

Introduced by: Carpenter
Date: 06/05/18
Hearing: 07/17/18
Action: Withdrawn
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2018-25**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING KPB 5.18.430(F) WHICH REQUIRES VOTER
APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE SALES TAX CAP**

WHEREAS, the borough sales tax cap of \$500 has been in effect since 1964; and

WHEREAS, for 41 years, voter approval was not required for the assembly to increase the cap on the amount of a sales subject to the borough's sales tax; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 the voters approved an initiative which, among other things, imposed a requirement that any increase in the maximum sales tax may not take effect until ratified by the voters at a regular borough election; and

WHEREAS, if this voter approval requirement is repealed then any increase in the sales tax cap would still have to be approved by the assembly by ordinance, which would require the assembly to hold at least one public hearing, giving the public opportunities to comment on any proposed increase before the assembly members vote for or against it; and

WHEREAS, the assembly, the administration and members of the public have been struggling to find ways to balance the borough's budget and provide sufficient funding for the services provided by the borough and education; and

WHEREAS, repealing this requirement that voters must approve an increase in the sales tax cap would provide the assembly with an additional potential tool to aid in finding a solution to this problem;

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

SECTION 1. KPB 5.18.430(F) is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS * DAY
OF * 2018.**

Wayne H. Ogle, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

07/17/18 Vote on Motion to Withdraw:

Yes: Bagley, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cooper, Dunne, Fischer, Hibbert, Smalley, Ogle

No:

Absent: