

## Kenai Peninsula Borough

144 North Binkley Street Soldotna, AK 99669

## Meeting Agenda Lands Committee

Cindy Ecklund, Chair VACANT, Vice Chair Bill Elam, Member

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

4:15 PM

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#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Postponed Itens

a. 2023-005 A Resolution of Intent by The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

Establishing that Financing of Energy and Resilience Improvement Projects through Assessments Serves a Valid Public Purpose and

Related Matters (Ecklund) (Postponed from 09/19/23)

Attachments: Resolution 2023-005

<u>Memo</u>

**Ecklund Amendment** 

LAYDOWN 102423 Public Comments

0103023 Public Comments

Introduced by: Ecklund
Date: 01/03/23
Action: Tabled
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent
Date: 09/19/23
Action: Removed from the Table
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

 Date:
 09/19/23

 Action:
 Postponed to 10/24/23

 Vote:
 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

Date: Action: Vote:

#### KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 2023-005

# A RESOLUTION OF INTENT BY THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ESTABLISHING THAT FINANCING OF ENERGY AND RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THROUGH ASSESSMENTS SERVES A VALID PUBLIC PURPOSE AND RELATED MATTERS (PACER PROGRAM)

- WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature enacted the Municipal Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resilience Act ("PACER Act"), Alaska Statutes 29.55, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time-to-time, authorizing local governments to establish an energy and resilience improvement assessment program; and
- **WHEREAS**, the PACER Act allows local governments to finance the installation or modification of permanent improvements, fixed to existing privately owned commercial or industrial property, to achieve reduced energy consumption or demand in areas designated by local governments; and
- WHEREAS, installation or modification by property owners of energy and resilience improvement upgrades to commercial or industrial property in the Kenai Peninsula Borough will serve a public purpose by reducing energy costs, stimulating the economy, improving property valuation, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating jobs; and
- WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough, finds that it is convenient and advantageous to establish a program under the PACER Act and designate the geographic area on an areawide basis within the Kenai Peninsula Borough's jurisdiction as an area within which Kenai Peninsula Borough and the record owners of qualified real property may participate under a program established by the PACER Act and enter into financing arrangements in connection therewith;

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

- **SECTION 1.** The recitals to this resolution are true and correct and are incorporated into this resolution for all purposes.
- **SECTION 2.** For purposes of this resolution, "PACER assessment" shall mean those assessments authorized by the PACER Act.
- **SECTION 3.** The Kenai Peninsula Borough hereby determines that establishing a property assessed clean energy and resilience program and financing energy and resilience improvement projects through PACER assessment serves a valid public purpose by reducing energy costs, stimulating the economy, improving property valuation, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and creating jobs.
- **SECTION 4.** The Kenai Peninsula Borough intends to allow privately owned commercial or industrial property owners to make contractual PACER assessment to repay financing for qualified energy and resilience improvement projects under, and pursuant to, the terms of a municipal property assessed clean energy and resilience program subject to, and pursuant to, the PACER Act ("PACER Program").
- SECTION 5. Qualified energy and resilience new construction or improvement projects under the PACER Program will include those projects which are fixed to new construction or existing privately owned commercial or industrial property and that (1) are energy improvement projects designed to reduce energy consumption or demand, energy costs, or emissions affecting local air quality, including a product, device, or interacting group of products or devices that use energy technology to generate electricity, provide thermal energy, or regulate temperature; or (2) improve building resilience; resilience improvement projects include projects for seismic improvements, storm water management, flood mitigation and protection, fire hardening, fire or wind resistance, erosion management, snow load management, micro grids for energy storage and backup power generation, water or wastewater efficiency including reuse and energy recovery, electric vehicle charging stations, retrofitting that improves the envelope, structure, or systems of the building, and any other improvement project approved by a municipality as a resilience improvement project.

PACER assessment may not be imposed to repay financing of facilities for undeveloped lots or lots undergoing development at the time of an assessment.

**SECTION 6.** To the extent permitted by law, the entire geographic area within Kenai Peninsula Borough's jurisdiction may be available for energy and resilience improvement projects under the PACER Program.

SECTION 7. Financing for qualified energy and resilience new construction and improvement projects under the PACER Program will be provided by third-party capital providers under a written contract with property owners. The contracts will provide for capital providers to advance funds to property owners on such terms as are agreed between the capital providers and property owners for installation or modification of energy improvement projects, and service the debt secured by PACER assessment through the Kenai Peninsula Borough. The proposed arrangements for financing energy improvement projects may authorize property owners to (1) purchase directly the related equipment and materials for energy improvement and resilience projects; and (2) contract directly, including through lease, a power purchase agreement, or other service contract, for energy and resilience improvement projects.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough does not intend to finance or fund any loan under the PACER Program, rather, the Kenai Peninsula Borough intends to serve only as a Program sponsor to facilitate loan repayment by including PACER assessment on real property tax bills for the improved property, and shall incur no liability for the loan.

Benefited property owners will execute written contracts with the Kenai Peninsula Borough to impose a PACER Program assessment to repay financing of an energy improvement project located on such property. The contract between a property owner and the Kenai Peninsula Borough will authorize Kenai Peninsula Borough to service the debt by PACER assessment for the benefit of the capital provider and enforce the PACER assessment lien as provided in AS 29.45.320 - 29.45.470 for enforcement of property tax liens. In the case of third-party capital financing of energy improvement project(s), an agreement will be entered into by the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the third-party capital provider.

A person or entity that acquires property subject to an assessment under the PACER Program will assume the obligation to pay such PACER assessment.

- **SECTION 8.** Subject to law, the Kenai Peninsula Borough shall collect, and enforce PACER assessments in the same manner as other property tax liens.
- **SECTION 9.** The report on the proposed PACER Program, as required by AS 29.55.110, will be available for public inspection on the Internet website of www.kpb.us and in the Borough's Finance Department at 144 N. Binkley Street, Soldotna, AK 99669.
- **SECTION 10.** The local official administering the PACER Program is the Borough Assessor, or designee, and the appropriate assigned assessor, who will collect the proposed PACE assessment with property taxes imposed on the assessed property.
- **SECTION 11.** The Kenai Peninsula Borough will hold a public hearing on the proposed PACER Program and report.

**SECTION 12.** That this resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

# ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 3RD DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

	Brent Johnson, Assembly President
ATTEST:	
Michele Tur	rner, CMC, Acting Borough Clerk
01/03/23 Vote	on motion to table:
Yes:	Bjorkman, Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Tupper, Johnson
No:	None
Absent:	None
09/19/23 Vote	on motion to remove from table:
Yes:	Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tupper, Johnson
No:	None
Absent:	None
09/19/23 Vote	to postpone to 10/24/23:
Yes:	Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tupper, Johnson
No:	None
Absent:	None
Yes:	
No:	
Absent:	

### Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

#### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Brent Johnson, Assembly President

Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Cindy Ecklund, Assembly Member (MM) for CE

DATE: December 21, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 2023-<u>005</u>, Resolution of Intent by The Kenai Peninsula

Borough Assembly Establishing that Financing of Energy and Resilience Improvement Projects through Assessments Serves a Valid

Public Purpose and Related Matters (PACER Program) (Ecklund)

The Alaska State Legislature enacted the Municipal Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resilience Act, Alaska Statutes 29.55, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time ("PACER Act"), authorizing local governments to establish an energy and resilience improvement assessment program.

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Installation or modification by property owners of energy and resilience improvement upgrades to commercial or industrial property in the Kenai Peninsula Borough will serve a public purpose by reducing energy costs, stimulating the economy, improving property valuation, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating jobs.

The Resolution of Intent includes a finding by Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly that it is convenient and advantageous to establish a program under the PACER Act and designate the geographic area on an areawide basis within the Kenai Peninsula Borough's jurisdiction as an area within which Kenai Peninsula Borough and the record owners of qualified real property may participate under a program established by the PACER Act and enter into financing arrangements in connection therewith.

Your consideration is appreciated.

#### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Brent Johnson, Assembly President

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**FROM:** Cindy Ecklund, Assembly member

**DATE:** September 19, 2023

**SUBJECT:** LAYDOWN Ecklund Amendment to Resolution 2022-005, a Resolution of Intent

by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Establishing that Financing of Energy and Resilience Improvement Projects through Assessments Serves a Valid Public

Purpose and Related Matters (Ecklund)

These amendments account for updates in the law and date updates since this resolution was introduced.

[Please note the bold underlined language is new and the strikeout language in brackets is to be deleted.]

Amend the second WHEREAS clause to read as follows:

WHEREAS, the PACER Act allows local governments to finance the installation or modification of permanent improvements, fixed to privately [existing] owned commercial or industrial property, designed to achieve reduced energy consumption or demand or to increase resilience in areas designated by local governments; and

Amend Section 5 to read as follows:

SECTION 5. Qualified energy and resilience new construction or improvement projects under the PACER Program will include those projects which are fixed to new construction or existing privately owned commercial or industrial property and that (1) are energy improvement projects designed to reduce energy consumption or demand, energy costs, or missions affecting local air quality, including a product, device, or interacting group of products or devices that use energy technology to generate electricity, provide thermal energy, or regulate temperature; or (2) improve building resilience; resilience improvement projects include projects for seismic improvements, storm water management, flood mitigation and protection, fire hardening, fire or wind resistance, erosion management, snow load management, micro grids for energy storage and backup power generation, water or wastewater efficiency including reuse and energy recovery, electric vehicle charging stations, retrofitting that improves the envelope, structure, or systems of the building, and any other improvement project approved by a municipality as a resilience improvement project.

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Amend Section 7 to read as follows:

SECTION 7. Financing for qualified energy and resilience new construction and improvement projects under the PACER Program will be provided by third-party capital providers under a written contract with property owners. The contracts will provide for capital providers to advance funds to property owners on such terms as are agreed between the capital providers and property owners for installation or modification of energy improvement projects, and service the debt secured by PACER assessment through the Kenai Peninsula Borough. The proposed arrangements for financing energy improvement projects may authorize property owners to (1) purchase directly the related equipment and materials for energy improvement and resilience projects; and (2) contract directly, including through lease, a power purchase agreement, or other service contract, for energy and resilience improvement projects.

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Your consideration is appreciated.

#### Ward, Tamera

**Subject:** FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>C-PACER Resolution 2023-005

From: Phil Kaluza < <a href="mailto:pkaluza@gmail.com">pkaluza@gmail.com</a> Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 4:23 PM
To: Turner, Michele < <a href="mailto:MicheleTurner@kpb.us">MicheleTurner@kpb.us</a>

Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>C-PACER Resolution 2023-005

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To: KBS Assembly

I strongly urge you to adopt the proposed C-PACER resolution 2023-005.

In light of the diminishing availability of natural gas for space heating and the high cost of heating oil for everyone on the Kenai Peninsula, the C-PACER program will benefit everyone on the Peninsula at no cost to the taxpayer.

Phil Kaluza Seward Resident Dear Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly,

I am writing to express my strong support for Resolution 2023-005, which establishes the Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resilience Program (PACER Program) in the Kenai Peninsula Borough. This ordinance, rooted in the Alaska State Legislature's PACER Act, presents a valuable opportunity to address important energy and resilience needs within our community.

The PACER Program's focus on reducing energy costs, stimulating economic growth, improving property valuation, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and creating jobs aligns perfectly with the priorities of our borough. It is encouraging to see our local government taking proactive steps to facilitate this program, allowing property owners to make contractual PACER assessments to finance energy and resilience improvement projects.

By making these critical improvements more accessible, this ordinance will undoubtedly have a positive impact on our community's sustainability and resilience. I firmly believe that the PACER Program serves a valid public purpose, and I am excited to see it move forward.

I encourage all members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly to support Resolution 2023-005, as it is a significant step towards a more energy-efficient and resilient future for our borough.

Thank y	ou for v	our/	dedication	to	this	importan <sup>3</sup>	t initiative.
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Sincerely,

Casie Warner

Seward AK



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October 19, 2023

To whom it may concern,

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Energy efficiency is a hot topic in Seward and world-wide. The C-PACER Legislation will allow for new and existing services to have access to the grant funding they need to operate year-round. The C-PACER Legislation will have a trickle-down effect, promoting more critical services to operate on a year round schedule. This shift in our seasonally-dependent economy is crucial for the year-round citizens and business operators in Seward.

