

Introduced by: Cooper  
Date: 03/07/21  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2017-021**

**A RESOLUTION INITIATING THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING A SERVICE  
AREA FOR PROVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ON THE HIGHWAY  
CORRIDOR OF THE EASTERN KENAI PENINSULA**

**WHEREAS,** for the past year, the Kenai Peninsula Borough (“KPB”) has been working to identify ways to address inconsistent EMS coverage along the Eastern Peninsula highway corridor; and

**WHEREAS,** like many other highways in the state, the Hope, Sterling and Seward highways on the Eastern Kenai Peninsula are bordered predominately by non-taxable federal property; and

**WHEREAS,** due to the extensive length of the highway and the lack of taxable property in the area, it is not feasible to create a traditional service area to provide emergency response along this highway corridor; and

**WHEREAS,** Alaska Department of Transportation statistics for 2015 show the average traffic count on the unprotected stretches of the Seward and Sterling highways at between 3,000 and 4,000 vehicles a day — with summer peaks at three times that level; and

**WHEREAS,** there were 126 traffic accidents, injuring almost 180 people, on those sections of the highways in 2015-2016; and

**WHEREAS,** volunteers from roadside communities are unable to ensure emergency response to incidents along the highway due to limited resources, the large volume of traffic, and the substantial transportation time required to reach the closest hospitals; and

**WHEREAS,** in its final report, the 2015 KPB Healthcare Task Force identified the need for consistent Emergency Medical Services as a substantial gap in services for the region, and recommended the assembly and administration evaluate structures to address this gap; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to KPB 16.04.025, the assembly is authorized to initiate, by resolution, the process for establishing a service area where the proposed service area is in the public interest; and

**WHEREAS,** this resolution initiates the process of mayoral analysis of a proposed service area, and does not establish a service area, which can only be established by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS,** this highway corridor is the only road between the borough and the rest of the state, and timely emergency response is crucial for borough residents and businesses, and for the tens of thousands of Alaskans and visitors who drive the highway each year;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the assembly finds the public interest may be served through the formation of a service area for the provision of emergency services on the highway corridor of the Eastern Peninsula.

**SECTION 2.** That the service proposed is the provision of emergency response for incidents on the highway corridor within the defined service area boundaries.


**SECTION 3.** That the area to be encompassed by the proposed service area shall be the geographical boundaries which are shown in the map entitled "Eastern Peninsula Highway Emergency Service Area" and described in the attachment entitled "Eastern Peninsula Highway Emergency Services Area Boundary Description" attached to this resolution and available in the Borough Clerk's office.

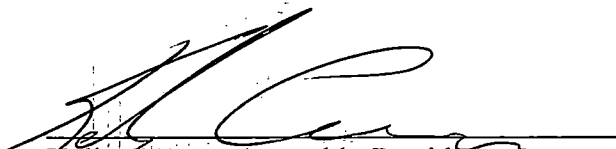
**SECTION 4.** That this proposal shall be referred to the mayor for analysis, recommendation, and modification if necessary, in accordance with KPB 16.04.030.


**SECTION 5.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 7TH DAY OF MARCH, 2017.**

ATTEST:

