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Blankenship, Johni

From: Wayne Bumpus <aaentinc@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 5:56 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: ordinance amending KPB 16.08.010 and 16.24.010

Dear Assembly Members, We have owned our home in Clam Gulch for some time, in the area affected by this ordinance. I am a disabled VET and putting the common boundary between the service areas at the highway midpoint is really fair. Please vote to support the change. Thank you, Wayne & Paula Bumpus

Blankenship, Johni

From: fwaldron@acsalaska.net
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 6:17 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: to Kenai peninsula borough assembly members regarding Homer Hospital boundary move

I would like to comment in support of the proposed ordinance to move the Homer Hospital boundary further south. The main reason I support this is proximity. It is 32 miles from my driveway at mile 126.8 Sterling Highway to Soldotna compared to 48 miles to Homer. When I go to the hospital, I choose Central Peninsula. A lot of people have put out a lot of effort to create this institution located in the heart of our population center. As our borough continues to develop it makes a lot of sense to prioritize funds toward this central location. I have nothing against Homer hospital, but when I see the Ninilchik ambulance go by on a run it is usually travelling North. My only change to Mr. Johnson's proposed ordinance would be to move the boundary to deep creek. The creek seems to be the perfect boundary line between north and south.

Thank You
Franklin D Waldron
Ninilchik

Blankenship, Johni

From: barblondon1955 <barblondon1955@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:26 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Hospital service area boundaries

Dear Assembly Members

I am writing to tell you that I am in favor of the ordinance to change Homer's hospital service area boundary line to Barbara Drive In Ninilchik.

I live in Clam Gulch, north of Barbara Dr and for medical attention I go to Soldotna Hospital when needed because it is closer to me than the city of Homer. It only makes sense to do that, especially if in an emergency.

I want the taxes I pay to be allocated to the hospital I do use.

So please vote in favor of this ordinance. I am hoping as a taxpayer that you all, as assembly members, do read the emails and care to understand what our local concerns are.

Sincerely,
Barbara London

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note® II, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Blankenship, Johni

From: Steve Wheeler <usafcaptlt67@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 9:51 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Hospital Boundries

Dear Sir,

I have a small summer home about 8 miles south of Clam Gulch. I come up for 21/2 months each year for the fishing and clamming. This is my 25th consecutive year.

I was just recently made aware of a situation that I would like to see changed. My home is on the tax roles of the hospital in Homers jurisdiction. It takes me right at one hour to get to Homer and only 30 minutes to get to Soldotna. Therefore I would like to see my hospital tax go to the closest borough hospital, Soldotna. Please know that I am in favor of changing the hospital tax boundry closer to the halfway point between Homer and Soldotna.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Steven L. Wheeler
M.P.127.7 Sterling Hwy

Blankenship, Johni

From: Ella May Cooper-Waldron, ANP <frankenfishsalmonella@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 11:43 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: SPH Boundry

I support Brent Johnson's proposed boundary change. Ella May Cooper-Waldron, RN, ANP Sent from my iPhone

Blankenship, Johni

From: corey kruse <krusecore@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 9:35 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Support of ordinance 2016-22

To all Assembly members:

I am writing today in support of ordinance 2016-22 because I feel we are being unfairly taxed at the higher 2.3 mils rate for South Peninsula hospital service area when we have never used a homer hospital or clinic in the 20 + years we have lived here in Clam gulch. We have however used the Soldotna hospital and clinics repeatedly and thus feel we should be taxed in their service area. Thanks for your time and attention on this matter. Corey and Amy Kruse, Clam gulch, Ak.

Sent from AT&T Mail on Android

Blankenship, Johni

From: frankmary37@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 6:13 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Fw: hospital service area is ordinance 2016-22

While we will not be able to attend the upcoming meeting we felt it was important to voice our opinion to the assembly members on our support the moving of the hospital boundary movement. We have lived at 60284 Sami Rae Ct, Clam Gulch (mm 125.6) for the past 17 years. Unfortunately we have had multiple occasions to make unscheduled trips to the hospital - both by car and ambulance. We have always chosen to go to the hospital in Soldotna, which is closer by 15 miles. Additionally our doctors are located in Soldotna. Never have we opted to EVER use the hospital facilities in Homer. We unconditionally support the moving of the hospital boundary to Soldotna.