The Seward Chamber of Commerce supports the efforts of our Borough to make C-PACER Legislation attainable for all businesses on the Kenai Peninsula.

Please give this proposal your full consideration. If you have any questions please contact the Seward Chamber of Commerce at (907) 224-8951.

Best.

Samantha Allen Executive Director

#### Warner, Avery

From:

Cindy Ecklund

Sent:

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 1:08 PM

To:

Turner, Michele

Subject:

Fwd: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>CPACE legislation

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From: Willy Dunne < wdunne907@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Dec 28, 2022 at 8:31 AM

Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>CPACE legislation

To: Tupper, Mike <<u>mtupper@kpb.us</u>>, Lane Chesley <<u>lchesley@kpb.us</u>>, Ecklund, Cindy <<u>cecklund@kpb.us</u>> CC: Johnson, Brent <<u>bjohnson@kpb.us</u>>, Scott Waterman <<u>scottwaterman.rsac@gmail.com</u>>, Navarre Mike <<u>mnavarre@kpb.us</u>>

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Dear Assembly Members,

I am very glad to see the CPACE (aka PACER) program moving forward via KPB Resolution 2023-005. This program has proved beneficial in other Alaska municipalities as well as many states around the US. My participation in CPACE workshops over the past few years has convinced me that it is a valuable program worthy of being adopted here.

Thanks to Cindy Ecklund for sponsoring this and the RSAC for promoting the idea. It will benefit business owners and the Borough. I look forward to seeing enabling ordinances soon.

Willy Dunne

Cindy L. Ecklund 907-362-2276

#### Warner, Avery

From:

Cindy Ecklund

Sent:

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 1:07 PM

To:

Turner, Michele

Subject:

<EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fwd: PACER resolution of intent

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From: Peter Crimp petercrimp@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Jan 1, 2023 at 1:22 PM

Subject: Re: PACER resolution of intent To: Cindy Ecklund <<u>ecklundc@gmail.com</u>>

CC: Hig Higman < hig314@gmail.com >, Lori Landstrom < ljlandstrom81@gmail.com >, Scott Waterman

<scottwaterman.rsac@gmail.com>

Here's the comment that I just submitted to the KPB.

-Peter

Dear Assembly President Johnson,

As a 20-year energy professional and 40-year Alaska resident, I support the establishment of a program under the State PACER Act for the Kenai Peninsula Borough. At negligible cost to the Borough the program has the potential to save business owners money, improve Borough property values and market competitiveness, protect property from earthquakes and other hazards, and create construction and engineering jobs. I am impressed with the innovative program's approach--including reducing risk to lenders and extending the period for businesses to capture benefits--through attaching the debt for improvements to the property and repaying through property taxes. It has been my experience that properly planned energy projects usually realize savings above debt service starting at year one. Thank you for your consideration.

Peter Crimp, Principal

Crimp Energy Consulting, Homer, AK

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On Dec 29, 2022, at 9:54 PM, Hig < hig314@gmail.com > wrote:

Thanks Cindy - sounds good.

-Hig

On Thu, Dec 29, 2022 at 9:06 PM Cindy Ecklund < <a href="mailto:ecklundc@gmail.com">ecklundc@gmail.com</a>> wrote: Hig,

The State Statute section the new legislation is under is Chapter 55 - Municipal Programs. The KPB resolution mirrors the Mat-Su Resolution of intent except where it uses the new term Pacer. I think were good. Hopefully the rest of the Assembly thinks so too.

Cindy

On Thu, Dec 29, 2022 at 4:53 PM Hig < hig314@gmail.com > wrote:

What I'm seeing is this first Whereas:

"the Alaska State Legislature enacted the Municipal Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resilience Act ("PACER Act"), Alaska Statutes 29.55, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time-to-time, authorizing local governments to establish an energy and resilience improvement assessment program;"

specifically mentions municipal properties rather than commercial properties,

However, down lower there's this clause:

"The Kenai Peninsula Borough intends to allow privately owned commercial or industrial property owners to make contractual PACER assessment to repay financing for qualified energy and resilience improvement projects under, and pursuant to, the terms of a municipal property assessed clean energy and resilience program subject to, and pursuant to, the PACER Act ("PACER Program")."

I'm not totally sure what that means, but maybe this implies that the definition of "municipal" will be extended to include eligible commercial properties, thus PACER would be like C-PACE but with "resiliency" and also applying to what would conventionally be called municipal properties?

Or am I misreading "municipal" entirely? I generally think of that as publicly owned property, but maybe I've got that wrong?

-Hig

On Thu, Dec 29, 2022 at 12:18 PM Cindy Ecklund < < ecklundc@gmail.com > wrote: Hig,

The new state plan documents are not out yet but as I understand the amended State statute they included the word resilience into the statute and will call the program PACER now instead of C-PACE. I called the state a month ago and they don't expect the new documents to be out until January or February. In Washington the program is called C-PACER but for now PACER is what the state said on the phone.

Peter please correct me if you know of other info.

Cindy

On Thu, Dec 29, 2022 at 11:40 AM Hig < hig314@gmail.com > wrote: Hi Cindy and Peter,

Looking at the PACER resolution (here) it looks like this is not C-PACE, and that PACER is a separate program that is similar but allows municipal properties rather than commercial

properties to apply for loans like this. Peter - are you up on how PACER and C-PACE relate?

I have someone in Homer (Nancy Hillstrand) who sounds pretty game to comment, but just realized I'm not clear on this detail, so I'd like to get it straightened out before I respond to her with more details.

-Hig

On Wed, Dec 28, 2022 at 8:16 PM Hig < hig314@gmail.com > wrote: That's great Cindy,

I'll see if I can find someone else...

-Hig

On Wed, Dec 28, 2022 at 11:10 AM Lori Landstrom < lilandstrom81@gmail.com > wrote: Good news, I think I've found a Seward small business owner willing to speak on 1/3. Cindy has been apprised and is in contact with Kellyann. let's do this.

#### Lori

"Diversity is being invited to the party. Inclusion is being asked to dance."

-Verna Myers

On Wed, Dec 28, 2022 at 9:39 AM Cindy Ecklund < <a href="mailto:ecklundc@gmail.com">ecklundc@gmail.com</a> wrote: Peter,

It's been awhile since you presented to the Assembly. A short email in support that includes your experience in the area would be a good reminder.

Hopefully a business somewhere on KPB has been following the program and has some interest already. We can only try!

Thanks again, Cindy L. Ecklund

On Wed, Dec 28, 2022 at 9:13 AM Peter Crimp < petercrimp@gmail.com > wrote: Hi Cindy.

Looks great. I'm available to write a letter of support or help someone else do so. Since Hig and I spoke at the Assembly meeting earlier this year, would it be better for the message to come from someone else?

Agreed that it would be best for a commercial property owner to express interest, but it's a very short timeline. I'll check with a friend who owns a business in Homer and see if he would be willing.

Peter

On Dec 27, 2022, at 2:08 PM, Cindy Ecklund < <a href="mailto:ecklundc@gmail.com">ecklundc@gmail.com</a>> wrote:

Hi,

This will be on the agenda 1/3/23. It would be helpful for some positive communication to the Assembly prior to that date. Even better would be finding someone who would be interested in applying for the program to communicate their interest.

Soon, Cindy L. Ecklund

From: Kelley, Sean < skelley@kpb.us > Date: Tue, Dec 27, 2022 at 10:35 AM Subject: PACER resolution of intent To: Ecklund, Cindy < CEcklund@kpb.us >

CC: Turner, Michele < Michele Turner@kpb.us >, Cindy Ecklund

<ecklundc@gmail.com>

Hi Cindy,

Sorry to include both of your emails but this is a bit time sensitive. Michele is going to hold packet until we know if you want to go forward with the resolution of intent.

I have attached a PDF version of both the resolution and accompanying memo. If you approve, you can either click through the Docusign buttons to initial and complete OR you can respond to this email or call Michele and give her approval to initial for you. Whatever you prefer works for us.

Thank you,

Sean

#### Sean Kelley

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Sincerely,

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Seward AK



Samantha Allen

Executive Director

October 19, 2023

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