

Introduced by: Wade & McBride  
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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

ORDINANCE 81-83

PROVIDING THAT ESTABLISHED BOROUGH TAX REVENUE BILLINGS SHALL NOT BE INCREASED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS.

WHEREAS, taxation for Borough general government spending and for Borough School District local share appropriations has increased naturally during the past decade because of the growth of Borough general government spending and the level of services not approved by the voters; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds that it is desirable that the voters who must bear the burden of increased spending, have the opportunity to inform themselves of any further increases in government services and spending and to approve these increases by a vote of the people; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds that requiring approval of the voters for future increases in government services and spending will promote a better informed electorate and will foster a closer and more interdependent relationship between the Borough government and the people it serves; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds that the assessed valuation of property has increased generally during the past several years, thereby raising the tax burden upon Borough residents, even though this increase in valuation does not reflect a true increase in the value or usefulness of their property nor of their incomes; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly desires that indirect increases in Borough spending should be controlled and regulated by approval of the voters;

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

Section 1. That Chapter 5.04 of the Borough Code is amended by adding a new section, to be numbered 5.04.110, which reads:

Section 5.04.110. Budgetary Limitations. A. Estimated Borough real and personal property tax revenues, which are appropriated from the property tax proceeds

for Borough general government spending and for the Borough's local share of the annual Borough School District Budget, and which are billed to owners of taxable property within the Borough for each fiscal year subsequent to Fiscal Year 1981-1982 shall not exceed the dollar amount of revenues billed for Fiscal Year 1981-1982 unless a specific increase in this limitation is approved by a vote of the people. The Assembly, when setting the mill rate, shall adjust the mill rate in order to effect this limitation.

B. Estimated real and personal property tax revenues billed by the Borough on behalf of a service area to owners of taxable property within the service area for each fiscal year subsequent to Fiscal Year 1981-1982 shall not exceed the dollar amount of revenues billed for Fiscal Year 1981-1982 unless a specific increase in this limitation is approved by a vote of the people. The Assembly, when setting the service area mill rate, shall adjust the mill rate in order to effect this limitation.

C. The provisions of this section shall not be construed as limiting in any way the ability of the Borough to accept and utilize any funds or other municipal entitlements or shared revenues received from another governmental entity.

Section 2. That this ordinance takes effect immediately upon its enactment.

~~ENACTED~~ <sup>Failed</sup> BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON  
THIS 15 DAY OF June, ~~1981~~. 1982

Paul Fischer  
Paul Fischer, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Frances Byrne  
Borough Clerk

Failed 6-15-82  
with Recon by  
McBride for 7-20-82