

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Office of the Borough Mayor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*

DATE: December 10, 2019

RE: Emergency Ordinance 2019-19- 21, Appropriating Funds from the General Fund for Winter Storm Response Under the Declared Local Disaster Emergency within the Kenai Peninsula (Mayor)

Commencing on November 27, 2019, numerous areas of the Kenai Peninsula Borough sustained severe damage caused by an ongoing storm weather event including high winds, heavy snowfall, icy conditions, heavy rain, and flooding.

As a result, the storm has caused large trees to fall, impacting many power lines, causing the loss of backup power generation and power loss for several days in some areas. Additionally, significant damage has occurred to local borough-maintained roads, mostly in the South Kenai Peninsula area.

Due to these problems, a local emergency disaster was declared by my office on December 6, 2019. The warm temperatures and precipitation is forecasted to continue, especially in the vicinity of Homer and Kachemak Bay.

It is expected that significant expenses will be incurred in responding to this event and repairing damages to public infrastructure caused by flooding and debris. This ordinance is an emergency ordinance due to life, health, and safety issues. It seeks funding in the amount of \$230,000 to enable the borough to respond to and immediately commence work repairing damages associated with the disaster. An emergency ordinance requires approval by three-fourths of the total assembly and is effective for 60 days.

Your consideration is appreciated.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT / FUNDS VERIFIED	
Acct. No.	(FB) 100.27910
Amount:	\$ 280,000. ⁰⁰
By: <i>CP</i>	Date: <u>12/12/19</u>