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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

ORDINANCE 81-87

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE COLLECTION OF BOROUGH SALES TAXES FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTY (60) DAYS DUE TO THE CONTINUING SHORTAGE OF PENNIES NECESSARY FOR MAKING CHANGE.

WHEREAS, there is an acute and continuing shortage of one cent coins and local merchants and banks have been unable to obtain a sufficient supply of pennies; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of Borough and city sales taxes generally makes the final price charged to the consumer a price for which pennies must be used to make correct change; and

WHEREAS, merchants who are unable to obtain necessary amounts of pennies will be forced to make change using only 5-cent and larger denomination coins and this will require the merchant to absorb a portion of the sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds that this will result in a harsh and unjust burden upon sellers who are forced to collect Borough sales tax and that this constitutes a public emergency warranting suspension of Borough sales tax collection efforts;

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

Section 1. That the provisions of the Borough sales tax ordinance, Chapter 5.16 of the Borough Code, are suspended for a period of sixty (60) days from the date that this ordinance becomes effective. All sales tax moneys collected by merchants prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall be remitted to the Borough within 30 days after the close of the business quarter during which the moneys were collected in the manner ordinarily prescribed by Chapter 5.16 of the Borough Code.

Section 2. That this emergency ordinance takes effect at 12:01 a.m., of the first calendar day subsequent to the date of its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1981.

Paul Fischer, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Borough Clerk