

# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Kelly Cooper, Assembly President  
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

**FROM:** Willy Dunne, Assembly Member *(B) for W. D.*

**DATE:** February 2, 2017

**RE:** Ordinance 2017-*02*, Amending KPB 22.40.080 and Repealing KPB 22.40.090 which Provide for an Invocation During Assembly Meetings (Dunne)

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Borough assembly policy states that invocations are presented to meet the spiritual needs of assembly members. However, recent invocations have failed to accomplish that and have resulted in controversial and divisive actions in our community.

Invocations and the policy identifying who is eligible to give an invocation, have led to a lawsuit being filed against the borough along with the appropriation of borough funds to defend this lawsuit.

Many residents of the borough have requested that invocations at assembly meetings be eliminated. Ending the practice of invocations will save the borough taxpayers money and reduce divisiveness in our community. It is expected that assembly members can find ways to have their spiritual needs met outside of public meetings.

Please consider enacting this ordinance.