

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 04/21/26
Action:
Vote:

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2026-021**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT
AND OPERATIONAL PLAN BETWEEN THE KENAI PENINSULA
BOROUGH AND THE CITY OF KENAI, ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL
EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA, THE NIKISKI FIRE SERVICE AREA,
AND KENAI FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, automatic aid agreements are a form of mutual aid agreements and their operational plans provide for automatic requests for additional resources to residents of the Kenai Peninsula in the form of fire response personnel and apparatus when required; and

WHEREAS, automatic aid agreements and operational plans are common in the fire and emergency service professions; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 18.70.150 provides, “A city, other incorporated entity, and other fire protection groups may organize a mutual-aid program by adopting an ordinance or resolution authorizing and permitting their fire department, fire company, emergency relief squad, fire police squad, or fire patrol to go to the aid of another city, incorporated entity, or fire protection group, or territory outside of it[;]”; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement for Exchange of Automatic Aid (Agreement) and the Operational Plan between the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) on behalf of the Central Emergency Service Area (CES) and the Nikiski Fire Service Area (NFSA), and the City of Kenai on behalf of the Kenai Fire Department (KFD) sets for response areas and terms of automatic aid; and

WHEREAS, all associated costs are borne by each responding agency, and in this manner, costs for manpower, materials, supplies, and equipment are exchanged between the agencies, ultimately resulting in service area funds being expended for the benefit of the service area; and

WHEREAS, for years, the operational plans have been considered as matters within the expertise of the agencies providing the automatic aid and, therefore, future amendments to the operational plans have been left to the discretion of the agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement is for the provision of fire response services; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on April 8, 2026, the NFSA Board recommended _____; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on April 16, 2026, the CES Board recommended _____;
and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on April 15, 2026, the Kenai City Council recommended
_____ through Kenai Resolution _____;

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

SECTION 1. That the Agreement serves the best interests of KPB and its residents and is hereby approved. The Mayor is authorized to execute an automatic aid agreement substantially in the form of the attached Agreement.

SECTION 2. That the Operational Plan substantially in the form attached to the Agreement is hereby approved and the CES and NFSA Boards and Chiefs are hereby authorized to approve amendments to the Operational Plan with the Mayor’s approval without further review by the Assembly so long as any such amendments do not conflict with the Agreement.

SECTION 3. That this resolution is effective retroactively to December 31, 2025.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: