

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Office of the Borough Clerk

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wayne Ogle, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM: Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk (JB)

DATE: August 7, 2018

RE: Proposition Summaries for 2018 Regular Election Brochure a.k.a. Voter Pamphlet

Kenai Peninsula Borough Code § 4.10.110 (A) states in part, "... the borough clerk shall prepare and mail to every borough box holder a brochure containing information approved by the assembly of a strictly factual nature pertaining to each proposition on the ballot,"

The following attached proposition summaries are being forwarded for Assembly review and approval.

Proposition No. 1: General Obligation Bonds to Pay the Local Required Match Portion of the Costs of the Kachemak-Selo New K-12 School

Proposition No. 2: Amending The Code to Move the Common Boundary Between the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area and The South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area South

Proposition No. 3: Expanding the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area to Include the Land South of Kachemak Bay Excluding the City of Seldovia

Your consideration is appreciated.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PROPOSITION NO. 2

AMENDING THE CODE TO MOVE THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE CENTRAL KENAI PENINSULA HOSPITAL SERVICE AREA AND THE SOUTH KENAI PENINSULA HOSPITAL SERVICE AREA SOUTH

(To be voted on by in the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area
and the proposed new area)

BACKGROUND

South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area ("SKPHSA") and Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area ("CKPHSA") were created in 1969 following voter approval. A hospital had been built in Homer in 1955. It was leased to the borough in 1969 and became the focus of the SKPHSA. A 49-bed borough-owned hospital opened at Soldotna in 1971, and before that date patients from Clam Gulch, Soldotna and Kenai and areas surrounding Soldotna and Kenai often used a clinic in Soldotna, or hospitals either at Seward or Anchorage.

The common boundary between the two hospital service areas has, since their inception, crossed the Sterling Highway at the Clam Gulch Tower, which is about 14.5 miles closer to Central Peninsula Hospital ("CPH") than the roadway midpoint. The roadway midpoint between the two hospitals is Sterling Highway mile 133.75 (near Barbara Drive, about 1.25 miles north of Ninilchik River). According to an estimate provided by Ninilchik Emergency Services, which provides ambulance services between the Clam Gulch Tower (mile 119.25) and Happy Valley Bar (mile 145), from January 2013 through May 2016, about 78 percent of their local hospital runs were to Central Peninsula Hospital. The SKPHSA mill rate is 2.3 mills and the CKPHSA mill rate is 0.01 mills. This proposition would move the common boundary south about 15 miles to the roadway midpoint between the two hospitals.

FISCAL NOTE:

Based on the 2019 fiscal year mill rates, if this proposition is approved the mill rate for the CKPHSA in the area between Clam Gulch tower and the new boundary would be 1.18 mills in fiscal year 2020.

BALLOT LANGUAGE

Shall the common boundary line between the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area and the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area be moved south by about 15 miles to Barbara Drive in Ninilchik as described in KPB Ordinance 2018-16 Section 1, and the borough be authorized to exercise the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area powers in that additional area?

YES A "Yes" vote means you approve moving the common boundary line between the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area and the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area south by about 15 miles to Barbara

Drive in Ninilchik and the borough exercising Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area powers in that additional area.

- NO A "No" vote means that you oppose moving the common boundary line between the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area and the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area south by about 15 miles to Barbara Drive in Ninilchik, and the borough exercising Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area powers in that additional area.