Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 06/18/19
Hearing: 07/02/19
Action: Enacted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2019-19-02

## AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$50,000 IN INTEREST INCOME FROM THE SPRUCE BARK BEETLE PROGRAM TO SUPPLEMENT THE COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS UPDATE PROJECT

- WHEREAS, Congress appropriated more than \$18 million dollars since 1998 to the Kenai Peninsula Borough for wildland mitigations, hazardous tree removal, and other projects designed to minimize the devastation caused by the spruce bark beetle; and
- WHEREAS, the congressional appropriations did not restrict the use of interest on earnings from the above described grants; and
- WHEREAS, Ordinance 2018-19-11 approved and appropriated \$103,366 from the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, 2018 Western Wildland Urban Interface Competitive Grant ("grant") to update the 2006 2009 Community Wildfire Projects Plans ("CWPPs"); and
- WHEREAS, the grant is a federal pass-through program that requires a 50 percent cash and inkind match, of which the borough will contribute a small portion of this match through accounted personnel wages; and
- WHEREAS, the \$50,000 supplemental appropriation will meet the 50 percent match requirement and is consistent with the purposes of the CWPPs grant to appropriate this interest income from the spruce bark beetle program fund; and
- WHEREAS, the Alaska Division of Forestry has acknowledged that the \$50,000 is an eligible use of the interest funds that may be used toward the 50 percent match requirement; and
- WHEREAS, it is in the borough's best interest to collaborate with all landowners to update the CWPPs for the purpose of reducing hazardous fuels within and adjacent to the wildland urban interface;

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

- SECTION 1. That \$50,000 in interest income earned by the spruce bark beetle program is appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund, fund balance to account no. 262.21320.19WUI.49999 to supplement the 50 percent match requirement under the 2018 Western Wildland Urban Interface Competitive Grant.
- SECTION 2. That the mayor is authorized to expend the funds in accordance with the grant agreement and to fulfill the intents and purposes of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 2ND **DAY OF JULY, 2019.** 

ATTEST:

Yes:

Bagley, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cooper, Dunne, Fischer, Hibbert, Smalley, Ogle

No:

None

Absent:

None