  
John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

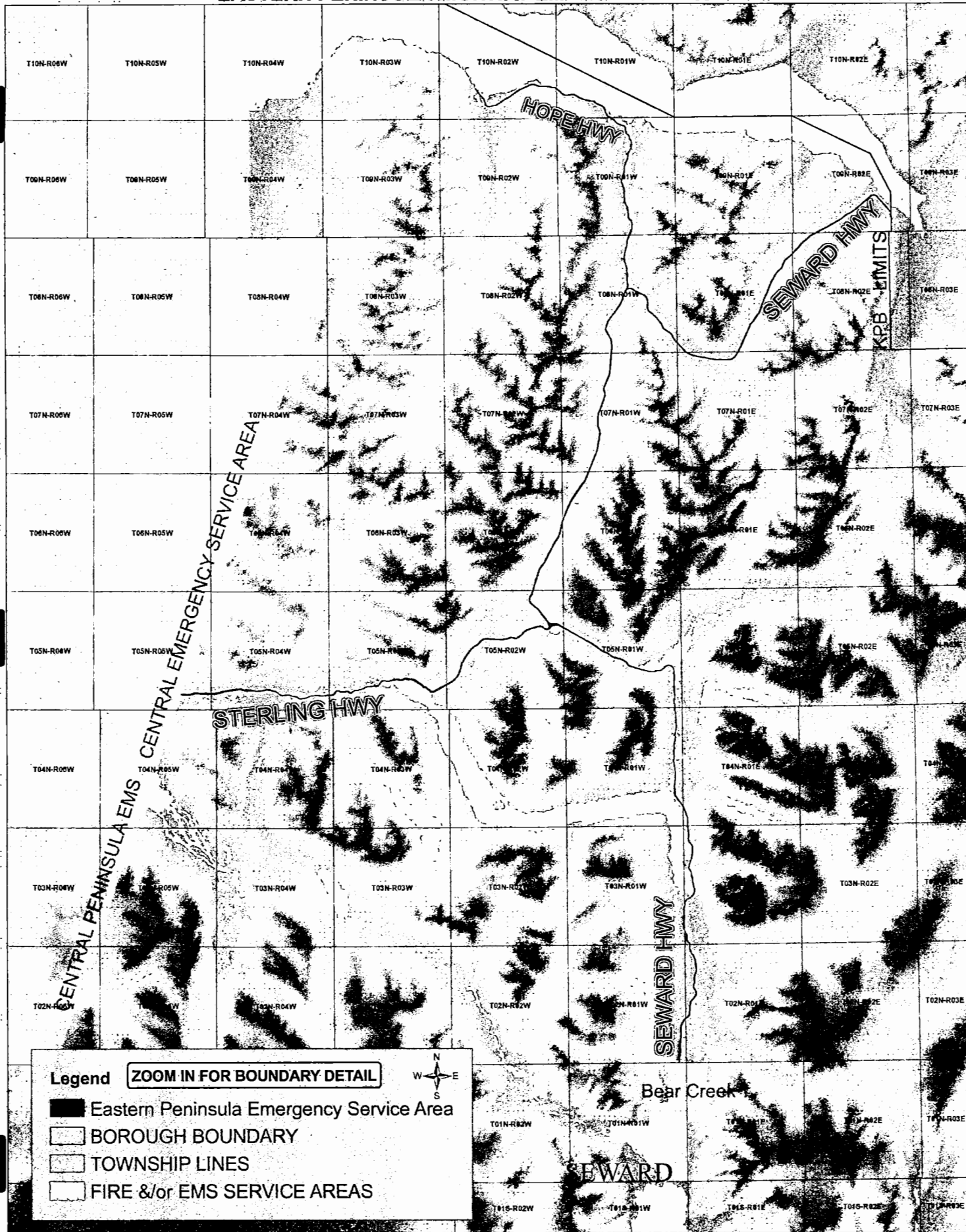
  
Kelly Cooper, Assembly President



The seal is circular with a dotted border. The text "KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH" is written around the top inner edge, and "1964" is at the bottom. The seal is partially overlaid by the signature of Kelly Cooper.

Yes: Bagley, Dunne, Fischer, Hibbert, Holmdahl, Schaefer, Welles, Cooper  
No: None  
Absent: None

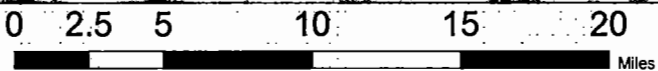
# EASTERN PENINSULA HIGHWAY EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA



**Legend**    **ZOOM IN FOR BOUNDARY DETAIL**

- Eastern Peninsula Emergency Service Area
- BOROUGH BOUNDARY
- TOWNSHIP LINES
- FIRE &/or EMS SERVICE AREAS

KPB EMS Workgroup February 21, 2017



EASTERN PENINSULA HIGHWAY EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Right-of-Way area of the Seward Highway beginning at the intersection of the Seward Highway Right-of-way and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Boundary at the East section line of Sections 26 and 35 Township 9 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska, commencing in the westerly direction of the Right-of-way following the Right-of-Way corridor of the Seward Highway through Township 9 North, Range 2 East and continuing through Townships:

T8N, R2E;

T8N, R1E;

T7N, R1E;

T8N, R1E;

T8N, R1W;

T7N, R1W;

T6N, R1W;

T6N, R2W;

T5N, R2W;

T5N, R1W;

T4N, R1W;

T4N, R1E;

T3N, R1E;

T3N, R1W;

T3N, R1E;

T2N, R1E;

T2N, R1W to the intersection of the Seward Highway Right-of-Way with the North Line of Township 1 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian, said course being 67.9 highway-miles more or less;

AND

The Right-of-Way area of the Sterling Highway beginning at the Intersection of the Sterling Highway Right-of-Way and the Seward Highway Right-of-Way within Section 12, Township 5 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska commencing in the westerly direction of the Right-of-Way following the Right-of-Way corridor of the Sterling Highway through Township 5 North, Range 2 West and continuing through Townships:

T5N, R2W;

T5N, R3W;

T5N, R4W;

T5N, R5W to the intersection of the Sterling Highway Right-of-Way with the intersection of a line drawn along the Kenai mountains from USC & GS Triangulation Station Gore Point on the Gulf of Alaska to USC & GS Triangulation Station Gull Rock on Turnagain Arm being also the boundary line of the Central Emergency Service Area described in Kenai Peninsula Borough Code 16.30.010 A, said course being 21.0 highway-miles more or less and includes the Right-of-way area of the Seward Highway to Sterling Highway off-ramp within Section 12, T5N, R2W for the purpose of this description;

AND

The Right-of-Way area of the Hope Highway beginning at the Intersection of the Hope Highway Right-of-Way and the Seward Highway Right-of-Way within Section 15, Township 8 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska commencing in the Northerly direction of the Right-of-Way following the Right-of-Way corridor of the Hope Highway through Township 8 North, Range 1 West and continuing through Townships:

T9N, R1W;

T10N, R1W;

T10N, R2W to Porcupine Campground at the Corner 8-Corner 9 boundary of USS 2757 within Section 29, Township 10 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian, said course being 17.8 highway-miles more or less;