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To: BoroughAssembly <Borough-Assembly@kpb.us>
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

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Subject: Budget Shortfall

Message:

I still hear you talking about raising revenue for your operating budget.

We the taxpayers are telling you to cut, cut, cut. Alaska is in a recession, people are leaving the state, good jobs are not being created yet you still cow-down to the Public Union Socialist members. Cut Carts, Cut Tourism Money, Cut Economic Development money. Stop Collective bargaining, reduce the amount given for the premium health care you are providing. Lets start living like real people live. Nothing in the State Constitution requires Public servants to live better than most people. I know you think you need to be nice but the world does not work like that. Public Unions are not a company , they do not create wealth, they only steal it from the tax payers. I am tired of their hearing the assembly talk only of raising revenue. The problem i see is that some assembly members are past Public Union Employee Socialist. So the mind set leans towards socialism. You seem to protect your comrades in stealing our money.

this in not France. Move there if you want to keep stealing our money, WE NEED TO LIVE ON@!!!!

WAKE UP, GET TOUGH ON THE BUDGET.

Madam Clerk:

I am submitting this e-mail for the 4/3/18 Assembly meeting, in support of my e-comment opposing Ordinance 2018-12.

Dear Assembly Members:

Here is a mill rate history Mayor Navarre gave to the Assembly last year, when he proposed that the Assembly raise the mill rate to 5.0 mills (rejected).

I used the word "historic low mill rate of 4.5 mills" in my e-comment. In the Borough's 52 year history, the mill rate has for the great majority of time been more than 5 mills. The mill rate has been 4.5 mills for the last 10 years, and the Assembly has been using money from Borough savings (fund balance) to balance the budget during those years of artificially low mill rates. Obviously, this can't continue, but it is not fair to make residents balance the budget through increased sales taxes, instead of raising the property tax mill rate to its typical rate (more than 4.5 mills), and/or repealing expensive and unnecessary exemptions.

For example, raising the property tax mill rate to 5.0 mills (instead of increasing sales taxes) would be a minimal increase for most taxpayers. On a \$200,000 home, the Borough property taxes would go from \$900 at 4.5 mills to \$1000 at 5.0 mills, or \$100 more. Yet I believe this mill rate increase would raise some millions of dollars.

Please consider all potential revenue sources to balance the budget. Don't just keep putting sales tax increases on the ballot every year -- the most unfair, unjust way to raise government revenue. I'm pretty sure that the Borough electorate will reject a sales tax increase in 2018, too.

P.S. In case you are thinking "it's easy for you to say, your home has a senior exemption:" we own more property in the Borough than our home, and our home is not entirely tax exempt because we live in Kenai.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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Submitted by Mayor
Navarre
R2017-037

MILL RATE HISTORY

General	Fund	Kenai	Homer	Seward	Soldotna	Seldovia	CPGH	SPH	NFSA	Roads
1966	5.00	10.00	11.00	15.00						
1967	5.00	10.00	11.00	15.00						
1968	7.00	10.00	12.00	17.50		10.00				
1969	7.00	10.00	11.00	20.00	6.00	11.50				
1970	5.00	10.00	12.00	20.00	6.00	13.50	1.50	1.50		
1971	5.00	8.00	13.00	20.00	6.00	13.50	1.90	1.70	1.40	
1972	5.00	7.00	13.00	20.00	6.00	13.50	1.60	1.70	1.40	
1973	5.00	7.00	12.00	20.00	10.00	13.50	1.00	1.70	1.40	
1974	5.00	10.50	12.00	20.00	14.00	13.50	-	1.70	1.40	
1975	5.00	12.00	12.00	20.00	15.00	13.50	0.20	1.70	2.40	
1976	5.00	16.75	14.00	20.00	12.00	13.50	0.20	1.70	2.80	
1977	5.00	16.00	12.00	20.00	10.00	16.50	0.20	2.00	2.50	
1978	5.00	15.00	12.00	18.00	11.00	16.50	0.20	2.00	2.50	
1979	4.50	13.40	12.00	13.50	11.00	16.50	0.20	2.00	1.50	
1980	2.50	12.50	12.00	3.50	9.40	16.50	-	1.08	1.92	
1981	2.50	9.90	10.00	12.50	8.35	15.00	0.40	1.08	1.67	
1982	1.75	4.21	8.00	7.00	6.35	12.00	0.51	1.78	1.80	
1983	1.25	2.10	7.00	5.00	5.35	10.00	0.58	0.15	1.40	
1984	1.75	2.10	10.00	5.00	7.50	10.00	0.89	2.46	1.40	
1985	1.75	1.90	6.00	5.00	3.50	8.00	0.71	2.78	1.47	
1986	1.75	1.90	5.00	5.00	3.50	8.00	0.65	1.59	1.56	
1987	4.00	2.70	5.00	3.00	3.50	7.00	0.92	3.32	4.56	
1988	5.75	2.70	5.00	3.00	3.50	7.00	0.70	2.31	1.58	
1989	5.75	2.70	5.00	3.00	3.50	7.00	0.70	1.90	1.58	
1990	5.75	2.70	5.00	3.00	3.50	7.00	0.80	2.25	1.68	
1991	5.75	2.70	5.00	3.00	3.50	7.00	0.70	2.75	1.68	
1992	7.55	2.70	5.50	3.00	3.50	7.75	0.80	2.75	1.68	
1993	8.55	3.50	5.50	3.00	1.65	7.75	0.56	2.00	1.68	
1994	8.55	3.50	5.50	3.00	1.65	7.75	0.56	2.00	1.73	0.45
1995	8.59	3.50	5.50	3.00	1.65	7.50	0.70	2.00	2.30	0.45
1996	8.59	3.50	5.50	3.00	1.65	7.25	0.50	2.00	2.30	0.50
1997	8.30	3.50	5.50	3.00	1.65	7.25	0.50	2.00	2.30	0.50
1998	8.30	3.50	5.50	3.12	1.65	7.25	0.40	2.00	2.30	0.50
1999	8.00	3.50	5.50	3.12	1.65	7.25	0.40	2.00	2.30	0.50
2000	8.00	3.50	5.50	3.12	1.65	7.25	0.40	2.00	2.30	0.50
2001	7.50	3.50	5.50	3.12	1.65	7.25	0.40	2.00	2.30	1.00
2002	7.00	3.50	5.50	3.12	1.65	7.25	0.40	1.75	2.30	1.00
2003	6.50	3.50	5.00	3.12	1.65	7.25	0.40	1.75	2.30	1.50
2004	6.50	5.00	5.00	3.12	1.65	7.25	0.50	1.75	2.30	1.50
2005	6.50	4.50	4.50	3.12	1.65	7.25	0.50	1.75	2.30	1.50
2006	6.50	4.50	4.50	3.12	1.65	7.25	1.00	1.75	2.30	1.40
2007	6.50	4.50	4.50	3.12	1.65	7.25	1.00	1.75	3.00	1.40
2008	5.50	4.50	4.50	3.12	1.65	4.60	1.00	2.00	3.00	1.30
2009	4.50	4.50	4.50	3.12	1.65	4.60	0.90	2.30	3.00	1.40
2010	4.50	4.00	4.50	3.12	1.65	4.60	0.50	2.30	3.00	1.40
2011	4.50	3.85	4.50	3.12	1.65	4.60	0.02	2.30	3.00	1.40
2012	4.50	3.85	4.50	3.12	1.65	4.60	0.02	2.30	3.00	1.40
2013	4.50	3.85	4.50	3.12	0.65	4.60	0.02	2.30	3.00	1.40
2014	4.50	3.85	4.50	3.12	0.50	4.60	0.02	2.30	2.90	1.40
2015	4.50	4.35	4.50	3.12	0.50	4.60	0.01	2.30	2.90	1.40
2016	4.50						0.01		2.90	
2017	4.50						0.01		2.80	
2018	5.00	***					0.01		2.70	

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 8:00 PM
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Subject: Will not support raise of sales tax

Message:

Although this initiative heads in the right direction, we residents of the KPB also purchases goods and services in the summer months. The only way to make certain tourists pay for the KPB experience is to get a BED TAX passed. The valuations of our property just increased \$16,000 although no additions or improvements were done. Please stop taxing the citizens of KPB until you make certain the tourists are taxed. FYI I was the 49th vote for Charlie Pierce last Nov because he said in a radio show talk response that when he learned he could not close the fiscal gap magically with reorganization that he would support a BED TAX. FYI: It is not possible to send an ecomment on this item. That option is not engaged on the website.