

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: August 21, 1979
Hearing: September 18, 1979
Vote: Unanimous
Action: Enacted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

ORDINANCE 79-50

ESTABLISHING A BOROUGH-WIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the Borough act in concert with the commercial sector in order to assist economic development in the most efficient manner by encouraging the location of new businesses and industries within the Borough and the expansion of existing businesses and industries; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to encourage private participation in the economic development program through an organized channel for assessing the priorities and needs of local businesses and to focus the Borough's economic development effort in the most effective manner;

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

Section 1. That the enacting Borough Code of ordinances is amended by a new section 2.40.060, which shall read:

2.40.060 Economic Development Council--Establishment--Duties. A. There is established an Economic Development Council which shall act in an advisory capacity to the Administration and Assembly.

B. The Council shall be responsible for formulating and implementing economic development programs, development policies, studies, and projects that will assist in the

employment of Borough residents and in the economic development of the Borough.

C. The Council shall: (1) Work to retain a favorable business climate within the Borough; (2) conduct programs and studies to assist in the expansion of existing industries and businesses and in the location of new industries and businesses; (3) serve as liaison to project committees of the assembly; (4) prepare and revise periodic assessments of the Borough's economic climate; (5) evaluate proposed plans and programs for economic development and make recommendations to the Administration and Assembly; (6) explore potential mechanisms for financial investment; (7) develop and maintain an inventory of proposed business and industrial projects within the Borough; (8) gather and analyze basic data regarding economic activity and trends within the Borough, and report to the Assembly and the Administration on such matters; (9) assist in processing and securing federal, state, and private assistance for local projects; and (10) prepare and implement the Borough's overall economic development program.

D. The Council shall be composed of 11 members. Membership shall include a representative from each of the Borough's five first-class or home rule cities, and one representative from a native corporation organized under the authority of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The remaining members shall be chosen so as to provide a balanced cross-section of the Borough's economy. Council members shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Assembly, for a term of service of 3 years. In order to provide for staggered terms of service, the Mayor shall appoint 4 of the initial members to one year terms, 4 of the initial members to 2 year terms, and the balance of the initial members to full 3 year terms. Members may be re-appointed.

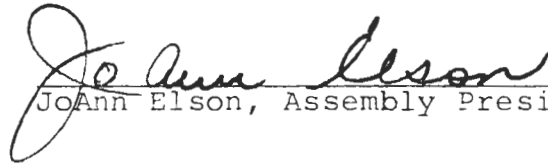
E. Procedure:

1. The Council shall meet at least once each month.
2. The Council shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman for one year terms.
3. Per diem and travel expenses shall be allowed as provided for the Planning Commission members.

4. The Economic Development Director shall coordinate the functions of the Council, and be responsible for disseminating to the Council members, the minutes, reports and economic data, and other information, and to keep the Council advised and informed of economic developments. The Council Chairman and the Economic Development Director shall be the liaison with the Administration and Assembly. The Economic Development Director shall also be responsible for liaison between the Council and other governmental entities.

Section 2. That the Mayor is authorized to effectuate this ordinance, which takes effect immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ON THIS 18th DAY OF September, 1979.


JoAnn Elson, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Borough Clerk

