

Introduced by: Cooper, Ogle
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Action: Adopted
Vote: 5 Yes, 4 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2016-007**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY
TASK FORCE**

- WHEREAS,** according to the 2015 Kenai Peninsula Situations and Prospects published by the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District, 14 percent of the Kenai Peninsula Borough population is currently age 65 or older and is projected to be 23 percent of the borough population by 2027; and
- WHEREAS,** the Alaska State Plan for Senior Services FY16-FY19 states senior citizens bring significant cash flow into the state's economy from their retirement income, health care spending, other income, and job earnings that total an estimated \$2.4 billion dollars annually; and
- WHEREAS,** borough voters have shown support for senior citizens in the borough by authorizing the borough to grant senior citizens exemptions from property taxes in excess of the amount required by state statute, to provide grant funding for operations and programs of senior citizen organizations in the borough, and approving the formation of the Nikiski Senior Service Area to provide services to senior citizens in the service area; and
- WHEREAS,** senior citizens generally have different interests and housing, health care and service needs than younger age groups as indicated by the 2015 Situations and Prospects report; and
- WHEREAS,** Goal 4.6 of the Comprehensive Plan is to assist senior citizen organizations in providing services to senior residents of the borough; and
- WHEREAS,** the authority of the borough to provide services for senior citizens is limited to those approved by the voters and state statute; and
- WHEREAS,** a permanent task force could be established in the future to provide more services for seniors upon acquisition of the necessary powers by the borough; and
- WHEREAS,** establishing a temporary task force to advise and make recommendations to the mayor and assembly regarding issues affecting senior citizens within the limited scope of authorized borough powers may help to improve public awareness of such issues and encourage senior citizens to move to or remain in the borough;

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

SECTION 1. A Senior Citizens Advisory Task Force is established as follows:

A. There is established the Kenai Peninsula Borough Senior Citizens Advisory Task Force which shall consist of seven voting members to be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the assembly. Members shall be appointed with due regard for their interest in the broad spectrum of issues relating to senior citizen concerns and activities.

B. Members of the task force shall be registered voters of the borough and have a wide range of interests in issues relating to the health, morale and welfare of senior citizens.

C. Responsibilities. It shall be the responsibility of the Senior Citizens Advisory Task Force, within the scope of the limited powers of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, to:

1. Advise the mayor and the assembly with respect to local, state or federal issues and KPB legislation which may bear upon the welfare of senior citizens residing in the borough.
2. Prepare reports when requested by the assembly regarding issues relating to senior citizens in the borough.
3. Perform other such duties and functions as may from time to time be authorized, directed or assigned by the assembly.

D. The clerk's office shall provide staff assistance to the task force.

E. Meetings.

1. The task force shall meet quarterly at a regularly scheduled time and place designated by the task force.
2. Notice of all meetings shall comply the Alaska Open Meetings Act. The notice shall set forth the time and place of the meeting and shall be mailed, emailed, faxed or telephoned to each board member. The attendance of a board member at a meeting constitutes a waiver of personal notice of the meeting.
3. All meetings shall be open to the public as provided in AS 29.20.020 and AS 44.62.310, and in accordance with the policies set forth in AS 44.62.312.
4. Four members shall constitute a quorum; however, any action shall require the affirmative vote of four members.

5. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the 10th edition of Robert's Rules of Order or such other rules of procedure as the task force may adopt by motion or resolution.

6. The task force shall provide reasonable time to hear public testimony at each meeting.

F. Election of chair and vice chair. At the first regular meeting following appointment and confirmation of the task force members, and annually thereafter, the task force shall elect by majority vote of the members present and from the task force members a chair and vice chair who shall hold office until successors are elected.

G. Vacancies. Vacancies on the task force are created upon declaration of vacancy by the task force if a member:

1. Fails to qualify or take office within 30 days after his or her election or appointment;
2. Is physically absent from the borough for a 90-day period, unless excused by the task force;
3. Resigns and his or her resignation is accepted;
4. Is physically or mentally unable to perform the duties of his or her office;
5. Is removed from office;
6. Misses 3 consecutive regular meetings unless excused;
7. Is convicted of a felony or of an offense involving a violation of his or her oath of office.

H. Filling vacancies. Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by appointment by the mayor and confirmation by the assembly.

I. Compensation prohibited. All task force members shall serve without compensation. However, they shall be reimbursed for mileage at the federal mileage rate for attendance at task force meetings.

J. Dissolution. The task force shall automatically dissolve three years after the effective date of this resolution, or upon establishment of a permanent committee or other similar body by the assembly to address issues relating to senior citizens in the borough, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.



Blaine Gilman, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Cooper, Dunne, Ogle, Welles, Gilman
No: Bagley, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp
Absent: None