

E. NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Ordinance 2022-04: An ordinance adopting the updated 2022 Kenai Peninsula Borough Community Wildfire Protection Plan.**

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Office of Emergency Management

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*
Melanie Aeschliman, Planning Director *MA*

FROM: Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager *BA*

DATE: February 16, 2022

RE: Ordinance 2022-____, Adopting the Updated 2022 Kenai Peninsula Borough Community Wildfire Protection Plan (Mayor)

The 2022 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) update combines the former 17 plans developed in 2006 through 2009 and encompasses all lands, including unincorporated areas, municipalities and private land holdings as wildfire knows no boundaries across the landscape.

The CWPP project was comprised of a dedicated core team made of local, state, federal agencies as well as non-government agencies and residents. The team was tasked with decision making, data sharing, experience and communication with the communities. The core team conducted five meetings in addition to regular emails or conference calls. The project was broadly promoted throughout the borough, including public venues, comprehensive meetings with individual fire departments, Tribal entities, and critical infrastructure utilities and transportation agencies. The core team participated in a six-week review period to review the working draft, and the planning commission as well as the advisory planning commissions were also asked to review the working draft. Their recommendations will be provided at the April 5, 2022 assembly meeting.

You may visit the project story map at www.kpb.us/cwpp. This story map (an interactive project website designed to tell a story with maps) was used as the primary two-way communication tool, providing information and collecting community input throughout the performance period. The story map will remain "live" and be instrumental for current mapping products, data and serve as a repository of completed mitigation projects.

Your consideration of this ordinance is appreciated.

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	03/01/22
Hearing:	04/05/22
Action:	
Vote:	

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2022-**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE UPDATED 2022 KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough (Borough) is vulnerable to damages from wildfire events which pose a threat to wildlife habitat, public health and safety and could result in property loss or economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Community Wildfire Protection Plan ("Plan") encompasses all lands and serves two audiences: 1) it provides recommended projects designed to greatly reduce wildfire risk to residents, ensuring that communities live safely in this fire prone environment; and 2) it provides guidance to fire and emergency managers, as well as agencies who manage large land holdings; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Plan is aligned with the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy and the 2018 All Lands All Hands Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, this project was funded in part by the Borough, Alaska Division of Forestry and Department of Natural Resources pursuant to USDA Forest Service Award No. 2018-DG-110106-810; and

WHEREAS, the planning commission held a public hearing on this ordinance at its March 21, 2022 meeting and recommended _____; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Borough to enact this ordinance;

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

SECTION 1. The document entitled Kenai Peninsula Borough Community Wildfire Protection Plan is hereby adopted for the Kenai Peninsula Borough. The mayor is authorized to make administrative changes to this plan provided the assembly shall be advised of all such changes.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon its enactment.

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS ____
DAY OF _____ 2022.**

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: