

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Western Emergency Service Area

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Brent Hibbert, Assembly Preside  
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**THRU:** Charlie Pierce, Mayor *JCB*

**FROM:** Jon Marsh, Fire Chief *JM*  
Western Emergency Service Area

**DATE:** April 8, 2021

**RE:** Resolution 2021-031, Approving an Intergovernmental Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement between the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough on behalf of the Western Emergency Service Area (Mayor)

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Alaska Statute 41.15.010 provides that it is the intent of AS 41.15.010 - 41.15.170 that the State of Alaska provide protection from wildland fire and other destructive agents, commensurate with the values at risk, on land that is owned privately, by the state, or by a municipality. The Kenai Peninsula Borough ("borough") and its service areas also recognize an obligation to provide protection to life and property from wildland fires within the service areas, subject to available resources, funding, and personnel. Therefore, it is to the mutual advantage of the borough, its service areas, and the state to coordinate efforts in the prevention, detection, and suppression of wildland fires. It is also in the best interests of the borough, its service areas, and the state that wildland fires be suppressed quickly and efficiently to minimize the destruction of natural resources and the threat to life, property, and communities.

On June 20, 2017, the assembly adopted Resolution 2017-045, on behalf of the borough and its service areas, approving an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement for the cooperative provision of comprehensive fire protection from wildland fires. The Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Medical Service Area ("APFEMSA") was among the approved service areas in the Resolution. However, since entering into the 2017 Agreement, the APFEMSA has been expanded and renamed the Western Emergency Service Area, necessitating a new agreement. In order to keep it on the same timeframe as the agreements approved by Resolution 2017-045, this resolution is seeking approval of a limited one-year cooperative agreement to include the newly created service area. This will ensure that all of the Agreements retain the same expiration dates and return to the Assembly at the same time for ease of tracking.

Your approval is respectfully requested.