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Vote:	9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2023-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSOR TO ACCEPT ONE LATE-FILED COMMUNITY PURPOSE EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR 2023 AND PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO KPB 5.12.040(B)

- WHEREAS, KPB 5.12.100(A) provides that a property of an organization not organized for business or profit-making purposes and used exclusively for community purposes is exempt from taxation; and
- **WHEREAS,** in accordance with KPB 5.12.119(A), the Mayor has the authority to grant extensions of time to file for property tax exemptions; and
- **WHEREAS**, title to the property in question transferred on January 6, 2022, resulting in the removal of the previous community purpose exemption; and
- **WHEREAS**, the new owner is actively involved with the previous entity that had the exemption in place; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Assembly finds there was a good cause basis that resulted in the failure to apply timely for the community purpose exemption; and
- WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes an exception to KPB 5.12.040(B) to allow the Assessor to make a change to the assessment roll after June 1 due to a tax exemption status change should the Assessor otherwise find that the application meets the exemption requirements;

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

- **SECTION 1.** Upon reviewing the non-profit exemption application, the Assembly hereby waives the March 31 deadline for filing an application for the 2023 community purpose exemption based upon a finding that the applicant, Funny River Community Association, was unable to comply with that deadline due to a serious condition or extraordinary event beyond their control.
- **SECTION 2.** That the Assessor will process the application in accordance with standard assessing department procedures for processing such applications.

- **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding KPB 5.12.040(B), in the event the Assessor finds that the latefiled community purpose exemption application should be otherwise approved, the Assessor is hereby authorized to make a change to the assessment roll after June 1, 2023 to reflect the approved exemption.
- **SECTION 4.** The Assessor is authorized to waive any late fees for the late-filed community purpose exemption and no interest may be added to any tax refund due to the after processing this late-filed community purpose exemption.
- **SECTION 5.** That this ordinance shall be effective immediately.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk

Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tupper, Johnson

Yes: No:

Absent: None

None