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From: Meg Zerbinos <mzerbinos@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 8:54 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Pools

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Please give this message to the Assembly members.

Please consider transferring control of one, or more, of the school pools to the Kenai Peninsula Borough. We plead for funding for them to remain open each year.

You have heard many comments on the benefits of the pools. Most important is the life saving instruction given to people in our area that live, and play, close to major water areas.

I use the Skyview Pool three times a week for my health, and I see many others there for the same reason.

Please consider my request for the many benefits the pools offer our community.

Thank you,
Margaret Zerbinos
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Soldotna, AK 99669
Sent from my iPad

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From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2025 3:36 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Patricia Tilbury

Your Email: pstilbury@yahoo.com

Subject: Ninilchik Recreational Service Area Proposal

Message:

Dear Assembly Members, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. I have lived in Ninilchik for 42 years and have spent the last 30 as an employee of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District—27 of those years directly involved with Ninilchik School and the daily use and financial aspects of the pool. Based on that experience, I feel compelled to express my concern regarding the proposed recreational service area and to state that I do not support it.

Historically, usage of the Ninilchik pool has been low, and this has not changed in recent years. In my recollection, annual pool revenue is just over \$10,000. The proposed projection of \$33,000 represents a significant and unrealistic increase that lacks clear supporting data. Additionally, will KPBSD budget to cover student user fees? They will certainly be the largest user group. Given the district's ongoing financial uncertainty, I do not believe this revenue avenue can be relied upon.

While I recognize the value of swimming skills, water safety, and recreational opportunities, the reality is that maintaining a pool is a costly and ongoing obligation. With five other public pools already available between the Homer and Nikiski areas, residents have reasonable access to these services. I do not believe placing this increased tax burden on property owners is a fiscally responsible decision.

It's also important to note that simply having a pool does not guarantee swim instruction or water safety programs. These programs are not specified in an educational curriculum and they require trained staff, and thoughtful planning.

Operational management presents another concern. Several KPB facilities are already in need of significant repair, primarily due to the high cost of upkeep. If both the school district and the borough have determined they can no longer afford to support the Ninilchik Pool, that should be seen as a red flag—not a reason to shift the financial responsibility to a small group of local taxpayers.

The facts on long-term sustainability are already clear: pools are expensive to operate, and user fees only cover a fraction of total costs. For all these reasons, I do not support this proposal or the nearly \$500,000 in new annual tax liability it would place on property owners. I do not believe this is a sound financial decision or one that serves the greater good of the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Subject:

FW: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>

Sent: Sunday, August 3, 2025 8:11 PM

To: BoroughAssembly <Borough-Assembly@kpb.us>; Mayor's Department <MayorDepartmental@kpb.us>

Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk <G_Notify_AssemblyClerk@kpb.us>

Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Debra Blossom

Your Email: blossom341@hotmail.com

Subject: Ninilchik pool service area.

Message:

I ask that you please delay the prospect of adding a service area to Ninilchik. We already face some of the highest taxes on the Peninsula. Many of our locals are commercial set net fishermen who have been closed for three years in a row. Please give the town time to implement other means of raising money. More taxes for those of us struggling is to large of a burden. Please, no service area and no more taxes.

Thank you!

Subject: FW: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>

Sent: Monday, August 4, 2025 8:47 AM

To: BoroughAssembly <Borough-Assembly@kpb.us>; Mayor's Department <MayorDepartmental@kpb.us>

Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk <G_Notify_AssemblyClerk@kpb.us>

Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: LaDeanna L Haynes

Your Email: LADEANNAHAYNES@GMAIL.COM

Subject: Service Area

Message:

Dear Assembly members

There is zero need for Ninilchik to become another service area for our pool. We have not explored any other options to raise money to keep our pool open. I've come up with three ideas myself that are very viable options. There is zero reason to add this on the ballot until all other options to raise money have been explored. This town does not need its taxes raised by another service area.

Subject:

FW: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>**Sent:** Monday, August 4, 2025 2:34 PM**To:** BoroughAssembly <Borough-Assembly@kpb.us>; Mayor's Department <MayorDepartmental@kpb.us>**Cc:** G_Notify_AssemblyClerk <G_Notify_AssemblyClerk@kpb.us>**Subject:** New Public Comment to Assembly Members**Your Name:** David M. Bear, SR.**Your Email:** micheal_d.9@alaska.net**Subject:** KPB Ord. 2025-17**Message:**

As native Alaskan and 43 year resident of Ninilchik I oppose this Ordinance in the strongest terms possible. Per the sponsor's stated OPINION the KPB school swimming pool is an essential service and therefore should be permanently supported by raising property taxes. The KPB recently cut certain NON-ESSENTIAL services like swimming pools from their budget because of an overall education budget cut/veto by Governor Dunleavy. Thank you to members of this body and our state legislators, except for Sarah Vance from my district, for bravely overriding his veto to reinstate the \$51 million education budget funding. In light of that and understanding the fickle nature of politics in very recent years I do not favor any aspect of the proposed recreational service district and believe it should be very closely reviewed by the Assembly and legal department to ascertain whether or not it even meets basic acceptable criteria for approval as a legitimate KPB Ordinance. Property taxes are forever so to raise them based on an individual's OPINION that the school swimming pool is an essential service makes no sense to me at all. Also, use of the term "other future recreational uses" is vague, nebulous and in my experience be utterly unenforceable in any sort of legitimate contract. Private property(real estate in this context) is subject to powers of the state and federal government as you well know. One of those powers is taxation. Another is police power where the governing party as in state, federal or municipal in this case can, with due compensation, seize private property when a greater good use has been well established and serves the general population. Essential service in other words. This Ordinance meets none of that criteria. Last time I checked a statute, law, ordinance, regulation and etc. in order to enforceable must be readily understood and factually sufficient to be enforceable. I see none of that in this proposed Ordinance and so am opposed to it in every aspect and question how it can legitimately be put on a ballot that only the people living between Stariski Creek and Falls Creek can vote on it. Thank you greatly for doing the people's work and giving so much of your personal time to do it. Don't always agree but greatly respect the team effort. My personal info: retired professional land surveyor '87-2012; retired HEA land management officer '83-2005; retired senior right of way agent with the international right of way association '94-2009 born in Anchorage '48.