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MEMORANDUM

TO: Hal Smalley, Assembly President
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THRU: Mike Navarre, Borough Mayor *P.O. for M.N.*
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DATE: October 2, 2014

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2014-~~32~~ Authorizing an Exchange with Paula and Timothy Keohane of a 4.3 Acre Drainage Easement At Karluk Avenue for a 1.84 Acre Parcel at Mile 12.1 K-Beach Road which Shall be Subject to the Reservation of a 0.9 acre Drainage Outlet Easement

During the fall flooding in 2013 it became evident that the Karluk Avenue ditch system had no outlet except a neighboring property immediately adjacent to the lowest extent of the ditch. The administration communicated with the owners, Paula and Timothy Keohane, who permitted use of the property for drainage purposes. The location became known as the "Karluk Basin." A pipe was installed under K-Beach Road making it possible to mechanically pump water to the Cook Inlet once the Karluk Basin on the Keohane property reached its estimated 3 million gallon capacity to store water.

Since that time, longer term solutions have been discussed with the Keohanes. Those discussions led to the proposal outlined in the letter dated August 1, 2014. This proposal would exchange a 1.84 acre borough-owned parcel for the drainage easement that would make the Karluk Basin a permanent drainage asset for the Karluk Avenue ditch system. The 1.84 acre parcel also has its own drainage functions present, which was the basis for it being classified as "Government" by Resolution 94-055. This proposal would preserve the management intent of the Government classification by reserving a drainage outlet easement that would encumber approximately half of the parcel. In the context of the parcel being used in part as consideration for the 4.3 acre Karluk Avenue drainage easement, the management intent of the borough-owned parcel is expanded to accomplish the larger goals of drainage for the area.