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Action: FAILED

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

ORDINANCE 87-14

AMENDING KPB 2.08.022 REGARDING TIME RESTRICTIONS ON ASSEMBLY MEETINGS TO ALLOW THE CONTINUATION OF CONSIDERATION OF AN ITEM OF BUSINESS ALREADY INTRODUCED AND UNDER DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION AT THE TIME OF THE MIDNIGHT DEADLINE.

WHEREAS, KPB 2.08.022 sets time restrictions for assembly meetings and requires that the assembly take no official legislative or adjudicatory action after 12:00 o'clock midnight and before 8:00 a.m. actual time; and

WHEREAS, while the limitation on length of assembly meetings is a good policy in promoting public attendance, the inability to complete business on an item under discussion at the midnight deadline is disruptive and actually counter to the policy of encouraging public attendance and participation in the meetings of the borough assembly; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the assembly that by allowing the continuation of consideration of an item of business to its conclusion is of greater importance than strict adherence to the current midnight deadline;

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

Section 1. That KPB 2.08.022 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.08.022 Meetings--Time restrictions--Uncompleted agenda. The assembly shall not introduce nor initiate consideration of any [TAKE NO] legislative or adjudicatory action after 12:00 o'clock midnight and before 8:00 a.m., actual time. This time for conclusion of legislative business is mandatory. In the event that an item of legislative or adjudicatory business is under consideration at the midnight deadline, then that item may be finished to its logical conclusion or action including vote on the main motion. In the event that the agenda of legislative or adjudicatory business has not been completed by midnight, the assembly may recess the meeting to a time consistent with this section, call a special meeting to complete the agenda and adjourn, or adjourn. If the meeting is adjourned without making other provision for completion of the agenda items, then such uncompleted matters shall be

acted upon prior to the beginning of the next agenda items at the next regularly scheduled assembly meeting. The assembly shall not adjourn until all presentations and comments by members of the general public have been heard.

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

FAILED

~~ENACTED~~ BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 7th DAY OF April, 1987.

Jonathan W. Sewall, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Borough Clerk