

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Willy Dunne, Assembly Member *(W.D.) for W.D.*

DATE: June 20, 2019

RE: Ordinance 2019-18, Amending KPB 22.40.080 and Repealing KPB 22.40.090 which Provide for an Invocation During Assembly Meetings and Referring this Question to the Voters (Dunne)

Borough assembly policy states that invocations are presented to meet the spiritual needs of assembly members. However, recent invocations have failed to accomplish that and have resulted in controversial and divisive actions in our community.

Many residents of the borough have requested that invocations at assembly meetings be eliminated. Ending the practice of invocations will save the borough taxpayers' money and reduce divisiveness in our community. It is expected that assembly members can find ways to have their spiritual needs met outside of public meetings.

Your support in allowing the voters the opportunity at the next regular election on October 1, 2019, to vote on the elimination of the assembly invocation would be appreciated. This would be an advisory vote as the assembly has the authority to amend its meeting agenda without voter approval.