

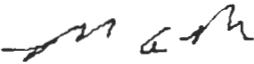


MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Hibbert, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor 
Melanie Aeschliman, Planning Director 

FROM: Marcus A Mueller, Land Management Officer 

DATE: December 22, 2020

RE: Resolution 2021-002, Updating the Kenai Peninsula Borough Schedule of Rates, Charges, and Fees, Pursuant to KPB 1.26, to include Rates for Agricultural and Grazing Leases (Mayor)

An ordinance is being introduced for the assembly's consideration which would move to standardized rates for agriculture and grazing leases. It is respectfully requested that this resolution be postponed until the assembly's February 2, 2021, meeting so that public hearing on the ordinance is contemporaneous to the hearing on this resolution.

Generally, agricultural and grazing land uses can be categorized in alignment with soil qualities and management. Setting rates based on soil quality and management categories furthermore aligns with farm management and conservation plans, which are required for agriculture and grazing leases.

This resolution would adopt a schedule of rates for agriculture and grazing leases using eight management categories. These management categories can be administratively further defined as needed to address specific uses that would be eligible under the respective lease type.

Maintenance of agriculture and grazing lease rates would occur by periodic updates through assembly resolution in accordance with KPB 1.26.

Your consideration of this resolution is appreciated.