



January 22, 2016

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members
144 North Binkley
Soldotna, AK 99669

RE: Proposed Ordinance 2015-27

To Whom it May Concern,

As a governing body at Christian Community Church, we are very concerned about the Proposed Ordinance 2015-27 proposed by Assemblyman Dale Bagley "Amending KPB 7.10.020 to Reduce the Minimum Distance Between a Liquor Licensed Premise and an Established School, Church or Playground from 500 feet to 300 feet, and Changing the Method of Measuring the Distance to Match State Statute."

When looking at this proposed change, the decision should be simple:

- **The current regulation is 500 feet**, and has been for thirty years.
It protects the inherent rights of the churches, schools and playgrounds.
- **The Drug Free School Zone in Alaska is 500 feet.**
Most states are 1,000 feet or more.
- **The proposed marijuana proximity is 500 feet.**
Proponents for marijuana are making comparisons between marijuana and alcohol across the board.

Much research suggests that limiting proximity and density to schools, in particular, is an effective way to help combat not only teenage alcohol abuse but alcohol abuse as a whole. Our church hosts a Daycare, a Youth Group, and many youth activities. Churches have been afforded the same rights as schools for the past thirty years. We cannot afford to have that change at this point in our culture! **For the sake of our families and our children's futures, please oppose this ordinance.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Terry Yager, Chair

Christian Community Church Advisory Board, Homer, Alaska

Subject:

FW: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>**Date:** February 1, 2016 at 3:52:37 PM PST**To:** <assembly@kpb.us>**Cc:** <jblankenship@kpb.us>**Subject:** New Public Comment to Assembly Members**Reply-To:** <hansenmd@alaska.net>**Name:** Peter O. Hansen, M.D.**Email:** hansenmd@alaska.net**Subject:** Ordinance Amending KPB 7.10.020**Message:**

This is a recommendation AGAINST adoption of the above proposed ordinance amendment. The proposed amendment to KPB 7.10.020 reducing minimum distance between liquor premises and schools would be detrimental to the health habits of our young people now and in the future, Alaska, with the highest incidence of alcoholism in the United States, should actually strengthen and toughen regulations regarding the availability of alcohol to our youth; for this reason, consider increasing this distance instead to 1,000 feet.

Subject:

FW: Letter to the Assembly concerning KPB 7.10.020 t

From: Vicky Daniels <akdaniels@horizonsatellite.com>

Date: February 2, 2016 at 12:57:55 AM PST

To: <jblankenship@kpb.us>

Subject: Letter to the Assembly concerning KPB 7.10.020 t

Dear Assembly,

I am writing concerning the proposal to change the Kenai Peninsula Borough's ordinance KPB 7.10.020 to reduce the minimum distance of 500 feet between a liquor licensed premise and an established school, church, or playground to 300 feet. I am very concerned that this would be detrimental for our small community and send mixed signals to our youth. I have been a substitute teacher in Ninilchik School for 6 years and I work with students as a private tutor after school, so I know the importance of keeping the temptation of alcohol away from young people. Our youth often walk to the Ninilchik General Store (now called Ninilchik Trading) from Ninilchik School after school or sports events to purchase food and drinks, and if this proposal passes they will be exposed to alcohol on a regular basis. I have also been a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Ninilchik for 21 years and I am currently a Sunday School teacher and a youth leader on Wednesday evenings. Our church facility has been used for educational outreaches for youth such as Daily Vacation Bible School, Homeschool Chapel, 4-H cooking clubs, and other youth events. After these meetings--especially in the summer months, the youth enjoy going across the street to purchase cold drinks or ice cream at the Ninilchik General Store, and I have had no problem with them going over there to make their purchases. However, if the ordinance was reduced to 300 feet, I understand that the store is 300 feet from Calvary Baptist Church, so they would be able to obtain a liquor license, and I would no longer feel comfortable letting our youth go there. My three children, who are now grown into responsible adults, grew up in the Ninilchik community, and walking or x-country skiing to the library or to the Ninilchik General Store was a big deal to them and lots of fun. As their mother, I didn't have to worry that they would be exposed to alcohol when they were walking to church, the library, or store. I am surprised that anyone would want to relax an ordinance that has been in place for 30 years--especially now that the dispensary of marijuana will be in line with the Kenai Peninsula Borough's current restriction on liquor license locations. It is absurd that any caring adult would want our youth exposed to alcohol and marijuana when they walk out of a church or to and from a school. I plead with you, for the sake of our children's future, please oppose amending this ordinance.

Sincerely,

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