Substitute for Ordinance 73-29 Introduced by: Special Committee of

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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

ORDINANCE 73-29

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR ASSEMBLYMEN AND ESTABLISHING AN EXPENSE ALLOWANCE FOR ASSEMBLYMEN AND SETTING PER DIEM AND TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR ASSEMBLYMEN ON THE SAME BASIS AS REGULAR BOROUGH EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, Assemblymen of the Kenai Peninsula Borough necessarily incur many minor expenses in properly attending to the duties of their office such as the cost of travel and sometimes meals while attending meetings of the school board, planning commission, service area boards, special hearings, and others (not including assembly meetings and meetings of special committees for which they are reimbursed for travel expense and per diem expenses) in order to keep informed so as to better perform the duties of their office or to give testimony before such meetings in order to advance the interest of the borough; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymen of the Kenai Peninsula Borough sometimes incur expenses of long distance telephone toll charges (other than phone calls to the borough offices which are made collect) for the purpose of obtaining information or passing on the information to citizens, local officials, or others, in order to adequately and fully perform the duties of their office; and

WHEREAS, such expenses are necessary to the proper performance of their office, but they are not presently reimbursed to Assemblymen, and Assemblymen are thereby put to out-of-pocket costs in serving the public for which they are not reimbursed; and

WHEREAS, such expenses are both frequent in occurrence and normally of such small amounts that it would be an onerous burden to maintain records of such expenses in order to file a claim for reimbursement therefor, but that the aggregate amount of such expenses is substantial and is a deterrent to proper performance of duties and perhaps even to securing qualified candidates to run for these positions; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the assembly to establish an expense allowance in a reasonable amount to reimburse Assemblymen for the normal day-to-day expenses of properly carrying out the duties of the office of Assemblymen; and

WHEREAS, the President of the Assembly incurs more of such expense than the ordinary member of the assembly because of the duties of that office;

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

Section 1. Sec. 05.10.015 of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Code of Ordinances is amended to read:

Sec. 05.10.015. (a) Compensation of Assemblymen. Assemblymen shall be paid no compensation for service as Assemblymen.

- (b) Expenses. Assemblymen shall receive an allowance for expenses which would otherwise not be reimbursed in the amount of \$150.00 per month, except the Assembly President who shall receive a similar expense allowance in the amount of \$200.00 per month.
- (c) Per Diem Allowance and Travel Expense. For travel involved in attending scheduled meetings of the assembly or in attending meetings as a member of a special committee, Assemblymen shall receive reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses on the same basis as borough employees pursuant to ordinances of the Kenai Peninsula Borough in Section 19.05.100 (a), (b) and (d).

(d) <u>Definitions</u>.

- (1) "Compensation" means payment for services only.
- (2) "Expenses" means day to day costs of performing the duties of Assemblymen

and is not intended to mean salary, compensation, or per diem and travel expense involved in attending scheduled meetings of the assembly or per diem or travel expense as a member of a special committee.

- (3) "Per diem" means payment for board and lodging while on travel status as provided in Section 1(c) herein.
- (4) "Travel expense" means cost of travel while on travel status as provided in Section 1(c) herein.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective on the day of enactment.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 12thDAY OF June , 1973.

Assembly President

ATTEST:

Borough Clerk Stemle