

Kenai Peninsula Borough  
Office of the Borough Clerk

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Assembly Members

**THRU:** Brent Johnson, Assembly President *BJ*

**FROM:** Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk *JB*  
Brandi Harbaugh, Finance Director *BH*

**DATE:** July 5, 2022

**RE:** Ordinance 2022-19-05: An Ordinance Appropriating \$20,000 from the General Fund to Cover Unexpected Election Expenses

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The State of Alaska Division of Elections (DOE) increased the wages for election officials effective July 1, 2022. KPB 4.10.130(B) requires that the borough compensate election officials at a rate comparable to that paid by the state for state elections. Additional funds are required to cover those expenses for the October 4, 2022 regular election, as they were not considering when preparing the FY23 budget.

In addition, in order to eliminate voter confusion, the Clerk's Office has chosen to conduct absentee voting for the October 4, 2022 regular election at the Soldotna Prep building as that is the location that the DOE will be conducting absentee voting. Due to the fact that the Soldotna Prep building has no full-time custodian, the DOE has contracted with a local provider for custodial services. Additional funds of approximately \$4,000 are required for the Clerk's Office to contract with the same provider for custodial services from September 16th through October 5, 2022 during the Borough's local election season.

Your consideration is appreciated.

<b>FINANCE DEPARTMENT FUNDS/ACCOUNT VERIFIED</b>	
<b>Account:</b>	<u>100.27910</u>
<b>Amount:</b>	<u>\$20,000</u>
By: <i>CJ</i>	Date: <u>6/17/2022</u>