

Introduced by: Mayor  
Date: 02/15/22  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: 5 Yes, 4 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2022-012**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A STATEWIDE SALES TAX**

**WHEREAS,** the Alaska State Legislature is currently considering a statewide sales tax, an income tax, and other revenue measures as part of a long-term fiscal plan; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska continues to shift the financial burden for the provision of government services, including education, to local municipalities; and

**WHEREAS,** municipalities have long funded local government services by imposing local sales taxes carefully tailored to meet the needs of their local residents and economies; and

**WHEREAS,** the authority for broad-based taxation by municipalities is generally limited to property and sales taxes; and

**WHEREAS,** a statewide sales tax combined with existing local sales taxes will eventually result in communities reducing local sales tax rates and increasing local property tax rates to continue delivering essential municipal services; and

**WHEREAS,** per Borough code, net proceeds from collected sales tax is used exclusively for borough school purposes; and

**WHEREAS,** as a result of increased administration and collections costs, which will decrease tax revenue, a statewide sales tax will negatively impact funding for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly opposes implementation of a statewide sales tax.

**SECTION 2.** That a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Governor Dunleavy and the Kenai Peninsula State Legislators: Senators Peter Micciche, Gary Stevens, and Representatives Ben Carpenter, Ron Gillham, Louise Stutes, and Sarah Vance.

**SECTION 3.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.**

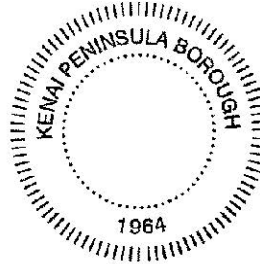
*Brent Johnson*

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

*John Blankenship*

John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Chesley, Elam, Hibbert, Tupper Johnson

No: Bjorkman, Cox, Derkevorkian, Ecklund

Absent: None