

Introduced by:	Mayor
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Action:	Adopted
Vote:	8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2016-048**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STANDARDIZED FIRE
APPARATUS AND AMBULANCE MANUFACTURERS' BRANDS POLICY TO
INCLUDE ALL KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH FIRE SERVICE AREAS**

- WHEREAS,** in Ordinance 2016-17 the assembly approved a policy supporting the standardization of manufacturers' brands of fire apparatus and ambulances for Nikiski Fire Service Area ("NFSA") and Central Emergency Service Area ("CESA") and amended KPB 2.28.280(B) to allow for purchases without competition when in accordance with standardization policies approved by the assembly; and
- WHEREAS,** because new fire equipment and ambulances will be of a single manufacturer's brand in NFSA and CESA, it is logical to extend the standardization policy to other fire service areas to reduce training and maintenance costs and to increase productivity and operational safety; and
- WHEREAS,** smaller fire service areas around the borough inherit older equipment from larger fire service areas and therefore standardization would benefit in the reduction of costs and increased efficiencies; and
- WHEREAS,** this policy would allow fire departments in other service areas to reduce complicated training procedures that currently differ from apparatus to apparatus, thus reducing overtime costs because all emergency responders could operate any of the apparatus once they have obtained the necessary training and certification; and
- WHEREAS,** when the equipment manufacturer is standardized the fire service area mechanics are able to service the apparatus more effectively because the units would use common electrical diagrams for the body and many of the same components, thereby improving efficiencies and effectiveness of both routine maintenance and emergency repairs as well as reducing the parts inventory needed; and
- WHEREAS,** with one manufacturer for fire apparatus and one for ambulances, the fire service areas could work closely with one service center if a problem is beyond local capacity to handle or involves warranty issues; and

WHEREAS, the borough may use government cooperative purchasing organizations to obtain the best price for emergency apparatus and ambulances purchased for all fire services areas; and

WHEREAS, the borough's best interests would be served by allowing the other fire service areas to standardize their fire equipment or ambulances if they find it to be in their best interests and sufficient funds are available;

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


SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly approves and authorizes the mayor to sign the amended policy standardizing fire apparatus and ambulance manufacturers' brands for Central Emergency Service Area, Nikiski Fire Service Area, Anchor Point Fire Service Area, Bear Creek Fire Service Area and Kachemak Emergency Service Area, a copy of which accompanies this resolution and is incorporated by reference. Nothing in this policy waives the other requirements of KPB Chapter 5.28.--Purchasing and Contracting.

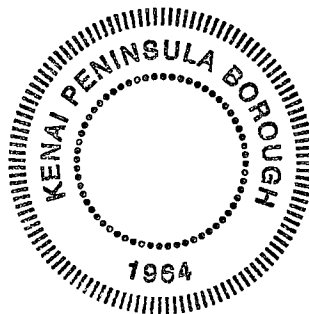
SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.


Blaine Gilman, Assembly President

ATTEST:


John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bagley, Cooper, Dunne, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp, Ogle, Gilman
No: None
Absent: Welles