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Clerk Blankenship and Assembly Members,

Writing on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of the Homer Soil and Water Conservation District, I would like to share our support for Ordinance 2021-01: *An Ordinance Amending KPB 17.10, Borough Lands and Resources, to Change Agriculture and Grazing Lease Rates to a Standard Fee Schedule and Clarify Tax Responsibility.* This is an important step for those looking to utilize our borough lands for local agriculture. This price structure, though it will certainly change over the years, is an important first step to ensure fairness and accessibility to land for our Peninsula farmers. Better than open bids, competitive auctions, or simply a subjective guess on prices, this gives farmers the numbers the can use to create a successful business plan for expansion or even just starting a farm.

We look forward to continue working with the Borough to create a strong agriculture program on the Peninsula.

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