

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
PROPOSITION NO. 2**

ESTABLISHING THE NIKISKI LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AREA
(To be voted on by all voters residing in the proposed service area)

Following an increase in reported burglaries and other crimes in the Nikiski community a number of residents participated in a committee formed by the Nikiski Community Council to identify the problems and potential solutions. This group met weekly from October 2014 through January 2015 and recommended the formation of a law enforcement service area with the same boundaries as the Nikiski Fire Service Area.

Ordinance 2015-11, sponsored by Assembly member Wayne Ogle, was enacted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) Assembly on June 16, 2015 to establish the Nikiski Law Enforcement Service Area. The ordinance provides that law enforcement service may be provided either by contract with an outside organization or by borough service area employees, as approved by the assembly after considering service area board recommendations and public comments. Approval by the voters in the proposed service is required for this service area to become operational.

Boundary: The proposed boundary matches the Nikiski Fire Service Area boundary. This includes a large portion of the Nikiski area extending from just north of the City of Kenai to Point Possession, across Cook Inlet to the KPB west boundary, south to an area west of the southern border of Beluga, and east back to the northern boundary of Kenai. (See map on the following page)

Fiscal Note: No mill levy in excess of 1.5 mils shall be levied on behalf of the service area unless an increase is approved by the assembly during the budgetary process.

BALLOT LANGUAGE

(As enacted by Ordinance 2015-11)

"Shall the Kenai Peninsula Borough be authorized to exercise criminal law enforcement powers in the Kenai Peninsula Borough Nikiski Law Enforcement Service Area within the boundaries defined by Ordinance 2015-11? The mill levy shall not exceed 1.5 mils unless an increase is approved by the assembly during the budgetary process."

YES *[A "Yes" vote means the borough may provide criminal law enforcement services in the proposed Nikiski Law Enforcement Service Area and that the service area will be established.]*

NO *[A "No" vote means the proposed Nikiski Law Enforcement Service Area shall not be established.]*