


# Kenai Peninsula Borough


## Office of Emergency Management

---

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President  
Members, KPB Assembly

**THRU:** Peter A. Micciche, Mayor 

**FROM:** Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager 

**DATE:** April 23, 2026

**RE:** Ordinance 2026-21, Amending Borough Code, KPB 2.45.050, Adopting the Updated Kenai Peninsula Borough Emergency Operations Plan and Providing for Periodic Updates (Mayor)

---

Pursuant to KPB 2.45.020, the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB), in concert with the cities and KPB's service areas, must develop and adopt plans for a coordinated response to disaster emergencies. The KPB Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) outlines the concepts and operations for responding to natural and human-caused emergencies within KPB's boundaries. The EOP contains guidance, checklists, methods of organizing responses, responsibilities, and other pertinent operational information. The previous EOP was adopted in 2020. Since then, KPB has experienced two declared disasters.

The 2026 update incorporates the lessons learned from those two declared disasters. The update also reflects input gathered by OEM's whole community approach, which included representatives from local, state, and federal government agencies, nonprofits, Tribal entities, and infrastructure partners. Additionally, the Local Emergency Planning Committee provided a platform for a thirty-day public review period and recommendations for the updated EOP at its October 15, 2025, meeting. The updated EOP moves away from a narrative-based document to task-oriented checklists addressing pre-disaster responses, damage assessments, post disaster actions, and disaster grant management.

Finally, the ordinance enables future, periodic updates to the EOP upon approval by the Mayor, including the addition, revision, or removal of annexes, indices, appendices, city-adopted updates, or other attachments to the plan.

Your consideration is appreciated.