

Introduced by: Cooper, Mayor
Date: 03/17/15
Action: Adopted
Vote: 7 Yes, 2 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2015-013**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MARIJUANA TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014 Ballot Measure 2, which generally legalizes marijuana and enacts a new chapter 17.38 in the Alaska Statutes, was approved statewide by the voters; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure 2 provides the framework for legalization of marijuana but many issues remain to be addressed by the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure 2 also authorizes the borough to prohibit, and/or implement regulations governing the number, time, place and manner of, marijuana cultivation facilities, manufacturing facilities, testing facilities and retail stores; and

WHEREAS, there is uncertainty about what regulations or laws the State of Alaska may pass relating to Ballot Measure 2; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough needs to consider possible comments and testimony to the State Legislature as well as the state control board regarding proposed laws and regulations governing marijuana; and

WHEREAS, there are many issues and factors to be considered by the borough in deciding how to address the local issues associated with the legalization of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, forming a task force to research and advise the assembly and administration on these issues would provide a valuable resource for reaching these decisions;

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

SECTION 1. A Marijuana Task Force is established which shall research, advise and make recommendations to the borough assembly and administration regarding how the borough should proceed in light of the passage of Ballot Measure 2.

SECTION 2. That the Marijuana Task Force shall submit quarterly reports to the administration and assembly which shall include:

(A) a summary of legislative and administrative actions taken by the State of Alaska and other municipalities of the State;

(B) how the borough should comment to the State of Alaska regarding the implementation of Alaska Statute Chapter 17.38;

(C) how the borough should implement AS Chapter 17.38 at the local level; and

(D) recommendations on taking any actions similar to those taken by other municipalities.

Informal updates between quarterly reports may also be provided in response to assembly or administration requests, or as deemed appropriate by the Task Force.

SECTION 3. That the Marijuana Task Force, in order to gather input and consider all sides of all issues, shall be composed of up to 11 members who, as feasible, shall be drawn from the following categories:

- Two members of the Assembly, appointed by the Assembly

The following members shall be appointed by the Mayor:

- One member of the Mayor's staff
- Three members of the public with knowledge of the issue
- One member of the law enforcement community
- Up to four members who shall be appointed by the Mayor after considering recommendations of the above members of the Task Force.

SECTION 4. All meetings of the Task Force shall be open to the public in accordance with the Alaska Open Meetings Act. The Task Force shall have no authority to act on behalf of the assembly or administration or communicate on the borough's behalf other than to make recommendations to the assembly and administration.

SECTION 5. That the Marijuana Task Force shall discontinue effective June 30, 2016, unless continued by the assembly.

SECTION 6. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

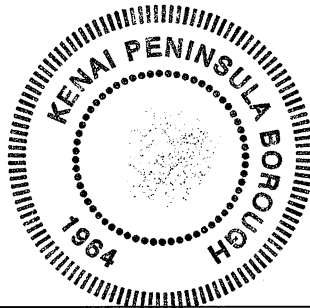
ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2015.

Dale L Bagley

Dale Bagley, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Johni Blankenship
Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Cooper, Haggerty, Gilman, Johnson, McClure, Ogle, Bagley

No: Welles, Wolf

Absent: None