

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the Regular Election will be held in the Kenai Peninsula Borough on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011**, for the purpose of electing the following officials:

BOROUGH MAYOR: One to be elected for a 3-Year term by the qualified voters of the borough.

BOROUGH ASSEMBLY MEMBERS: To be elected from the designated districts by the qualified voters of that district.

District 2 - Kenai (3-year term) – Voters residing in the Kenai 1 and Kenai 2 Precincts.

District 5 - Sterling/Funny River (3-year term) - Voters residing in Funny River and Sterling Precincts.

District 8 - Homer (3-year term) - Voters residing in Homer 1 and Homer 2 Precincts, Kachemak City residents, and voters in a portion of Kachemak Bay Precinct.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS: To be elected from the designated districts by the qualified voters of that district.

District 3 - Nikiski (3-year term) - Voters residing Nikiski, Salamatof, and Tyonek Precincts and voters in a small portion of Kachemak Bay Precinct.

District 4 - Soldotna (3-year term) - Voters residing in Soldotna and Mackey Lake Precincts and a portion of Central Precinct.

District 7 - Central (3-year term) - Voters residing in the Kasilof and Ninilchik Precincts and portions of Central and K-Beach Precincts.

SERVICE AREA BOARD MEMBERS: To be elected by the qualified voters of each service area as follows:

Anchor Point Fire Service Area – Seat A for a 3-year term, and Seat C for a 1-year term.

Bear Creek Fire Service Area – Seat A for a 2-year term, and Seat E for a 3-year term.

Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board - Seat A for a 1-year term, Seats B and C for 3-year terms.

Joint Operations Board for the Central Peninsula Emergency Medical Service Area and the Central Emergency Service Area Board – Seat B for a 2-year term, Seat C for a 1-year term and Seat E for a 3-year term.

Kachemak Emergency Service Area Board – Seat A for a 3-year term.

Lowell Point Emergency Service Area Board – Seat B for a 2-year term, Seat C for a 3-year term and Seat E for a 2-year term.

Nikiski Fire Service Area Board - Seat A for a 2-year term, Seats D and E for 3-year terms.

North Peninsula Recreation Service Area Board - Seats A and B for 2-year terms and Seat E for a 3-year term.

Seward-Bear Creek Flood Service Area Board - Seat C for a 2-year term, Seat D for a 3-year term and Seat E for a 1-year term.

South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board – Seat C for a 1-year term and Seats D, E and F for 3-year terms.

and submitting the following propositions to the qualified voters of the Borough:

- **PROPOSITION NO. 1 – REPEAL OF THE SEASONAL SALES TAX EXEMPTION OF NON-PREPARED FOOD ITEMS** *(To be voted on by all borough voters)*
Shall the seasonal exemption of non-prepared food items from borough sales taxes be repealed?
- **PROPOSITION NO. 2 – INCREASING BOROUGH SALES TAX FROM 3.0 TO 3.1 PERCENT WITH THE ADDITIONAL 0.1 PERCENT TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES** *(To be voted on by all borough voters)*
Shall Ordinance 2011-23 providing for the imposition of a sales tax increase of 0.1 percent to be used solely for economic development purposes, be ratified?
- **PROPOSITION NO. 3 – APPORTIONMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY AND BOARD OF EDUCATION** *(To be voted on by all borough voters)*
Choose one of the following Plans for Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly and Board of Education Representation:
Plan 1, would consist of nine (9) districts in the borough. Each district would have one Assembly member and one Board of Education member, elected by the voters of that district.
Plan 2, would consist of eleven (11) districts in the borough. Each district would have one Assembly member and one Board of Education member, elected by the voters of that district.
- **PROPOSITION NO. 4 – ABOLISHING THE LOWELL POINT EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA** *(To be voted on by voters residing within the Lowell Point Emergency Service Area)*
Shall Ordinance 2011-27, providing for the abolishment of the Lowell Point Emergency Service Area, be approved?
- **PROPOSITION NO. 5 – ESTABLISHING THE SELDOVIA RECREATIONAL SERVICE AREA** *(To be voted on by the voters residing within the Seldovia Voting Precinct)*
Shall the Kenai Peninsula Borough be authorized to provide recreational services within the Seldovia Recreational Service Area established by Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance 2011-28 that are based out of and utilize the Seldovia Community Center, now known as the Sea Otter Community Center, presently located adjacent to Susan B. English School and other facilities as may be authorized by the borough assembly, and additional recreational services as are recommended by the service area board and established by the assembly through the budget process? Services to be provided may include but are not limited to senior citizen and youth programs, musical instruction and practice, accommodation of visiting schools during "Sea Week" and other Seldovia field trips, facility rental for organizations and individuals for meetings and celebrations, adult education, high speed internet access, community gatherings such as potlucks and dinners, karate instruction, arts and crafts instruction and facilitation, nature education and outdoor activities. The services shall be different from those provided by the City of Seldovia."

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS: A qualified voter is a person who is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, who has been a resident of the State of Alaska and the Kenai Peninsula Borough for at least 30 days immediately preceding the election and who has registered as an Alaska voter at least 30 days preceding the election.

POLLING PLACES: The precincts and polling places of the Kenai Peninsula Borough established by the State of Alaska are as follows:

Anchor Point.....Anchor Point Senior Center
Bear CreekBear Creek Fire Hall
CentralSoldotna Sports Center
*Cooper Landing.....**See note below**
Diamond RidgeHomer Chamber of Commerce
Funny RiverFunny River Community Center
Homer 1Homer Council Chambers
Homer 2.....Homer Senior Center
*Hope**See note below**
*Kachemak Bay.....**See note below**
Kachemak City/Fritz CreekKachemak Community Center
K-Beach.....K-Beach Fire Station
Kasilof.....Kasilof Fire Station

Kenai 1Kenai Mall
Kenai 2Challenger Learning Center
Kenai 3Kenai Senior Center
Mackey LakeKenai Peninsula Borough Building
*Moose Pass**See note below**
Nikiski.....Nikiski Senior Center
Ninilchik.....Ninilchik Senior Center
SalamatofNikiski Fire Hall #1
Seldovia.....Seldovia Library
SewardSeward City Hall
SoldotnaSoldotna City Hall
SterlingSterling Fire Station
*Tyonek**See note below**

***NOTE:** These by-mail precincts will not have a polling place open on election day. Every registered voter residing within these precincts will be mailed a ballot prior to the election.

POLLING HOURS: The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on election day.

ABSENTEE VOTING: Any qualified voter who expects to be absent from his/her election precinct or who will be unable to go to the precinct polling place may cast an absentee ballot. A qualified voter may apply for an absentee ballot by mail or by electronic transmission (FAX). Voters may choose to vote absentee in person beginning September 19, up to and including Election Day. A voter who is unable to go to the polls may apply for a ballot through a personal representative beginning September 19, 2011.

For further information, contact the Office of the Borough Clerk at 907-714-2160, or toll free within the borough 1-800-478-4441, Ext. 2160.

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