Regards,

Frank and Mary Ferguson

--- On Fri, 6/3/16, Brent Johnson <ragweb@icloud.com> wrote:

> From: Brent Johnson <ragweb@icloud.com>
> Subject: hospital service area is ordinance 2016-22
> To:
> Date: Friday, June 3, 2016, 8:56 AM
> The ordinance for moving the hospital
> service area boundary now has a number. It is Kenai Peninsula Borough
> ordinance 2016-22. Referring to that number will save you some time
> when writing or speaking to the assembly.
> You
> can reach all assembly members and the mayor by writing to them
> through the Borough Clerk. Her address = JBlankenship@kpb.us Feel free
> to ask questions. Have a great weekend!
> Brent262-4763

Blankenship, Johni

From: joalaska <joalaska@ptialaska.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 5:03 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Fw: testimony on Borough ordinance 2016-22.

Dear Ms Blankenship:

Please send a copy of my testimony to all Assembly members and the Mayor :

I am not able to attend the Assembly meeting to testify in person, but as a resident of Clam Gulch, I would like to submit my e-mail testimony.

I am in favor of Brent Johnsons proposal to change the boundaries for the Homer hospital and Central Peninsula Hospital. Since it is much closer for me to use Central Peninsula Hospital, and their services offered are much more extensive, I never drive to Homer to use their services.

All of my neighbors and friends utilize Central Peninsula Hospital, and in order to visit them if they are hospitalized, it is much closer than driving to Homer.

In addition, my primary physician, who has been my Doctor for more than 30 years, practices in Soldotna, and in order to have continued service there, I need to use Central Peninsula Hospital,

Please approve a common sense proposal, to change these boundaries to reflect the needs of the communities and residents of these two areas.

Thank You,

Joann Odd
P.O. Box 62
Clam Gulch, AK 99568

Blankenship, Johni

From: yaktracks@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 12:02 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni

June 3, 2016. Reference Ordinance 2016-22

Honorable Members of the Kenai Borough Assembly:

As an introduction, I am James Kenshalo and I am a home-owner near Mile 125.5 of the Sterling Highway, on Corea Bend.

My family would like to add our voices to the chorus of supporters of the Honorable Brent Johnson's proposal to move the Hospital Service Boundary. We very much support this "it makes sense" idea. It is an act of good government for our corner of Alaska.

Yes, we do live closer to Soldotna and all our mishaps requiring stitches and/or x-rays were driven to the Emergency Room in Soldotna.

Of course our loyalties hold fast to the Soldotna Hospital. Our number two son came into this world in a small room at the Soldotna Hospital 36 years ago. Today, he is a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Coast Guard, a helicopter pilot assigned to the Kodiak Air Station and is often deploys to the Bering Sea.

Respectfully submitted,

James Kenshalo
61785 Corea Bend
Clam Gulch, Alaska 99568
907 567-3221

Your pal, Jim

Blankenship, Johni

From: vader1@alaska.net
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 9:58 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Cc: ragweb@icloud.com
Subject: 2016-22 We are for the KPB Ordinance

We (ERION family) want the township boundaries to be put at Ninilchik township line that is mid point to the nearest hospital. We live at mile 123 Sterling Hwy (25 miles to Soldotna) which is closer to the Soldotna hospital. We live OVER 50 miles to Homer hospital.

Respectfully,

Tim Erion

PO Box 526

Clam Gulch, AK 99568

907-394-1818

Physical Address 71405 Sterling Hwy, Ninilchik, AK (12.5 miles NORTH of Ninilchik) we live closer to Clam Gulch, 7 miles.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Julie <zzpunky@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 9:17 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: KPB Ordinance 2016-22

Dear KPB Assembly Members

My wife & I reside at 57930 Faccio Road (mile 121 Sterling Highway) Clam Gulch, AK. The reason for this email is to express our strong support for KPB Ordinance 2016-22.

Ordinance 2016-22 is common sense legislation that will greatly benefit all of us that reside within the proposed change to the Hospital Service Area boundary.

You all know the facts, so I'll just state the obvious: those of us that live in this area utilize the services provided by Central Peninsula not South Peninsula Hospital.

We ask that you pass KPB Ordinance 2016-22.

Thank you to District 7 Assemblymen Brent Johnson for his diligent work concerning this important issue.

Sincerely,

David & Julie Levesque
907-242-2710
gulchkid@yahoo.com

Sent from my iPad

Sent from my iPad

Blankenship, Johni

From: Debra Oskolkoff <doskolkoff@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 11:23 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Hospital Areas Boundary

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members:

I am in full support of the proposed ordinance to move the boundary between the two hospital areas from Clam Gulch to Barbara Drive (midpoint). My residence and property are located at Mi. 124.5 Sterling Highway and I make exclusive use of the Soldotna Hospital and I do not use the Homer Hospital.

I am hopeful that you will give full consideration of my request.

Thank you.

Marion E. Oskolkoff
PO Box 39008
Ninilchik, AK 99639

Blankenship, Johni

From: Steve Wheeler <usafcaptlt67@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 8:40 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: zoning

Madam,

Would you please give serious consideration to the ordinance number 2016-22. This makes a lot of sense because I am located between Clam Gulch and Ninilchik and it is much closer to drive to Soldotna than Homer. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Steve Wheeler
MP 127.7 Sterling Hwy

Blankenship, Johni

From: Frank Casey <profishguide@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 12:20 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: 2016-22

Hi,

My name is Frank Casey and I have lived in Clam Gulch for 16 years, in that time I have never been to the hospital in Homer. Did not know I was paying them, while using the hospital in Soldotna which is 30 minutes away (Homer is an hour away). I support moving the boundaries south to be more representative of usage.

Thanks,

The Casey family

907-252-4525

Po box 343

Clam Gulch, AK 99568

Sent from my iPhone

Subject:

FW: Ordinance # 2016-22 [proposal to change hospital boundaries]

From: John & Evie [<mailto:jamstreit2007@yahoo.com>]**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2016 3:44 PM**To:** Blankenship, Johni <JBlankenship@kpb.us>**Subject:** Ordinance # 2016-22 [proposal to change hospital boundaries]

Dear Mayor Navarre, Clerk Blankenship and other KPB Assembly members,

Our names are John & Eva Streit. We are property owners in the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and specifically in Clam Gulch. We have had occasion to make use of the local hospital when visiting family members were hurt in an ATV outing. We were thoroughly impressed with the service and great communication regarding that service at the Soldotna hospital. Our cabin is 20 minutes from Soldotna, and as we live in Anchorage, it would be inconceivable that we would even consider making use of the Homer hospital, despite its good reputation. Besides it being 45 minutes away (in decent travel conditions), it's just in the wrong direction.

We sincerely would appreciate the boundaries being modified as suggested in Ordinance # 2016-22, and allowing the tax money that we pay to go toward the Soldotna hospital.

Please make use of this email as our voice at any/all of the upcoming hearings on this topic.

Sincerely,

John & Eva Streit

property owners at Mile 121.2
Home address: 4620 Reka Dr. #24
Anchorage, AK 99508
Ph. 907.317.4481

Please feel free to contact us in this regard. Please also keep our email address private.

Blankenship, Johni

From: RPC - Richard Person <rpc@gci.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 1:23 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: ordinance 2016-22

All assembly members: I am a property owner at mile post 127.5 sterling highway . Ordinance 2016-22 makes perfect sense to me. I run a small business and any time I have had a health care need over the last 35 years I have taken the injured person to the hospital in Soldotna. It has never entered my mind to go to HOMER AS IT IS FARTHER AWAY. A boundary line at the half way point is fair and just. Please adopt ordinance 2016-22. Thank you for your service, Richard Person.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Beth Jackson <eaf1958@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2016 8:49 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Fwd: hospital service area is ordinance 2016-22

Please count me as completely in support of moving hospital boundary to soldotna.

Elizabeth Jackson
60285 Sami Rae ct
Clam gulch, although

Sent from my iPod

Begin forwarded message:

From: Brent Johnson <ragweb@icloud.com>
Date: June 3, 2016 at 12:56:37 PM EDT
To: Undisclosed recipients: ;
Subject: hospital service area is ordinance 2016-22

The ordinance for moving the hospital service area boundary now has a number. It is Kenai Peninsula Borough ordinance 2016-22. Referring to that number will save you some time when writing or speaking to the assembly.

You can reach all assembly members and the mayor by writing to them through the Borough Clerk. Her address = JBlankenship@kpb.us

Feel free to ask questions. Have a great weekend!

Brent
262-4763

Blankenship, Johni

From: Mike De Voe <egigagik@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2016 7:07 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Ordinance 2016-22

To assembly members

This is common sense legislation. The mil rate difference between the two hospitals is preposterous. The boundary needs to be moved and mil rates adjusted.

I would like to thank Bret Johnson for bringing this to our attention.

Thank you for your time.

