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MEMORANDUM

TO: Blaine Gilman, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

THRU: Mike Navarre, Mayor *MN*
Max Best, Planning Director *MB*
Tom Dearlove, River Center Manager *TD*

FROM: Bryr Harris, Floodplain Administrator *BH*

DATE: September 8, 2016

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2016-~~36~~³⁶ Adopting the Most Recent FEMA Flood Insurance Study and Associated Coastal Flood Maps for Seward, Cooper Landing, Ninilchik, Nikiski and Anchor Point dated October 20, 2016; Amending KPB 21.06 to Update and Clarify Language

The attached ordinance adopts the new Flood Insurance Study and accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) dated October 20, 2016. The adoption of these materials will keep our floodplain management program in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and its administrator, the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). It will also provide the residents of the newly mapped areas valuable information on the flood hazards in our community and will make flood insurance through the NFIP available to those residents who wish to purchase coverage. Failure to adopt the Flood Insurance Study and the updated maps will result in our community being placed on probation by the NFIP, which will trigger an increase in premiums for all residents who currently possess NFIP flood insurance.

The attached ordinance also amends the KPB Floodplain Management Ordinance 21.06 with a few updates and a number of corrections. These amendments clarify and streamline the code to make it easier to understand and to enforce. The amendments make KPB 21.06 a more useful tool with which to communicate flood risk and guide development in special flood hazard areas in ways that address flood risk. A summary of the changes and supporting rationale is included with the ordinance submittal.

Shortened time is requested as the deadline for adopting the FIS and updated maps is October 26 in order for the KPB to avoid being placed on probation.