

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wayne Ogle, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough

FROM: Kelly Cooper, Assembly Member (K) (B)

DATE: January 10, 2019

RE: Ordinance 2019-02, Amending KPB Title 3 to Enact Local Provisions for Protection of Whistleblowers (Cooper)

I found our borough does not have a whistleblower policy, and with the current political climate locally and nationally, it is important for our borough to be held to the highest standards in transparency and ethical behavior. This ordinance would add a section providing protections for whistleblowers. It basically prohibits the borough from taking actions that discriminate against an employee or potential bidder for reporting to a public body or official a "matter of public concern".

A "matter of public concern" is defined to include a violation of law, a danger to public health or safety, and other types of official misconduct.

The ordinance is based on Alaska's whistleblower protection statutes but more specifically relates to the borough.

Your support would be appreciated.