Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	05/06/25
Hearing:	05/20/25
Action:	Enacted
Vote:	8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2024-19-36

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND ALLOCATING COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VESSEL TAX PROCEEDS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA TO THE CITY OF SEWARD AND TO THE CITY OF HOMER

- WHEREAS, in the August 22, 2006 statewide election, the voters approved the initiative in Ballot Measure 2, enacting AS 43.52.200 43.52.295, which imposed a tax on travel aboard certain cruise ships travelling in Alaska waters; and
- WHEREAS, the Alaska legislature has authorized the sharing of Commercial Passenger Vessel ("CPV") excise tax collections with eligible ports of call in Alaska; and
- WHEREAS, CPV excise tax collections are derived from taxes imposed on cruise ship passengers; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Seward is an eligible port of call for receiving CPV funds; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Homer is an eligible port of call for receiving CPV funds; and
- **WHEREAS**, the 2024 CPV allocations to the City of Seward and City of Homer must be used for port improvement projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

- **SECTION 1.** This is a non-code ordinance.
- **SECTION 2.** That the Mayor is authorized to execute grant agreements and any other documents deemed necessary to expend the funds and to fulfill the intents and purposes of this ordinance.
- **SECTION 3.** That \$532,595.00 received from the State of Alaska for the commercial passenger vessel excise tax collection program be appropriated from the miscellaneous grant fund balance to account 271.94910.25CPV.43011, contract services, for payment to the City of Seward in the amount of \$527,982.50 and for payment to the City of Homer in the amount of \$4,612.50 to be used for port facilities, harbor infrastructure and other services provided to the commercial passenger vessels and their passengers.

- **SECTION 4.** That appropriations made in this ordinance are of a project length nature and as such do not lapse at the end of any particular fiscal year.
- **SECTION 5.** If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances will not be affected.
- **SECTION 6.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 20TH DAY OF MAY, 2025.

Peter Ribbens, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Cox, Cooper, Ecklund, Dunne, Johnson, Morton, Tunseth, Ribbens

No: None

Absent: Baisden