

Kenai Peninsula Borough Legal Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *JCB*

FROM: Marcus Mueller, Acting Planning Director *[Signature]*
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DATE: October 1, 2020

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2020-45, Amending KPB 2.40, Planning Commission, KPB Title 20, Subdivisions, and KPB 21.20, Hearing and Appeals, to Correct Grammatical Errors, and Clarify and Improve Certain Administrative Procedures (Mayor)

Since the last significant rewrite to the borough's subdivision code in 2014, platting staff have found a number of provisions that would benefit from clarifying language. The amendments to KPB Title 20 (Title 20) and KPB 2.40 will improve the platting process and procedure and make Title 20 consistent with current law. Among technical changes to borough subdivision regulations, the amendments will add a new uniform notice section that will be applicable to all of Title 20.

The amendments will repeal KPB 20.70, Vacation Requirements, and replace that chapter with a new vacations chapter, KPB 20.65, Vacations. The new vacation chapter will clarify that only platted public easements may be vacated by the planning commission subject to consent or veto by the borough or a city, if the easement to be vacated is within a city. The new vacation chapter will include a utility easement alteration or removal section to improve the procedure for alteration of utility easements.

The amendments to KPB 21.20 seek to improve definitions and to clarify that hearing officer appeals are on the record appeals. The amendments also provide for a process of non-participation by the borough and to remove requirements for providing statements and motions even when the borough is not a participating party.

A sectional analysis of all the changes included in this ordinance is attached.

Your consideration of this ordinance is appreciated.