



# City of Homer

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Mr. Brent Hibbert, President  
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly  
144 N. Binkley Street  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

In Regards To: An Unnumbered Ordinance Amending KPB 2.40.015

Dear President Hibbert and Members of the Assembly:

On behalf of the City of Homer, I respectfully offer the following comments in regards to the proposed ordinance that would change the legal composition and representational elements of the Kenai Peninsula Planning Commission.

1. Seldovia, a first-class city located within the borough, can not lose its seat on the planning commission. While the number of seats on the commission should be determined to achieve parity for the residents outside the boundaries of the borough's home rule/first class cities, the number should be calibrated against the number of qualified cities, which is, in this case, five, not four. See AS 29.40.020.
2. While not specifically stated in the ordinance, it is the intent of the ordinance to consolidate the application process for all seats, including the home rule/first class city's seats, be generated at the borough level. We believe the cities should choose and submit the name(s) of the representative(s) that best suits the unique needs of their residents.
3. The effective date would seem to truncate the term, and immediately remove, Homer's current representative, without cause.
4. The spirit of this action reflects a general lack of comity between the home rule/first class cities and the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Please reflect upon these comments when you consider this ordinance.

Cordially,

Ken Castner

Mayor, City of Homer, Alaska

cc: Lane Chesley, District 8 Assembly Member