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Action:	Enacted
Vote:	9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2021-34**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSOR TO ACCEPT ONE LATE-FILED
SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR 2021 FILED AFTER MARCH 31
AND PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO KPB 5.12.040(B)**

WHEREAS, KPB 5.12.105(E) provides that an application for a senior citizen exemption must be filed by March 31 of the year for which the exemption is sought; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with AS 29.45.030(f) and KPB 5.12.105(E) the assembly may, for good cause shown, waive the claimant's failure to make timely application and authorize the assessor to accept the application as if timely filed; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with KPB 5.12.105(E)(4) if an otherwise qualified claimant is unable to comply with the March 31 deadline for filing an application, and the inability to comply is caused by a serious condition or extraordinary event beyond the taxpayer's control, the assembly may, by resolution, waive the claimant's failure to file the application by such date, and authorize the assessor to accept the application as if timely filed; and

WHEREAS, the senior citizen exemption applicant has benefitted from the senior citizen exemption since 2017; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has submitted an affidavit stating that he had extraordinary circumstances which prevented him from timely filing a 2021 senior citizen exemption application; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with KPB 5.12.040(B) the assessor shall not make changes to the assessment roll after June 1 except for the reasons provided therein, which do not include adjustments for late-filed senior exemption applications; and

WHEREAS, an exception to KPB 5.12.040(B) is required because even when the assembly has approved a late-filed senior exemption application after June 1, borough code does not allow the assessor to make a change to the assessment roll after June 1 due to a tax exemption status change;

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

SECTION 1. Upon reviewing the senior citizen exemption application and affidavit submitted, the assembly hereby waives the March 31 deadline for filing an application for the 2021 senior citizen exemption based upon a finding that the applicant was unable to comply with that deadline due to a serious condition or extraordinary event beyond his control.

SECTION 2. That the assessor shall process the application in accordance with standard assessing department procedures for processing such applications.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding KPB 5.12.040(B), in the event the assessor finds that the one late-filed senior exemption application should be otherwise approved, the assessor is hereby authorized to make a change to the assessment roll after June 1, 2021 to reflect the approved exemption.


SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

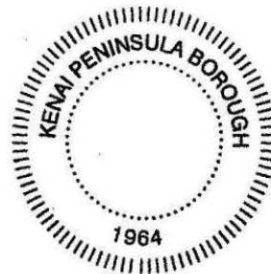
ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021.



Brent Hibbert, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Jonni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes: Bjorkman, Carpenter, Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Dunne, Elam, Johnson, Hibbert
No: None
Absent: None