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE STERLING RECREATION
SERVICE AREA AND PROVIDING FOR AN APPOINTED BOARD
SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL**

- WHEREAS,** on June 30, 2026, the KPB Clerk certified the citizens petition establishing the Sterling Recreational Service Area as sufficient and initiated the service area establishment process pursuant to KPB Code; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to KPB Code, a written Mayor's Report was provided on July 22, 2026, to the Assembly concerning the need for and the estimated cost of the service area; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed Sterling Recreation Service Area, as stated in the petition, is to preserve and enhance and enhancing recreational opportunities, community programming, and public gathering spaces within the Sterling area; and
- WHEREAS,** a public hearing within the boundaries of the proposed service area was held on August 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sterling Community Center to consider the necessity for the proposed service area in accordance with KPB Code; and
- WHEREAS,** on August 17, 2026, approximately ____ residents and interested parties within the proposed service area attended the meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** funding the proposed service area is estimated to necessitate a mill rate of 0.25 with no KPB employees working for the proposed service area; and
- WHEREAS,** the sponsors of the petition request that the proposed service area be operated and managed by an independent nonprofit entity pursuant to a contract between the entity and KPB; and
- WHEREAS,** if ratification of the service area by a majority of voters within the service area occurs, then the Assembly will enact Code provisions specific to the service area and providing for an appointed board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That this is a non-code ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the following proposition will be placed before the voters of the proposed Sterling Recreation Service Area at the next regular election to be held November 3, 2026:

PROPOSITION:

“Is the Kenai Peninsula Borough authorized to exercise powers necessary to provide recreation services and programs within the Sterling Recreation Service Area established by Ordinance 2026-29.”

YES _____ a YES vote approves of the Kenai Peninsula Borough establishing the Sterling Recreation Service Area to provide recreation services and programs within the service area

NO _____ a NO vote disapproves of the Kenai Peninsula Borough establishing the Sterling Recreation Service Area

SECTION 3. That if the majority of qualified voters in the service area voting on the proposition at the regular borough election to be held on November 3, 2026, ratify this ordinance and approve establishing the Sterling Recreation Service Area, the service area will be established on July 1, 2027. From the time the election results are certified until a quorum of service area board members are appointed and confirmed, the Assembly will serve as the transitional service area board.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances will not be affected.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall be effective immediately.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS * DAY OF *, 2026.

Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: