

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Community & Fiscal Projects

MEMORANDUM

TO: Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*
Dan Nelson, OEM Senior Manager *JBL/S*
Max Best, Planning Director *MB*

FROM: Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *BA*

DATE: October 24, 2019

RE: Ordinance 2019- 31. Adopting the Updated 2019 Kenai Peninsula Borough All-Hazard Mitigation Plan and Removing the Word "All" from KPB 2.80.010 (Mayor)

In October 2004, the Kenai Peninsula Borough ("KPB") enacted ordinance 2004-33, adopting a borough-wide multi-jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan ("Plan"). The Plan was subsequently updated in 2010 by assembly enactment of ordinance 2010-26 and again in 2014 by enactment of ordinances 2014-03 and 2014-22 to include the Seward-Bear Creek Flood Service Area Annex I. The 2019 update of the Plan was reviewed by FEMA Region X, which required additional modifications for the borough to be eligible to make applications through FEMA hazard mitigation grant programs. These modifications are included in the proposed 2019 updated Plan and will be submitted to FEMA for approval following assembly adoption.

Additionally, this ordinance would amend code to remove the word "All" from KPB 2.80.010. The proposed code amendment is made to better reflect the borough's intent and recognition that the Plan does not and cannot cover all possible hazards.

The purpose of this hazard mitigation planning effort is twofold: (1) As a viable tool for reducing community vulnerability to disaster loss and damage; and, (2) as a prerequisite for receiving certain types of future federal and state hazard mitigation funding.

The KPB cooperated and coordinated the 2019 update with the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

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The Plan is available for review at the borough clerk's office and also online through the planning department's web page under hot topics at:

[https://www.kpb.us/images/KPB/PLN/PlansReports/Hazard Mitigation Plan - Review Draft 2018.pdf](https://www.kpb.us/images/KPB/PLN/PlansReports/Hazard%20Mitigation%20Plan%20-%20Review%20Draft%202018.pdf)

The planning commission held a hearing on this ordinance at its August 12, 2019, meeting and recommended approval by unanimous consent.

Approval of this ordinance would be appreciated.