

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 05/17/16
Hearing: 06/21/16
Action: Enacted
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2016-17**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A POLICY SUPPORTING THE STANDARDIZATION OF MANUFACTURERS' BRANDS OF FIRE APPARATUS AND AMBULANCES FOR THE NIKISKI FIRE SERVICE AREA AND CENTRAL EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA, AND AMENDING KPB 5.28.280(B) TO ALLOW FOR PURCHASES WITHOUT COMPETITION WHEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDIZATION POLICIES APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, Nikiski Fire Service Area (NFSA) and Central Emergency Service Area (CES) have had numerous issues with maintenance, training, and operational costs associated with using fire apparatus and ambulances manufactured by multiple manufacturers, and would like to resolve these issues by standardizing the manufacturers of this equipment; and

WHEREAS, based on their experiences during the last few years CES and NFSA have recognized a need for standardization of fire and ambulance apparatus to lower training and maintenance costs, and to increase productivity and operational safety; and

WHEREAS, since 2009 all new fire apparatus put into service by NFSA have been manufactured by the same manufacturer and secured through a competitive bid process; and

WHEREAS, CES and NFSA have purchased four ambulances built by the same manufacturer; and

WHEREAS, CES and NFSA have found that these fire apparatus and ambulances manufactured by the same companies operate in a similar manner and have design similarities, resulting in savings in training, maintenance and operations costs; and

WHEREAS, volunteers and fulltime personnel either respond to the nearest fire station to pick up an apparatus and respond to an emergency or respond directly from the fire station to which they are assigned during a scheduled duty shift which has the personnel operating and responding on different apparatus on at least a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, having a similar design for all pumping apparatus and for all ambulances enables the departments to maintain the same efficiency and effectiveness regardless of which vehicle they happen to be responding on; and

WHEREAS, to operate any such equipment a responder must be properly trained on each piece of equipment, and currently not all responders are trained on all equipment from different manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, this policy would allow fire departments to reduce complicated training procedures that currently differ from apparatus to apparatus, thus reducing overtime costs because all emergency responders could operate any of the apparatus once they have obtained the necessary training and certification; and

WHEREAS, when the equipment manufacturer is standardized the fire service area mechanics are able to service the apparatus more effectively because the units would use common electrical diagrams for the body and many of the same components, thereby improving efficiencies and effectiveness of both routine maintenance and emergency repairs as well as reducing the parts inventory needed; and

WHEREAS, with one manufacturer for fire apparatus, and one for ambulances, the fire service areas could work closely with one service center if a problem is beyond local capacity to handle or involves warranty issues; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough may use government cooperative purchasing organizations to obtain the best price for emergency apparatus and ambulances purchased for the fire services areas; and

WHEREAS, the proposed policy is for an initial period of five (5) years, after which the administration and service areas will assess the benefits and weaknesses of the standardization model and will require new assembly approval for continuation;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly approves and authorizes the mayor to sign the policy standardizing fire apparatus and ambulance manufacturers' brands for Central Emergency Service Area and Nikiski Fire Service Area, a copy of which accompanies this ordinance and is incorporated by reference. Nothing in this policy waives the other requirements of KPB Chapter 5.28. Purchasing and Contracting.

SECTION 2. That KPB 5.28.280(B) is amended as follows:

5.28.280. Proprietary procurement.

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B. Purchases without competition costing more than \$40,000 must first be approved by the assembly by resolution except:


1. where the mayor determines an emergency affecting life, health, or safety exists[.]; or

2. when the purchase is pursuant to a standardization policy approved by the assembly.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall automatically expire on June 21, 2021 unless the assembly has altered or extended that date.

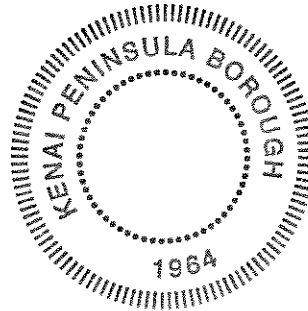
SECTION 4. That this ordinance takes effect immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 21ST DAY OF JUNE, 2016.


Blaine Gilman, Assembly President

ATTEST:

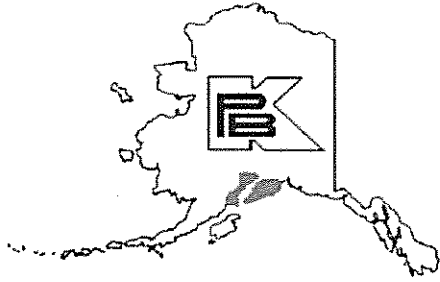

John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bagley, Cooper, Dunne, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp, Ogle, Gilman

No: None

Absent: Welles



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**MIKE NAVARRE
BOROUGH MAYOR**

STANDARDIZED FIRE APPARATUS AND AMBULANCE MANUFACTURERS' BRANDS POLICY

Nikiski Fire Service Area (NFSA) and Central Emergency Service Area (CES) own and operate numerous fire apparatus and ambulance vehicles. These are complicated pieces of equipment that require extensive training to operate safely and efficiently and to maintain. Each manufacturer of these pieces of equipment requires separate training for the operation and maintenance for equipment in their product line due to these complexities. The parts required for replacement parts are not generally interchangeable between pieces of equipment manufactured by different companies.

The standardization of fire apparatus and ambulances for fire and emergency medical service areas is approved consistent with these purposes.

NFSA and CES are authorized to standardize their fire apparatus as Pierce Manufacturing brand and ambulances as Braun Northwest brand provided purchases are made with due diligence to obtain the best possible prices. This can be done by using governmental cooperative purchasing agencies, or other means as defined in KPB Chapter 5.28. -- Procurement and Purchasing.

This policy shall expire five years after assembly approval in Ordinance 2016-17 unless altered or extended by the assembly.

Date

Mike Navarre, Mayor