

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wayne Ogle, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM: Dale Bagley, Assembly Member *DLB*

DATE: June 19, 2018

RE: Bagley Substitute Ordinance 2018-16, Amending the Code to Move the Common Boundary Between the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area and the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area South, Subject to Approval by Voters in the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area and the Proposed New Area, and to Expand the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area to Include the Land South of Kachemak Bay Excluding the City of Seldovia, Subject to Voter Approval

This substitute ordinance would move the common boundary between the two hospital service areas south to Barbara Drive, and would also move the southern boundary of South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area ("SKPHSA") south to include the land south of Kachemak Bay except for the City of Seldovia.

When SKPHSA was formed a hospital was located in the City of Seldovia so the area south of Kachemak Bay was not included in the SKPHSA. Since then the hospital in Seldovia has closed and it is probably safe to say that most of the residents of that area use South Peninsula Hospital ("SPH") for hospital purposes. At a minimum they benefit from the availability of its services. It is only fair to include these additional properties across Kachemak Bay in the service area. If the northern boundary of SKPHSA is moved south that would have a negative effect on the finances of SPH, Inc. which this would help to offset.

In previous years the City of Seldovia residents have expressed strong opposition to inclusion in this service area. Under current statutes, if we attempt to include them in the SKPHSA along with the other property south of Kachemak Bay, their separate approval would be required for any of the additional properties to be included.

Accordingly, I propose that we also amend the boundary of SKPHSA to include all the property south of Kachemak Bay, west of Gore Point, excluding Seldovia.

Your favorable consideration of this would be appreciated.