

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

144 North Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669
Phone 907-714-2160
Fax 907-714-2388

Dale Bagley, Assembly President
Sue McClure, Vice President

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dale Bagley, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM: Kelly Wolf, Assembly Member (KW) for: K.W.

DATE: July 15, 2015

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2015-24, An Ordinance Establishing the Central Peninsula Economic Development Service Area

With the continued growth in the oil & gas industry and other businesses in the central peninsula area outside of cities, and continued steady growth of the central peninsula's population, the borough residents outside of city limits desire to have more input in their communities' economic growth and development. By allowing this ordinance to go forward, which would allow these area residents the opportunity to vote on creating their own service area, we, as elected leaders of the Kenai Peninsula Borough will be empowering the citizens with their right to vote and take part in government, as for the people, by the people.

I request that this be heard on shortened time, as the code requires a minimum of 75 days to pass after a special election is called before the election can be held. If the assembly conducts the public hearing on August 18, 2015, the election can be held on November 3, 2015. Otherwise, the earliest time we can schedule the election is November 17, 2015, which is very close to the holiday season and likely to reduce voter participation. Due to the scheduling of meetings this summer this would still allow three weeks to pass between introduction and hearing.

I thank you for your support and allowing the residences of District 1 whom do not live within city limits of Kenai, the opportunity to cast their ballot.