

Introduced by:	Cooper
Date:	08/19/25
Hearing:	09/02/25
Action:	
Vote:	

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2025-19-09**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE USE OF FUNDS FOR THE COSTS
OF DISTRIBUTING INFORMATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL
MATERIALS ABOUT BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 1 SEEKING VOTER
APPROVAL TO REQUIRE HAND COUNTING OF IN PERSON BALLOTS
VOTED ON ELECTION DAY**

WHEREAS, AS 15.13.145 and KPB 4.10.100, as amended, prohibits municipalities from influencing the outcome of an election concerning a ballot proposition unless funds have been specifically appropriated for that purpose by municipal ordinance; and

WHEREAS, since it possible to view the distribution of informational as something that influences the outcome of an election concerning a ballot proposition, this ordinance specifically appropriates funds for the purpose of distributing informational materials regarding Proposition 1 and such materials may be considered to promote or influence the outcome of the vote on Proposition 1; and

WHEREAS, accurate, efficient, and secure ballot counting methods are essential to public confidence in the integrity of borough elections; and

WHEREAS, public outreach and voter education are necessary to inform voters of how tabulating equipment functions, its safeguards, and its proven accuracy through audits and testing; and

WHEREAS, a well-informed electorate will be better equipped to participate in decisions regarding election processes, including propositions affecting ballot counting methods; and

WHEREAS, it essential to provide factual, nonpartisan information on the efficiencies, cost-effectiveness, and accuracy of ballot tabulators and local elections;

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

SECTION 1. That this is a non-code ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the Assembly hereby appropriates \$_____ from the General Fund fund balance to account 100.11110.26PR1.49999 and approves the use of the funds for an informational and promotional campaign, which may be used to influence the outcome of the election on October 7, 2025, on ballot Proposition 1 concerning hand counting ballots.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances will not be affected.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be effective immediately.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS * DAY OF *, 2025.

Peter Ribbens, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: