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Action:

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

ORDINANCE 83-7

AMENDING KPB 2.08.130 (A) TO REMOVE THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS UPON INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the present wording of KPB 2.08.130 (A) allows a public presentation to be made without prior notice whenever the Assembly considers an ordinance, which appears to include the consideration of an ordinance on introduction; and

WHEREAS, an ordinance cannot be passed upon introduction, and it would appear to be unfair that opponents of an ordinance could appear and (possibly without any rebuttal by supporters of the ordinance) influence the Assembly to defeat the ordinance at the time of its introduction rather than waiting until the ordinance comes up for hearing on passage when all parties could be equally heard; and

WHEREAS, the present procedure requires the appearance of members of the public to support or oppose an ordinance at its introduction as well as at the time it is being considered for passage; and

WHEREAS, public presentations on introduction of ordinances unduly lengthen the time spent by the Assembly in hearings on such ordinances even though they cannot be acted upon and results in the Assembly hearing the same presentations repeatedly both at time of introduction and at time of hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly should attempt to make its work more efficient so that more time could be spent on matters coming before it that need action rather than wasting its time on matters which cannot be acted upon;

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

Section 1. That KPB 2.08.130 (A) is hereby amended as follows:

2.08.130 Public presentations--Requirements.

A. Any member of the public desiring to make a formal presentation before the Borough Assembly at a regular meeting shall give 6 days' notice to the Borough Clerk and state the subject of the presentation to the Assembly. If the subject concerns legislation being considered for passage by the Assembly in the form of an ordinance (except for its

introduction) or resolution, a public presentation may be made without prior notice when the Assembly considers the specific legislative items, or as otherwise provided by the Assembly. Any other formal presentations shall be made as approved in the agenda. The time allowed for individual public presentations is 3 minutes, which shall be strictly enforced by the president.

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

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON
THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1983.

Donald L. McCloud, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Borough Clerk