

Introduced by: Administration  
Date: July 17, 2015  
Action: Approved  
Vote: Yes - 9, No - 0, Excused - 1

**SOUTH KENAI PENINSULA HOSPITAL SERVICE AREA BOARD  
RESOLUTION 2015-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH KENAI PENINSULA HOSPITAL SERVICE AREA  
BOARD OPPOSING KB ORDINANCE 2015-20 AND REQUESTING THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
ASSEMBLY'S OPPOSITION**

- WHEREAS, South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area was created by voter approval in 1969 with a north boundary line at Sterling Highway milepost 119, just south of Clam Gulch; and
- WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor and Assembly authorized \$200,000 in February, 2015, for a health care task force to explore the best possible scenario for health care funding and powers in the borough, specifically to consider adopting hospital powers on a borough wide basis with a borough wide service area; and
- WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Borough's Health Care Task Force work is still in progress. Sufficient time should be provided to this group to conduct their work, and the findings be considered; and
- WHEREAS, An accurate projection of the loss of tax revenue to the Kenai Peninsula Borough if the boundary is changed as proposed is not available, but would definitely be greater than \$122,000; and
- WHEREAS, The proposed ordinance 2015-20 recommends the Kenai Peninsula Borough consider the financial needs of the hospitals when adjusting service area boundaries; and
- WHEREAS, The South Kenai Peninsula Hospital FY 2015 Capital Equipment Budget was \$898,000; and
- WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital, Inc. relies on the capital equipment budget to offer state of the art equipment to provide quality care close to home; and
- WHEREAS, Changing the boundary as proposed in this ordinance would reduce available tax funds for capital purchases by at least 8.5%; and
- WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital is already facing a declining tax base due to a rapidly aging community, resulting in a loss of taxes due to increased properties with tax exemptions; and
- WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital, Inc. is a strategic partner with the Ninilchik Village Tribe Community Health Clinic, which provides services to residents of the tribal boundaries, north from the Kasilof River to Homer in the south; and
- WHEREAS, the majority of the patient population seen at the Ninilchik is non-members, with a payer mix of 34% Medicare & Medicaid, 31% commercial insurance, 24% Indian health services, and 11% other; and
- WHEREAS, the patients using the clinic are connected to care at South Peninsula Hospital through ancillary services such as lab, imaging and physical therapy;

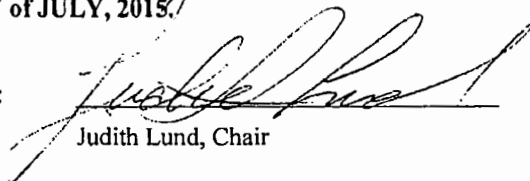
**Now therefore be it resolved that:**

SECTION 1: The South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board of Directors opposes Ordinance 2015-20 and

SECTION 2: The South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board respectfully requests the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly oppose this ordinance until an exact financial impact is determined and the findings of the KPB Health Care Task Force are considered.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE OF SOUTH KENAI PENINSULA HOSPITAL SERVICE AREA BOARD THIS  
17<sup>th</sup> DAY of JULY, 2015.**

ATTEST:

  
Judith Lund, Chair

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Christi Griffard, Secretary

Roll call vote: Yes      Lenew, Griffard, Jackinsky, Highland, Lund, Walli, Boyer, Cabana, Broshes

South Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board  
Motions and Votes  
during their July 17, 2015 Special Meeting

**Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance 2015-20**

Marie Walli/ Jacqueline Lenew moved/seconded:

For KPB Ordinance 2015-20 amending the common boundary between the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area and the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area, KPB 16.08.010 and 16.24.010

The vote:     Yes:     0  
                  No:     Ralph Broshes, Marie Walli, Roberta Highland, Clyde Boyer,  
                                  Christine Griffard, Jacqueline Lenew, Judith Lund, Sara Jackinsky,  
                                  Doris Cabana

Motion was voted down.

**South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board Resolution 2015-01**

Marie Walli/Roberta Highland moved/seconded:

To approve Resolution 2015-01 of the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board opposing Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance 2015-20 and requesting the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly opposition as amended.

The vote:     Yes:     Roberta Highland, Jacqueline Lenew, Judith Lund, Clyde Boyer,  
                                  Christine Griffard, Sara Jackinsky, Ralph Broshes, Marie Walli, Doris  
                                  Cabana  
                  No:     0

Motion passed.

**Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance 2015-18**

Christine Griffard/Marie Walli moved/seconded:

To support KPB Ordinance 2015-18 amending the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area boundaries to include certain geographical areas in and around Seldovia in the service area.

The vote:     Yes:     Jacqueline Lenew, Judith Lund, Clyde Boyer, Christine Griffard, Sara  
                                  Jackinsky, Ralph Broshes, Marie Walli, Doris Cabana  
                  No:     0  
                  Absent:  Roberta Highland

Motion passed.