

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Cindy Ecklund, Assembly Member *CE*

DATE: June 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2023-16, Establishing the Cooper Landing Emergency Service Area and Providing for an Appointed Board Subject to Voter Approval (Ecklund)

Resolution 2023-44, initiated the process to establish the Cooper Landing Emergency Service Area. Pursuant to Borough Code, a written Mayor's Report was sent on June 12, 2023, to the Assembly concerning the need for and the estimated cost of the service area. On June 28, 2023, a public hearing within the boundaries of the proposed service area was held to consider the necessity for the proposed service area in accordance with Borough Code and was attended by approximately 65 Cooper Landing area residents.

Since 1973, the fire and emergency medical services in the proposed service area have been historically provided by Cooper Landing Emergency Services, a volunteer organization. Funding the proposed service area is estimated to necessitate a mill rate of 3.95 in order to provide for a staff of a full-time fire chief and a half-time administrative assistant, plus sufficient funding for basic needs, administrative costs, equipment and minimal fund balance.

If this ordinance is introduced and set for public hearing, the legal description for the service area boundaries will be provided as a proposed amendment during the August 1, 2023 Assembly meeting, which will be the scheduled public hearing date in order to get the question on the ballot for voter approval during the Borough's October 3, 2023 regular election.

Your consideration is appreciated.