

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Office of Emergency Management

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### MEMORANDUM

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

**THRU:** Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*

**FROM:** Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager *Ba*  
A. Walker Steinhage, Deputy Borough Attorney *aws*

**DATE:** June 23, 2022

**RE:** Ordinance 2022-28, Providing for Necessary Code Updates Relating to Declaration of Disaster Emergency and the Administration of the Borough's Emergency Powers and Duties (Mayor)

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The COVID-19 pandemic raised new issues related to the scope of the Borough's powers and administration of its responsibilities during a disaster emergency. Ordinance 2020-19-25 approved federal pass-through grant funding for a project to review and update the KPB's disaster emergency code provisions. The project objective was to review and recommend potential updates to Borough code in attempt to clarify the scope of Borough powers during a disaster emergency in order to ensure efficient and effective administration of the Borough's disaster emergency powers. Following a competitive request for proposal process, the Borough contracted with the law firm of Holmes Weddle and Barcott (HWB) to complete the project.<sup>1</sup>

The project contractor, HWB, worked with the Borough's Office of Emergency Management and Legal Department during its review, research, and recommendation process. HWB's executive summary, which accompanies the legislation, provides additional details and background related to this project.

Your consideration of the ordinance is appreciated.

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<sup>1</sup> Funding Source: Alaska Department of Health and Social Services grant #C0621-570-H, a federal pass-thru grant. Federal funds for this project are identified by the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) #93.323, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases."