

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Planning Department – Land Management Division

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Brent Johnson, Assembly President  
Members of the Borough Assembly

**THRU:** Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*  
Robert Ruffner, Planning Director *RR*  
Marcus Mueller, Land Management Officer *MM*

**FROM:** Dakota Truitt, Land Management Agent *DMT*

**DATE:** May 17, 2022

**RE:** **LAYDOWN** Amendment to Ordinance 2022-11 Authorizing Emergency Harvest of Spruce Bark Beetle Impacted Forestlands Including Spruce which are Dying or Susceptible to Dying and Establishing a Framework to Guide Forest Treatments (Mayor)

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The Cooper Landing Advisory Planning Commission discussed the ordinance at its May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Two recommendations to change whereas statements 12 and 15 were proposed to clarify intent for best management practices described in the ordinance.

The Planning Commission discussed the ordinance at their May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. There was a unanimous vote to recommend support for the ordinance with the amendment recommendations from the Cooper Landing Advisory Planning Commission acknowledged by the Planning Commission during its public hearing.

The administration respectfully requests the Assembly consider the following amendments to Ordinance 2022-11.

[Please note the bold underlined language is new and the bold capitalized language in brackets is to be deleted.]

- Amend the 12<sup>th</sup> whereas clause as follows:

**WHEREAS**, treatments will be planned to establish, **[AND]** preserve, and regulate logging infrastructure such as roads, resource management access, and recreational trails, along with methods to close out temporary forest access; and

- Amend the 15<sup>th</sup> whereas clause as follows:

**WHEREAS**, forest management sale reports designed for a given unit may exceed the standards of riparian buffer regulations of the Alaska

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Forest Resource and Practices Act **(AK FRPA), [ESPECIALLY] and should exceed standards of the AK FRPA regulations** in areas determined to be sensitive, susceptible to damage, and in need of additional protection; and

Your consideration of this amendment is appreciated.