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**MIKE NAVARRE
BOROUGH MAYOR**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Mike Navarre, Borough Mayor *MN*

FROM: Craig Chapman, Finance Director *CChapman*

DATE: April 6, 2017

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2016-19-39, Amending Ordinance 2001-19-11 to Authorize the Expenditure of \$15,494 by the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council from Previously Awarded Grant Funds to Use Towards Performing an Assessment of the Oil and Gas Pipelines in Cook Inlet (Mayor)

Cook Inlet Regional Advisory Citizens Council ("CIRCAC") is a federally mandated organization under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 with the mission to represent citizens of Cook Inlet in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations.

In 2001, the borough assembly appropriated \$250,000 from the general fund to provide financial support for a non-tank vessel contingency plan for pollution prevention in Cook Inlet and other related activities. This was in response to state legislation requiring non-tank vessels exceeding 400 gross tons to provide oil discharge contingency plans and amending the duties of response action contractors. Of that original appropriation, \$15,494 remains unspent.

This ordinance would authorize those remaining funds to be used to prepare a report on the current status of underwater aging pipelines in Cook Inlet in coordination with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation ("ADEC"). Following the recent incident involving a leaking natural gas line in Cook Inlet, Governor Walker directed ADEC to make the aging pipelines in Cook Inlet the number one priority. This ordinance would help provide funding to CIRCAC to work with the ADEC to begin that process.

Your support would be appreciated.