

Introduced by: Ribbens, Cooper
Date: 01/07/25
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Vote:

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2025-003**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER BILL
ELAM AND DECLARING A VACANCY ON THE ASSEMBLY**

WHEREAS, Bill Elam was initially elected to serve as an assembly member for Assembly District 5 – Sterling/Funny River, on October 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, after serving his first term in office, Mr. Elam was re-elected to serve a second term as the assembly member for Assembly District 5 – Sterling/Funny River, on October 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2024, Mr. Elam was elected to serve in the Alaska State House of Representatives representing House District 8; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska certified the election results on November 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Bill Elam has submitted his resignation from the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly effective January 7, 2025 at 11:59 p.m., thus creating a vacancy for Assembly District 5; and

WHEREAS, if the resignation is accepted and a vacancy is declared as set out herein, the Assembly’s meeting on January 7, 2025 will be Mr. Elam’s last meeting as a member of this Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk’s Office will advertise the notice of vacancy and provide time for interested members of the public to apply and file a declaration of candidacy, with the intent being that the Assembly will appoint a new representative for Assembly District 5 in a manner that ensures a smooth transition of representation for Assembly District 5 and in compliance with State Statutes;

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

SECTION 1. That the Assembly extends congratulations and best wishes to State Representative-elect Bill Elam in his new endeavor representing House District 8 and in service to all of Alaska.

SECTION 2. That the resignation of Bill Elam is hereby accepted, effective at 11:59 p.m. January 7, 2025.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to KPB 22.30.060(C), all applicants for appointment must file with the Borough Clerk a declaration of candidacy. The filing period will open at 8:00 a.m. on January 8, 2025 and end at 4:30 p.m. on January 31, 2025. Applicants must be a registered voter and resident within Assembly District 5.

SECTION 4. That the Borough Clerk is directed to advertise the vacancy created in Assembly District 5, including announcements on the Borough's website and its official social media sites, and forward copies of all declarations of candidacy received to the Assembly President and members of the Assembly for consideration and appointment at the February 4, 2025, Assembly meeting.

SECTION 5. That this resolution is effective immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 7TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

Peter Ribbens, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: