

Introduced by: Special Committee  
of Fields, Bjerregaard  
and Hulm  
Date: April 2, 1974  
Hearing: May 7, 1974  
Action: Failed, May 7, 1974

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

ORDINANCE 74-12

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION OF THE BOROUGH MAYOR.

WHEREAS, AS 29.23.530 provides that the assembly may fix by ordinance the salaries of elected officers before they are elected but that salaries may not be changed during a term of office; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this provision is laudable in that it prevents an assembly from unduly raising their own salaries or from controlling other elected officials by the use, or threat of use, of the power to raise or lower salaries, but rampant inflation has made setting of a flat monetary amount of salary inequitable in that the assembly must either set an extraordinarily high salary prior to election of a mayor to allow for such inflationary trend that a salary may result in a great overpayment for the position, or the assembly must make a conservative estimate which over a period of more than three years may result in a vast underpayment of salary for the responsibilities of the position; and

WHEREAS, the present salary set for the Borough Mayor is not commensurate with the duties and responsibilities of the office, is far below salaries paid other employees of the borough and school district, and is not conducive to securing the filing of competent candidates for the duties and responsibilities of the office of mayor; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the above cited Alaska statute would be fulfilled if the salary of the Borough Mayor were established to be the same as that of a state official which could be expected to be modified to reflect inflationary changes but would be beyond the control of the assembly to alter or change during a term of office of the Borough Mayor; Now Therefore,

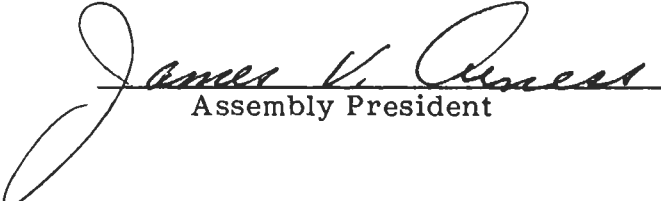
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. Sec. 9.05.015(a) of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Code of Ordinances is amended to read:

(a) Salary. The Borough Mayor shall receive as compensation the same salary as may be provided at the time of each salary payment for the head of a principal executive department of the state pursuant to AS 39.20.080 as it may be amended from time to time.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective on November 1, 1975.

~~ADOPTED~~ <sup>Failed</sup> BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH this 7 day of May, 1974.

  
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Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Borough Clerk