Introduced by: Mayor

Date: 10/08/24

Hearing: 11/12/24

Action: Enacted as Amended

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2024-28

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE UPDATED 2024 KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PLAN INCLUDING THE CITIES OF SELDOVIA AND SEWARD

- WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) is vulnerable to damages from natural and human-caused hazards which pose a threat to public health and safety and could result in property loss and economic hardship; and
- WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan), recommends actions to protect people and property at risk that may reduce future public and personal costs of disaster response and recovery as well as reinforce decisions in emergency preparedness efforts; and
- WHEREAS, the 2024 Plan update incorporates the cities of Seldovia and Seward, resulting in a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan, with the remaining incorporated cities of Homer, Kenai, Kachemak City, and Soldotna, and Tribal entities invited to be included in the 2029 update cycle; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Assembly initially adopted the Plan in 2004, subsequently adopting updated Plans in July 2010, June 2014, and December 2019; and
- WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster recovery funding and grant programs require regular updates to the Plan; and
- WHEREAS, the 2024 Plan has been updated to meet FEMA's requirements through the work of the KPB Planning and Emergency Management Departments as well as the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management; and
- WHEREAS, the KPB Planning Commission held a public hearing on this ordinance at its October 14, 2024, meeting and recommended approval by unanimous consent;

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

SECTION 1. That KPB 2.80.010 is hereby amended as follows:

2.80.010. Adoption of the hazard mitigation plan.

The document entitled Kenai Peninsula Borough Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 Update, a multi-jurisdictional plan which includes the cities of Seldovia and Seward, is hereby adopted as the hazard mitigation plan for the Kenai Peninsula Borough. The Mayor is authorized to make administrative changes to the plan provided the Assembly shall be advised of all such changes.

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SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall be effective immediately.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.

Peter Ribbens, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner CMC Borough Clerk

Yes: Baisden, Cooper, Cox, Dunne, Ecklund, Johnson, Tunseth, Ribbens

No: None

Absent: Elam