

2015-12

**Subject:** FW: Ordinance 2015-12

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Kenai Peninsula Borough  
144 North Binkley Street  
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Reference: Ordinance 2015-12, An Ordinance Amending KPB Chapter 5.35, Regarding Utility Special Assessment Districts

Dear Members of the Assembly,

I understand that this Ordinance is to be voted on at the Assembly meeting scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Unfortunately I cannot be present at the meeting to provide public testimony. Until just recently I was unaware of this Ordinance so I apologize for only providing a brief statement now.

I am opposed to the change to KPB Chapter 5.35.107. Petition filing, Item C *Signature requirements*. The reduction in the number of signatures required from more than 70 percent to at least 60 percent puts an undue burden on a minority of property owners who may be opposed to the financial lien against their property when a new utility service is proposed that they have no interest in signing on to. A case in point is the proposed east side gas line extension on Funny River road where the financial burden to property owners is projected to be in excess of \$3,400. Currently it is believed that the proponents of this gas line will not obtain the necessary 70 percent signatures to force this line through, so it is distressing to note that a change is being proposed that will lower the requirement at this time when a vote is likely to be taken. Many people cannot afford the cost that will be allocated to their property, particularly when the service is not needed or wanted.

I urge you not to make the proposed change to this section.

Sincerely,

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