

# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

**FROM:** Kelly Cooper, Assembly President *(B) for K.C.*  
Stormy Brown, Human Resources Director/EMS Workgroup Co-Chair *SB*

**DATE:** February 23, 2017

**RE:** Resolution 2017-*021* Initiating the Process for Establishing a Service Area for Provision of Emergency Services on the Highway Corridor of the Eastern Kenai Peninsula (Cooper)

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This resolution initiates the process for reviewing and potentially establishing a service area and triggers a formal mayoral review of the proposed service area. In order to request that the mayor report back to the assembly with recommendations, the assembly must pass a resolution initiating the establishment process.

This resolution is a preliminary step needed to advance the emergency medical services ("EMS") workgroup efforts toward identifying a solution to the inconsistent emergency service coverage along the highway corridor. The EMS workgroup was established by the 2015 Healthcare Task Force after significant public feedback identified inconsistent EMS as a high priority problem for the borough. The final report of the Task Force found that a significant gap in EMS exists for this region and recommended that the EMS workgroup continue meeting and working with the administration and assembly towards solutions. The group will continue gathering public and stakeholder input throughout the analysis and review process.

The proposed highway corridor service area is not within any existing emergency service area. After analysis, if the workgroup and mayor ultimately recommend the creation of a highway corridor service area, a separate ordinance will be required to establish any such service area.