

Adopted: 1/20/70

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

ORDINANCE 69-24

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ORGANIZATION
OF THE NORTH KENAI FIRE SERVICE
AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH that a department to be hereafter known as the North Kenai Fire Service Area Fire Department, the object of which shall be the prevention of fire and the protection of life and property within the limits of the North Kenai Fire Service Area of Kenai Peninsula Borough is hereby created.

Section 1. OFFICERS

ARTICLE 1. The department shall consist of a Chief, Assistant Chiefs and other officers as the Chief and Borough Chairman may deem necessary for the effective operation of the Department.

ARTICLE 2. The Chief shall be appointed by the Borough Chairman after recommendation from the Service Area Board for an indefinite period of time, and his tenure of office shall depend upon his good conduct and efficiency. The Chief shall be technically qualified by training and experience and shall have ability to command men and hold their respect and confidence. He shall be removed only for just cause and after a public hearing before the Borough Assembly.

ARTICLE 3. The Chief shall be held accountable to the Borough Chairman and Service Area Board only, and shall make written and verbal reports thereto as the Borough Chairman and Service Area Board may require. All other Department and Company officers shall be accountable to the Chief only.

ARTICLE 4. The Assistant Chiefs and all other Department and Company officers shall be appointed by the Chief. Such officers shall be accountable only to the Chief, and subject to removal by him.

Section 2. DUTIES OF THE CHIEF

ARTICLE 1. The Chief shall formulate a set of rules and regulations to govern the Department, and shall be responsible to the Borough Chairman and Service Area Board for the personnel, morale and general efficiency of the Department. Such rules and regulations shall be approved by the Borough Assembly by Resolution.

ARTICLE 2. The Chief shall determine the number and kind of companies of which the Department is to be composed and shall determine the response of such companies to alarms.

ARTICLE 3. The Chief shall at least once a month conduct suitable drills or instruction in the operation and handling of equipment, first aid and rescue work, salvage, a study of buildings in the Service Area, fire prevention, water supplies, and all other matters generally considered essential to good firemanship and safety of life and property from fire.

ARTICLE 4. The Chief is hereby required to assist the proper authorities in suppressing the crime of arson by investigating or accusing to be investigated the cause, origin and circumstances of all fires.

ARTICLE 5. The Chief is hereby empowered to enter any and all commercial, industrial, business and public buildings and premises at any reasonable hour and private dwellings after first obtaining a search warrant or permission of the owner for the purpose of making inspections and to serve written notice upon the owner or occupant to abate, within a specified time, any and all fire hazards that may be found.

ARTICLE 6. Any person so served with a notice to abate and fire hazard or hazards, shall comply therewith and promptly notify the Chief.

ARTICLE 7. The Chief shall see that complete records are kept of all fires, inspections, apparatus and minor equipment, personnel and other information about the work of the Department.

ARTICLE 8. The Chief shall report monthly to the Borough Chairman, Service Area Board and office of the State Fire Marshal the condition of the apparatus and equipment; the number of fires during the month, their location and cause, and date of same and loss occasioned thereby; the number and purpose of all other runs made;

and the number of members responding to each fire or other run, and any changes in membership.

ARTICLE 9. The Chief shall make a complete annual report to the Borough Chairman, Service Area Board and the office of the State Fire Marshal within one month after the close of the fiscal year, such report to include the information specified in Article 7, together with comparative data for previous years and recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the Department.

Section 3. MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 1. The membership of the Department shall consist of such persons as may be appointed by the Chief and shall be able-bodied male citizens residing within the Service Area, preferable property owners whose business activities are normally within the confines of Service Area, and who have telephones in their homes. Determination of whether candidates for appointment are able-bodied shall be made by the Chief after a medical and physical examination has been made in a manner prescribed by the Chief and approved by the Borough Chairman.

ARTICLE 2. Any member of the Department may be suspended or discharged from the Department by the Chief at any time he may deem such action necessary for the good of the Department. On written request of such member to the Borough Assembly he shall be given a public hearing on the charges brought by the Chief.

Section 4. EQUIPMENT

ARTICLE 1. The Department shall be equipped with such apparatus and other equipment as may be required from time to time to maintain its efficiency and properly protect life and property from fire.

ARTICLE 2. Recommendations of apparatus and equipment needed shall be made by the Chief, and after approval by the Borough Chairman shall be purchased in such manner as may be designated by the Borough Assembly.

ARTICLE 3. All equipment of the Department shall be safely and conveniently housed in such places as may be designated by the Borough Chairman. Such places shall be heated during the winter season.

ARTICLE 4. Suitable arrangement of equipment shall be provided for citizens to turn in an alarm, and for

or other place where fire apparatus is stored, or within ten (10) feet of any fire hydrant or cistern.

ARTICLE 6. No unauthorized person with any vehicle shall follow within six hundred (600) feet of any apparatus belonging to the Department, nor park any vehicle within three hundred (300) feet of a fire.

ARTICLE 7. No person shall maliciously turn in or cause to be turned in a false alarm.

Section 6. ENFORCEMENT

ARTICLE 1. Any person, firm, co-partnership or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days or both.

ARTICLE 2. All regularly appointed members of the Department are hereby given the necessary special police powers for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 7. SPECIAL OFFICERS

ARTICLE 1. The Department may elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, to be known as Social Officers. Such officers may be elected in any manner and for any term the membership may decide upon, and their duties shall be to arrange for and manage any or all social functions sponsored by the Department.

ARTICLE 2. The functions and duties of said Social Officers shall in no wise interfere with those of the regular Department Officers who are charged with responsibility for all fire service activities of the Department.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
THIS 20 DAY OF January, 1970.

ATTEST:

Francis B. [Signature]
Borough Clerk

F. J. Hall
F. J. Hall, Assembly President