

Introduced by: Carpenter, Cooper
Date: 06/04/19
Hearing: 07/02/19
Action: Withdrawn by Sponsor
Vote:

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2019-11**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING KPB 5.18.430(F) WHICH REQUIRES VOTER
APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE SALES TAX CAP**

- WHEREAS**, the borough sales tax cap of \$500 has been in effect since 1964; and
- WHEREAS**, according to the Alaska Department of Labor Consumer Price Index Inflation Calculator for Anchorage, the value of \$500 in 1964 was \$3,222 in 2018; and
- WHEREAS**, for 41 years, voter approval was not required to increase the cap on the amount of a sales subject to the borough's sales tax; and
- WHEREAS**, in 2005 the voters approved an initiative which, among other things, imposed a requirement that any increase in the maximum sales tax may not take effect until ratified by the voters at a regular borough election; and
- WHEREAS**, if this voter approval requirement is repealed then any increase in the sales tax cap would still have to be approved by the assembly by ordinance, which would require the assembly to introduce the ordinance subject to public comment and hold at least one public hearing, giving the public at least two opportunities to comment on any proposed increase before the assembly members vote for or against it; and
- WHEREAS**, the assembly, the administration and members of the public have been struggling for several years to find ways to balance the borough's budget and provide sufficient funding for education and the services provided directly by the borough;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

SECTION 1: KPB 5.18.430(F) is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment.

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

Wayne H. Ogle, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: