

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, KPB Assembly

FROM: Peter Ribbens, Assembly President *PR*

DATE: November 21, 2024

RE: Ordinance 2024- 36, Amending KPB Chapter 22.40.080, Relating to Assembly Meeting Agenda, to Increase Aggregate Time for the First Open Public Comment Opportunity and Eliminate the Second Public Comment and Public Presentation Portion (Ribbens)

Efficiently conducting Kenai Peninsula Borough business at Assembly meetings is a high priority to encourage public engagement. The current Assembly meetings include two separate agenda slots for public comment on non-agenda topics, which can lead to uncertainty for participants on which period to present concerns. Additionally, the second slot is also entitled “Public Presentations”, which inaccurately describes how the agenda item is utilized.

Public comment to the Assembly is facilitated and encouraged through multiple avenues outside Assembly meetings without the subject or content size limitations.

This Ordinance streamlines and clarifies the Assembly agenda by expanding the initial open public comment period to 30 aggregate minutes and removing the second open public comment period.

Your consideration is appreciated.