Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 04/03/20
Hearing: 04/03/20
Action: Enacted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2020-12

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE ANNUAL PAYMENT DEADLINE OF MARCH 31, 2020 UNTIL JUNE 30, 2020 FOR ALL OUTSTANDING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS WITH OUTSTANDING BALANCES AS OF MARCH 2020

- **WHEREAS,** the borough mayor issued a Disaster Emergency Declaration on March 16, 2020, due to the current and imminent impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the areas of the borough outside of the cities; and
- **WHEREAS,** the assembly adopted Resolution 2020-026 on March 17, 2020 extending the disaster emergency for 90 days; and
- **WHEREAS,** the emergency disaster exists as the number of COVID-19 cases are increasing and local, national and worldwide efforts are underway to control its spread, identify and implement treatments and potential vaccines; and
- **WHEREAS**, these efforts have included the closure of numerous businesses and quarantine of many people which is impacting their ability to pay bills; and
- **WHEREAS,** all Special Assessment Districts are billed out annually on March 1st, with an annual payment deadline of March 31st; and
- WHEREAS, 466 Special Assessment bills were mailed out for 2020; and
- **WHEREAS,** given the current Covid-19 pandemic and the numerous difficulties many of our citizens are experiencing, the Kenai Peninsula Borough is committed to providing relief where we can through these economic hard times; and
- WHEREAS, the administration proposes that the payment deadline for all Special Assessment Districts with outstanding balances as of March 2020 be extended from the current payment deadline of March 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020; and
- **WHEREAS,** on July 1, 2020 interest will start accruing again and if payment is not made by the payment deadline of June 30, 2020, penalty would commence on July 1, 2020 based on the notice of final assessment for each district:

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

- **SECTION 1.** That the payment deadline for all Special Assessment Districts with outstanding balances as of March 2020 be extended from the current payment deadline of March 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020.
- **SECTION 2.** On July 1, 2020 interest will start accruing again and if payment is not made by the payment deadline of June 30, 2020, penalties will commence on July 1, 2020 based on the notice of final assessment for each district.
- **SECTION 3.** That this ordinance takes effect immediately on enactment and shall apply retroactively to March 31, 2020.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 3RD DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

> Kelly Cooper, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes: Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, Cooper

No: None

Absent: None