

Introduced by: Dunne
Date: 07/02/19
Hearing: 08/06/19
Action: Introduced and Set for
Public Hearing
Vote: 6 Yes, 3 No, 0 Absent
Date: 08/06/19
Action: Withdrawn by Sponsor
Vote:

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2019-18**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KPB 22.40.080 AND REPEALING KPB 22.40.090
WHICH PROVIDE FOR AN INVOCATION DURING ASSEMBLY MEETINGS AND
REFERRING THIS QUESTION TO THE VOTERS**

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough code currently provides for an invocation during assembly meetings and states the assembly president shall designate a person to offer an invocation; and

WHEREAS, the subject of invocations during assembly meetings has caused emotional divisions in our community and significant costs to the borough; and

WHEREAS, many borough residents have asked that invocations be eliminated from assembly meetings; and

WHEREAS, ending the offering of invocations may save the borough taxpayers' money especially during this time of economic difficulties in Alaska, and reduce divisiveness in our community; and

WHEREAS, referring this question to the voters for an advisory vote would help determine the direction the residents prefer the borough to take on this issue;

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

SECTION 1. That KPB 22.40.080 is hereby amended as follows:

22.40.080. - Agenda—Order of business.

The order of business shall be:

- A. Call to order;
- B. Pledge of allegiance;
- [C. INVOCATION;]
- [D]C. Roll call;
- [E]D. Committee reports;

- [F]E. Vacancy, designation or seating members (only when needed);
- [G]F. Approval of agenda and consent agenda;
- [H]G. Approval of minutes;
- [I]H. Commending resolutions and proclamations;
- [J]I. Presentations with prior notice (20 minutes total);
- [K]J. Public comments on items not appearing on the agenda (three minutes per speaker; 20 minutes aggregate);
- [L]K. Items not completed from prior agenda;
- [M]L. Public hearings on ordinances (Testimony limited to 3 minutes per speaker);
- [N]M. Unfinished business
 - 1. Postponed items
 - 2. Notices to reconsider/rescind;
- [O]N. New business;
 - 1. Bid awards
 - 2. Resolutions
 - 3. Ordinances for introduction
 - 4. Other (including addition of late items);
- [P]O. Public comments and public presentations (Limited to 3 minutes per speaker);
- [Q]P. Mayor's Report;
- [R]Q. Assembly comments;
- [S]R. Pending legislation;
- [T]S. Informational materials and reports;
- [U]T. Assembly meeting and hearing announcements;

SECTION 2. That KPB 22.40.090 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That a ballot proposition shall be placed on the ballot in the next regular borough election, to be held October 1, 2019, which shall read, as follows:

Shall the Kenai Peninsula Borough amend KPB 22.40.080 and repeal KPB 22.40.090 to eliminate the requirement for an invocation at assembly meetings?
 This is an advisory vote.

YES _____ NO _____

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: