

# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

## Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

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### MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Brent Johnson, Assembly Member *BJ*

**DATE:** May 26, 2016

**RE:** Ordinance 2016-21: Eliminating the Assembly \$25 Internet Access Allowance (Johnson)

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Assembly members receive the following compensation:

- A health and life insurance package which costs taxpayers about \$21,904 per year per assembly member.
- A salary of \$400 per month.
- A vehicle mileage rate of \$0.54 per mile for use of personal vehicles.
- A vehicle allowance of \$150 per month, or \$250 per month for assembly members who represent Districts 6, 8 and 9 because they live farther from borough headquarters.
- A portable computer device is provided for assembly business.
- And an internet access allowance of \$25 per month.

Assembly members pay a \$100 per month premium for health insurance. A covered spouse is an additional \$100. Coverage for a child is \$40 and reductions occur with additional children. Inclusion in dental and vision insurance costs an additional \$35 per month for an assembly member and the same for their spouse.

The internet access allowance may have made sense during an era when home computers with internet access were optional. Today, internet access is ubiquitous. Automobile use has a direct expense incumbent upon transportation for assembly business. Internet use, cell phones, and eyeglasses are owned and used by nearly everyone, and assembly use does not make them more expensive. There is no reason the public should compensate assembly members for internet access.

Your consideration is appreciated.