Mike DeVoe
Clam Gulch
Sent from my iPhone

South Peninsula

H O S P I T A L

S E R V I C E A R E A B O A R D

4300 Bartlett St. Homer, Alaska 99603

To: Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members & Clerk

From: South Peninsula Service Area Board

Re: South Peninsula Service Area Board Comments in Opposition to Premature Consideration of Boundary Changes Proposed in Ordinance No. 2016-22

Please see enclosed the comments from the South Peninsula Service Area Board.

Serving the Health Needs of South Kenai Peninsula

Acute Care Hospital

Personal Care Attendant Program

In-Patient Long Term Care

Home and Community Based Hospital Care

Preventive Medical Care and Wellness Programs

Health Education Programs

To: Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members & Clerk

From: South Peninsula Service Area Board

Re: South Peninsula Service Area Board Comments in Opposition to Premature Consideration of Boundary Changes Proposed in Ordinance No. 2016-22

Please consider these initial comments submitted by the South Peninsula Service Area Board in opposition to Ordinance No. 2016-22 (the “Ordinance”). The Ordinance, *inter alia*, proposes to amend the current boundaries of the South Peninsula Service Area (“the Service Area”). For the following reasons we urge the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members (the “Assembly”) to vote in opposition to Ordinance 2016-22.

A. The Borough Should Not Make Any Major Changes to Peninsula Healthcare Prior to the Completion of the Health Care Task Force Process

The Borough has established its Health Care Task Force to analyze health care costs, access to health care and other issues of importance concerning health care available throughout the Peninsula. As part of this analysis the Borough hired Stroudwater Associates (“Stroudwater”), a respected firm with an expertise in rural health care. The Task Force agreed to pay Stroudwater approximately Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) to assist the Borough with a Peninsula wide health care analysis pertaining to the aforementioned emphases. As part of this project Stroudwater engaged in analysis and outreach with the hospitals, clinics, mental health providers, social service providers, Assembly Members, Doctors, medical administrators, the general public and other stakeholders located throughout the Peninsula. Stroudwater, the Borough and the other stakeholders involved in this process have invested significant time, effort and financial resources into this project. Stroudwater has gathered information and has made an initial report which it provided to the stakeholders and the Task Force. However, the Task Force has not adopted or made recommendations based on the Stroudwater findings. Given that the Borough

the Task Force and its stakeholders have recently invested significant time and money into this process its is only prudent that the Borough finalize this process before making significant changes to any Service Area boundaries. Since the Task Force has not adopted recommendations or finalized its process it is premature for the Borough to take significant action prior to the Task Force completion of its process.

B. Health Care Resources in Ninilchik will be Adversely Impacted by the Proposed Boundary Revision

SPH in conjunction with tribal partners has established and continues to jointly provide health care for the Ninilchik Traditional Council Community Clinic (the “Clinic”). SPH has demonstrated its commitment to the northern part of the Service Area by investing significant time and resources for the Clinic. The Clinic is primarily used by residents located in the northern part of the Service Area including those residents located north of the proposed boundary line revision. The services provided by SPH through the Clinic directly serve residents in and north of Ninilchik. The majority of the patient population seen at the Ninilchik are non-members with a payer mix of 34% Medicare & Medicaid, 31% commercial insurance, 24% Indian Health Services and 11% other. Furthermore, the Clinic patients utilize more than just clinic resources. The patients using the clinic are connected to additional health care resources connected to South Peninsula Hospital through ancillary services such as lab, imaging and physical therapy. The proposed boundary revision could significantly impact SPH’s ability to provide healthcare resources to the Clinic. Accordingly, the proposed boundary revision could negatively impact local access to health care.

C. The Proposed Boundary Revision Would Adversely Impact Health Care Finances

As a rural hospital SPH faces various challenges that arise whenever a rural hospital seeks to provide a high level of health care to residents in a small rural setting such as the one existing

served within the Service Area. SPH treats residents in and North of Ninilchik. SPH is already facing a declining tax base because the current service area is home to a rapidly aging community. As additional retirees relocate to the Service Area (or age in place) additional properties will be eligible for age based exemptions therefore resulting in a loss of tax revenue. The financial impacts of the proposed boundary revision are unknown but clearly the proposed boundary change would impact both the finances of SPH and have an adverse impact on access to healthcare.

Thus, the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board respectfully requests the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly oppose this ordinance until an exact financial impact is determined and the findings of the KPB Health Care Task Force are considered.