

Kenai Peninsula Borough  
Solid Waste Department

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Peter Ribbens, Assembly President  
Members, KPB Assembly

**THRU:** Peter A. Micciche, Mayor *PM*  
Brandi Harbaugh, Finance Director *BT*

**FROM:** Tom Winkler, Special Assistant to the Mayor Facilities and Operations *TW*  
John Hedges, Purchasing & Contracting Director *JH*

**DATE:** September 4, 2025

**RE:** Ordinance 2025-19-14, Appropriating U.S. Treasury Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds to Support the Central Peninsula Landfill Infrastructure Capital Improvements (Mayor)

The Solid Waste Department has identified some key items as documented in the Central Peninsula Landfill (CPL) Master Plan. A core priority identified in that plan was inadequate compaction of the waste at CPL. Currently, CPL operates two landfill compactors both have many working hours with one at the end of its useful life and the other one very close. In order to improve compaction, achieve greater efficiency and reduce cost as a result of equipment breakdown the CPL recommends the purchase of a new landfill compactor in the amount of \$1,250,000.

In December 2024, CPL experienced a catastrophic failure of its recycling baler. The Solid Waste Department is currently in the process of purchasing a used baler from Valley Recycling that will be used primarily for the recycling of cardboard. In addition to the need for improved recycling services, the CPL baler building hasn't been improved or modified since it was constructed in the 1990's. As such the Solid Waste Department recommends appropriating funding for the purpose of removing and demolishing the existing failed baler and engineering design services that will repurpose and better utilize the existing baler building to provide for some recycling and support more efficient waste handling operation. the estimated value for the removal of the old bailer and the development of bid ready design documents is \$450,000.

In October 2022, the Borough was awarded U.S. Treasury Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds ("grant funds"), established by the American Rescue Plan Act. The Borough is a direct grant recipient of \$12 million. Capital expenditures on core facilities and equipment for the government entity are eligible expenditures. The Solid Waste Department recommends appropriation of \$1,700,000 of the grant funds for the Central Peninsula Landfill Infrastructure Improvements project.

Your consideration is appreciated.

FUNDS/ACCOUNT VERIFIED	
Account: <u>411.32122.LATC2.49999</u>	Amount <u>\$1,250,000</u>
Account: <u>411.32122.LATC3.49999</u>	Amount <u>\$450,000</u>
By: <u><i>CW</i></u>	Date: <u>9/5/2025</u>