



Kenai Peninsula Borough

Road Service Area

MEMORANDUM

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

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor 

FROM: Dil Uhlin, Roads Director 

DATE: November 21, 2019

RE: Ordinance 2019-39, Repealing KPB 12.06 and Enacting KPB 12.08. –
Junk and Abandoned Vehicles (Mayor)

This ordinance would repeal KPB 12.06, Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Procedure, and replace it with KPB 12.08, Junk and Abandoned Vehicles. KPB 12.06 has proven to be inadequate for enforcing the removal of junk and abandoned vehicles within the borough as it lacks many of the requirements of Alaska Statute and fails to address junk vehicles.

The proposed KPB 12.08 not only incorporates Alaska Statutes, it also addresses vehicles which could be considered both junk and abandoned. The proposed code revision provides a mechanism for the Road Service Area to address the growing issue regarding the abandonment of vehicles on borough right-of-ways and/or borough property. Currently, due to the lack of an enforcement mechanism, individuals are abandoning their vehicles on borough property in order to avoid paying the landfill fees or the fees to drain the fluids in the vehicle. The aim of this ordinance is to make it more expensive to abandon a vehicle than to properly dispose of a vehicle, thereby encouraging owners to properly dispose of these vehicles.

This ordinance was introduced at the September 24, 2019 Road Service Area Board meeting and a motion was made to postpone this ordinance to allow more time for review. At its meeting held on October 29, 2019, the Road Service Area Board voted unanimously to recommend approval.