

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Office of the Borough Clerk

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wayne Ogle, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM: Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk (JB)

DATE: August 20, 2019

RE: Proposition Summaries for 2019 Regular Election Brochure (Voter Pamphlet)

Kenai Peninsula Borough Code § 4.10.110 (A) states in part, "... the borough clerk shall prepare and mail to every borough box holder a brochure containing information approved by the assembly of a strictly factual nature pertaining to each proposition on the ballot,"

The following attached proposition summaries are being forwarded for Assembly review and approval.

Proposition No. 1: Adopting A Manager Plan of Government to be Effective after the 2020 Election

Proposition No. 2: Amending KPB 5.18.430 to Increase the Maximum Amount of a Sale Subject to The Borough Sales Tax to \$1,000, Except for Residential Rentals, Subject to Voter Approval

Your consideration is appreciated.

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
PROPOSITION NO. 1
(Manager Plan of Government)**

ADOPTING A MANAGER PLAN OF GOVERNMENT TO BE EFFECTIVE AFTER THE 2020 ELECTION
(To be voted on by all voters)

Shall the Kenai Peninsula Borough adopt a manager plan of government, effective upon commencement of the term of office of the person elected to be the Borough Mayor in the regular or run-off election held in the 2020 election, where the chief administrative officer is a manager appointed by the assembly instead of the current form where the elected mayor runs the borough administration?

Under a manager form of government, the mayor would still be elected areawide but no longer be the chief administrator of the borough. Instead, a borough manager would be appointed by majority vote of the assembly on the basis of administrative qualifications to serve as the chief administrator. The mayor would serve as chair of the assembly, still be able to participate in assembly discussions, may vote on assembly actions in the case of a tie, and may veto assembly actions.

According to the Division of Community and Regional Affairs records, 12 of the 19 boroughs in Alaska have a manager form of government.

or. Alaska Statute 29.20.470 provides the borough may adopt a manager plan of government by motion adopted by the governing body. If adopted by motion it requires the governing body to submit the question to the voters of adopting a manager plan at the next election. Ordinance 2019-16, approving a motion to adopt a manager plan of government effective after the 2020 election, and placing the question of adopting this form of government on the 2019 ballot, was enacted by the Assembly on August 6, 2019.

If a majority of the voters voting on the question approve it, then the assembly shall adopt the manager plan within 60 days by resolution or ordinance, as required by AS 29.20.480.

BALLOT LANGUAGE

Shall the Kenai Peninsula Borough adopt a manager plan of government, effective after the 2020 election, where the chief administrative officer is a manager appointed by the assembly instead of the mayor? The mayor would then serve as the presiding officer of the assembly, could vote in the case of a tie and may veto actions by the assembly.

YES *A "yes" vote means you support adopting a manager plan of government, effective after the 2020 election, where the chief administrative officer is a manager appointed by the assembly instead of a mayor.*

NO *A "no" vote maintains the current form of Government.*