

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Planning Department – Land Management Division

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President  
Members, KPB Assembly

**THRU:** Peter A. Micciche, Mayor *PM*  
Robert Ruffner, Planning Director *RR*

**FROM:** Aaron Hughes, Land Management Officer *AH*

**DATE:** March 5, 2026

**RE:** Ordinance 2026- 11 Amending Borough Code Sections KPB 17.10.190 and KPB 17.10.250 Regarding Casual Use of Borough Land (Mayor)

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The Kenai Peninsula Borough Land Management Division manages approximately 200 square miles of borough-owned or managed lands for the benefit of the citizens of the Kenai.

KPB 17.10.190 provides for the public use of borough land through Casual Use, but inadequately defines what is considered allowable use or penalties for unauthorized activities on borough land. Public casual use of borough land is an important benefit to borough residents. The objective of the KPB Administration and Land Management is to preserve and manage public casual use land for long-term personal consumption, non-commercial, personal recreation, and personal subsistence uses.

The ordinance serves to further identify, define and encourage allowable uses under Casual Use, and provides future guidance on how lands available for casual use are to be identified, and may be closed based on extraordinary public health, welfare and safety-related conditions. These are necessary tools for the responsible and proactive management of borough lands for the use of all KPB citizens.

Uses not consistent with casual use, as defined by the ordinance, may still be allowed and encouraged on select borough lands upon application and administration approval of a temporary land use permit or other available land use authorization.

Your consideration is appreciated.