

Kenai New Life Assembly of God - 209 Princess Street, Kenai, Alaska 99611

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members 144 North Binkley Soldotna, AK 99669

January 13, 2016

Dear Borough Assembly Member,

I would like to speak to the proposed changes under consideration with KPB Assembly Ordinance 2015-27 to amend KPB Assembly Ordinance 7.10.020 to reduce the minimum distance between a liquor licensed premise and an established church or playground from 500 feet to 300 feet.

We believe this is unnecessary and potentially harmful to our communities on the Kenai Peninsula. Alcohol is readily and adequately available to any person of age with the present governing ordinance and has served our peninsula communities well for some 30 years. Making alcohol more readily available does not seem to be in the long-term best interest of the people and communities of the Kenai Peninsula.

The potential to increase the availability of alcohol in our communities also increases the potential for its abuse, especially for the most vulnerable members of our communities that the proposed changes seek to make. We are among many organizations and agencies in the communities of the Kenai Peninsula that seek to help, rehabilitate and support those who find themselves disaffected by the use of alcohol and other kinds of drugs and feel increased availability of alcohol would have increased negative impacts.

As an entity that might be potentially affected by this change in ordinance and as an entity that regularly has 125+ children and youth in attendance, we wish to go on record as opposing the proposed changes to the present ordinance.

Sincerely.

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