

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wayne Ogle, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM: Dale Bagley, Assembly Vice-President *DLB*

DATE: March 22, 2018

RE: Ordinance 2018-16, Amending KPB 16.08.010 and 16.24.010 to Move the Common Boundary Between the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area and the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area South, Subject to Approval by the Voters Residing in the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area and the Proposed New Area (Bagley)

The South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area ("SKPHSA") and Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area ("CKPHSA") were created in 1969, before Central Peninsula Hospital ("CPH") in Soldotna opened. The South Peninsula Hospital ("SPH"), formerly the Homer Hospital, was built in 1955. The common boundary between the two service areas passes next to Clam Gulch tower, which is not at the highway midpoint. The midpoint is 14½ miles to the south.

It can be safely assumed that the vast majority of the people living in the Ninilchik area and north to the current boundary routinely use CPH instead of SPH. In my view, those people should not pay taxes for the SKPHSA which are much higher than taxes paid for the CKPHSA. I believe this is an issue of fairness. The line between the CKPHSA and the SKPHSA should be moved to the south side of Ninilchik. This ordinance would move that boundary south and be subject to approval by the voters in the CKPHSA and the new area proposed to be included in the CKPHSA.

The legal descriptions for the proposed new boundaries will be provided prior to the public hearing. Attached is a map that depicts the intended change.

Your consideration is appreciated.