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**MIKE NAVARRE  
BOROUGH MAYOR**

### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Blaine, Assembly President  
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**FROM:** Mike Navarre, Mayor *MN*

**DATE:** August 11, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance 2016-25, Substitute (Mayor), An Ordinance Amending KPB 2.40.010 to Reduce Planning Commission Membership

This proposed substitute ordinance 2016-25 would ultimately reduce the number of planning commissioners to 11. Through July 31, 2020 the proposal retains 13 planning commissioners with no changes. After July 31, 2020 two seats, one representing the first class and home-rule cities, and one representing the area of the borough outside the cities, will be eliminated. There will be no more than one planning commissioner from each of the first class and home rule cities unless more are necessary to meet the statutory apportionment requirement in AS 29.40.020. Appointments to city seats will be made by the mayor from a list presented by the city councils subject to confirmation by the assembly. Planning commissioners will be appointed for their expertise and knowledge within the community and, where practical, selected to be representative of seven areas. These areas are the current planning commission districts outside of cities except that districts currently numbered eight and nine are combined.

This proposal seeks the most qualified candidates while reducing the disproportionate representation of the cities on the commission. Few issues from the cities are presented to the full planning commission as all first class and home rule cities have been delegated the power to exercise land use regulation as well as the ability to adopt their own platting regulations while the borough retains the final authority for subdivision approval. The borough exercises the comprehensive planning power for all the cities, providing grant money to the cities to fund the cities' planning efforts and borough staff support as needed. The cities contract for the development of their comprehensive plans. The borough planning commission recommends and assembly approves each city's comprehensive plans.

Your consideration of this substitute is appreciated.