Kenai Peninsula Borough Legal Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wayne Ogle, Assembly President

Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

Charlie Pierce, Mayor THRU:

FROM:

Colette Thompson, Borough Attorney
Holly Montague, Deputy Borough Attorney

DATE: March 6, 2018

RE: Ordinance 2017-19-15, Appropriating \$45,000 to the Legal Department to

Cover Costs of Hiring Hearing Officers for Code Compliance Hearings

(Mayor) (Hearing on 3/6/18)

As requested by assembly member Dale Bagley, following is a report of code compliance matters since July 2016 that involved a hearing officer or may involve a hearing officer:

A material site was being operated without a permit. (KPB 1. July 2016:

> 21.25, 21.29.) An enforcement agreement was entered with the operator which was approved by the hearing

officer and a \$9,000 fine was paid.

An enforcement notice was issued for unpermitted 2. July 2016:

> structures in the habitat protection district. enforcement agreement was entered. A \$26,400 fine was

> assessed of which \$25,200 was forgiven upon compliance.

3. December 2016: Respondents maintained noncompliant structures in the

> (KPB 21.06.) A hearing was held and the hearing officer required the removal of the structures by a

date certain. The structures have been removed.

September 2017: A general and subcontractor were charged with dumping

riprap within the anadromous habitat protection district

and floodway on two lots on Dow Island. (KPB 21.06, 21.18.) An order for a removal plan subject to the KPB Planning Department's approval was issued. The general contractor was fined \$34,800 for two violations (KPB 21.18 and 21.06) on two lots. The subcontractor was fined \$17,400 for two violations (KPB 21.18 and 21.06) on one lot. The fines are due April 24, 2018. \$10,000 of the general contractor's fine is suspended and will be forgiven if full compliance is gained by a date certain.

5. October 2017:

A material site was being operated without a permit and encroached both on adjacent property and a borough right-of-way. (KPB 21.25, 21.29.) An enforcement agreement was executed wherein the operator agreed to remediate the damage to property and the borough right-of-way and that a material site permit would be pursued. Progress has been made toward compliance. Hearing date is currently scheduled for April 2018.

6. February 2018:

Floodplain violation in Seward. (KPB 21.06.) Hearing date is currently scheduled for April 2018.

7. March 2018:

A warning letter has been issued for an unpermitted structure in the Habitat Protection District.