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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Dale Bagley, Assembly Member *DLB*

DATE: November 13, 2014

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2014- 38, An Ordinance Amending KPB 1.12.010 to Provide that Ordinances Shall Be Heard at Least 13 Days After Introduction Except Amendments to the Borough Code Shall be Heard at Least 25 Days After Introduction, and Amending KPB 5.04.050 to Require Two Public Hearings Be Held Before Approving the Annual Budget

The borough code currently requires at least 25 days to pass after an ordinance is introduced and before public hearing is held. Two exceptions are provided. One is for emergency ordinances which by statute can be introduced and heard for limited purposes on the same day. The second exception is the hearing can be set more than five days but less than 25 days after introduction of the ordinance by two-thirds vote of the assembly.

Most ordinances are for supplemental appropriations, selling or leasing property, or changing the borough code. Setting the baseline at a minimum of 13 days after introduction for hearing ordinances appropriating borough funds or conducting routine business matters will improve efficiency in the borough without harming the public process. Ordinances changing the borough code would still be subject to the minimum 25 day requirement. This ordinance will also require a minimum of two public hearings for the annual budget. If the assembly finds that more than 13 days is needed then it can still set the hearing for a later date than the next assembly meeting.

Your favorable consideration would be appreciated.