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Date:	02/02/21
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Action:	Enacted
Vote:	9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2021-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KPB 16.04 – ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE AREAS TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTED SERVICE AREA BOARD MEMBERS

- WHEREAS, several provisions of KPB 4.30 place residency requirements on elected officials; and
- WHEREAS, specifically, KPB 4.30.010(A) places a one-year Kenai Peninsula Borough residency requirement before a person is qualified to become a candidate for mayor; and
- **WHEREAS,** KPB 4.30.010(B) places a one-year residency requirement in the district from which the candidate seeks election for borough assembly candidates; and
- **WHEREAS,** KPB 4.30.010(D) places a one-year residency requirement for those service area board members who are elected into office; and
- WHEREAS, there is no similar residency requirement for service area board members who are appointed; and
- **WHEREAS,** the duties and responsibilities of service area board members are important to the borough and the importance of one service area board over another does not change simply because one was elected or appointed; and
- WHEREAS, amending KPB 16.04 would make residency a requirement for both elected and appointed service area board members, emphasizing that both types of boards are valued by the borough and that neither method is preferable, but are instead reflections of local community preferences; and
- **WHEREAS,** by having the language that allows for exception to the residency requirement, boards such as the Eastern Peninsula Highway Emergency Service Area which includes no residents, can be created with the criteria for board members outlined so as to reflect the purpose and need for the advisory board;

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

SECTION 1. That KPB 16.04, Establishment of Service Areas, is hereby amended by enacting KPB 16.04.064 and KPB 16.04.068 as follows:

16.04.064. Appointment of Board Members.

- All service areas shall have a service area board, composed of either A. elected or appointed board members, as provided in the code provisions applicable to each service area board.
- Members of appointed boards shall be appointed by the mayor and Β. confirmed by the assembly.
- Members of elected boards shall be elected in accordance with KPB <u>C</u>. 16.04.065 and the procedures set out in Title 4 of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Code of Ordinances.

16.04.068 Residency Requirement.

Unless otherwise stated, all candidates, whether elected or appointed, for a service area board position must be:

- 1. A qualified voter of the State of Alaska; and
- <u>2.</u> A resident of the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and
- 3. A resident of the service area for a minimum of one (1) year immediately preceding filing.

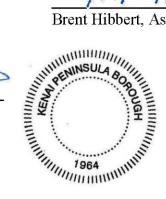
SECTION 2 That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 2ND DAY OF MARCH, 2021.

ATTEST:

Jonni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Brent Hibbert, Assembly President



Yes:

Bjorkman, Carpenter, Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Dunne, Elam, Johnson, Hibbert

No: None

Absent: None