

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	11/22/16
Action:	Postponed to 01/17/17
Vote:	9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent
Date:	01/17/17
Action:	Adopted as Amended
Vote:	9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2016-070**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT AND
OPERATIONAL PLAN BETWEEN KACHEMAK EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA
AND THE CITY OF HOMER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE
APPARATUS AND PERSONNEL**

WHEREAS, automatic aid agreements are a form of mutual aid agreements and their operational plans provide for automatic requests for additional resources to residents of the peninsula in the form of emergency response personnel when required; and

WHEREAS, automatic aid agreements and operational plans are common in the fire and emergency service professions; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 18.70.150 provides that: “[a] city, other incorporated entity, and other fire protection groups may organize a mutual-aid program by adopting an ordinance or resolution authorizing and permitting their fire department, fire company, emergency relief squad, fire police squad, or fire patrol to go to the aid of another city, incorporated entity, or fire protection group, or territory outside of it...”; and

WHEREAS, this automatic aid agreement and operational plan between Kachemak Emergency Service Area (KESA) and the City of Homer Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) sets forth response areas and terms of automatic aid; and

WHEREAS, all associated costs are borne by each responding agency, and in this manner, costs for manpower, materials, supplies and equipment are exchanged between the agencies, ultimately resulting in service area funds being expended for the benefit of the service area; and

WHEREAS, for years, the operational plans have been considered as matters within the expertise of the agencies providing automatic aid and, therefore, future amendments to the operational plans have been left to the discretion of the agencies; and

WHEREAS, significant cost savings for fire insurance can be afforded local taxpayers through rating determinations by Insurance Services Office (ISO) when automatic aid agreements are in effect; and

WHEREAS, this automatic aid agreement is for the provision of fire apparatus and personnel; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of December 8, 2016, the Kachemak Emergency Service Area Board recommended approval; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of January 9, 2017, the City of Homer City Council recommended approval by unanimous adoption of their Resolution 17-011;

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

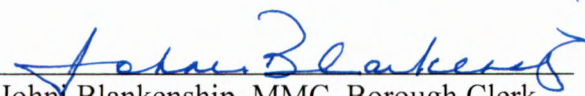
SECTION 1. That an automatic aid agreement between KESA and HVFD serves the best interests of KESA and is hereby approved. The Mayor is authorized to execute an automatic aid agreement substantially in the form of the attached agreement.

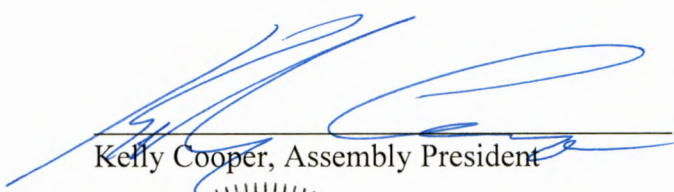
SECTION 2. That the operational plan substantially in the form attached hereto is hereby approved and the KESA boards and chief are hereby authorized to approve amendments to the operational plan with the Mayor's approval without further review by the Assembly so long as any such amendments do not conflict with the automatic aid agreement.

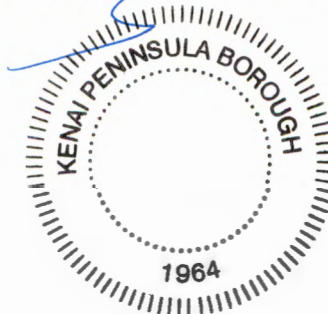
SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 17TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

ATTEST:


John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk


Kelly Cooper, Assembly President



11/22/16 Vote on motion to postpone:

Yes: Bagley, Dunne, Fischer, Gilman, Holmdahl, Knopp, Ogle, Welles, Cooper

No: None

Absent: None

01/17/17 Vote on motion to adopt as amended:

Yes: Bagley, Dunne, Fischer, Gilman, Hibbert, Holmdahl, Ogle, Welles, Cooper

No: None

Absent: None