

Introduced by: Mayor  
Date: 12/03/19  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2019-067**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT AND  
OPERATIONAL PLAN BETWEEN ANCHOR POINT FIRE AND EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICE AREA AND THE CITY OF HOMER VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE RESPONSE SERVICES**

**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 fire response personnel and apparatus 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 Anchor Point Fire & Emergency Medical Service Area (“APFEMSA”) 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 the Insurance Services Office (ISO) when automatic aid agreements are in effect; and

**WHEREAS,** this automatic aid agreement is for the provision of fire response services; and

**WHEREAS,** at its meeting of October 16, 2019 the Anchor Point Fire & Emergency Medical Service Area unanimously recommended approval;

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

**SECTION 1.** That an automatic aid agreement between APFEMSA and HVFD serves the best interests of APFEMSA 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 APFEMSA 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.

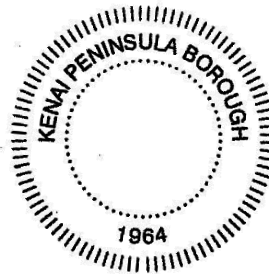
**SECTION 3.** That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.**

  
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Kelly Cooper, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, Cooper  
No: None  
Absent: None