

Introduced by: Ogle, Wolf
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Action: Adopted as Amended
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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2015-005**

**A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE KENAI PENINSULA
LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND GOVERNOR WALKER TO REQUEST THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER AND ALASKA STATE
TROOPERS TO ADD A TROOPER DETAIL IN NIKISKI**

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly recognizes that the Borough comprises a land area greater than the combined states of Massachusetts and Connecticut which stretches limited trooper resources; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly further recognizes that troopers are not geographically limited to their assigned posting but may be deployed immediately anywhere within Alaska to respond to cases on an as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Troopers have multiple troopers posted throughout the Kenai Peninsula Borough which could be reassigned; and

WHEREAS, the community of Nikiski has a population of over 4,600 with no troopers posted within the community; and

WHEREAS, Nikiski is located at least 40 minutes by vehicle from the nearest trooper post in Soldotna; and

WHEREAS, Nikiski is widely recognized to now have burgeoning oil and gas economic interest with highly probable population increases and resulting social impacts; and

WHEREAS, Nikiski is already experiencing a significant increase in property crime related to drug activity as noted by the local Trooper detachment; and

WHEREAS, Nikiski has an elementary school and a middle/high school which would experience long response time delays for an incident requiring law enforcement which is a significant community concern;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI
PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

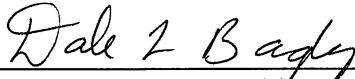
SECTION 1. The Assembly believes it would be sound public policy and contribute greatly to the well-being of the community of Nikiski if consideration is given to posting troopers in Nikiski to accommodate the impact of growth and an increase in drug and property related crimes.

SECTION 2. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly respectfully requests Governor Walker and the Kenai Peninsula Borough legislative delegation to request the Department of Public Safety Commissioner Gary Folger and the Alaska State Troopers to immediately add a trooper detail in the Nikiski community.

SECTION 3. That copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Bill Walker, the Department of Public Safety Commissioner Gary Folger and the Kenai Peninsula Borough legislative delegation.

SECTION 4. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

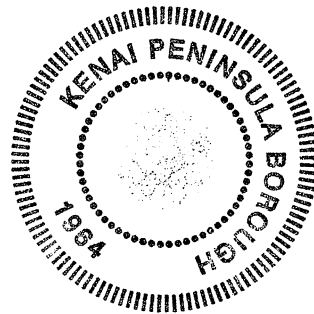
ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.



Dale Bagley, Assembly President

ATTEST:


John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Cooper, Haggerty, Gilman, Johnson, McClure, Ogle, Welles, Wolf, Bagley
No: None
Absent: None