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Failed Introduction

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

ORDINANCE 87-28

AMENDING KPB 2.08.084 TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE AGENDA.

WHEREAS, members of the assembly represent all the people within their respective districts; and

WHEREAS, the borough mayor represents all of the people within the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, the only method by which a resident or group of residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough may present his, her, or their idea to the assembly for legislative change of the Borough Code of Ordinances following notice and public comment is by convincing the borough mayor, an assembly committee, or an assemblymember that the issue has sufficient merit to be placed upon the assembly agenda; and

WHEREAS, the failure of the assembly to set a proposed ordinance for hearing results in the disenfranchizing of that individual or group of citizens; and

WHEREAS, the automatic introduction and establishment of hearing dates would result in more efficient assembly meetings and more time to deal with substantive legislative matters and would result in the establishment of a set procedure which could be relied upon by the borough citizens; and

WHEREAS, permitting the sponsor to remove an item of legislation from the agenda at anytime before the vote on that item would result in more efficient assembly meetings;

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

Section 1. That KPB 2.08.084 is hereby amended by renumbering the existing section as subsection A and adding new subsections B and C to read as follows:

B. The sponsor of proposed legislation or a substitution thereto may remove that item from the agenda at anytime before the vote is taken on the main motion by giving oral notice of the removal of that legislative item.

C. Except for emergency legislation authorized by law, a proposed ordinance is introduced and set for

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public hearing on the date requested by the sponsor which is not earlier than the next regular meeting at which the matter may be lawfully heard, by placing the matter on the agenda as provided in subsection A, provided that the assembly may set the matter for hearing on shortened time as provided by statute or ordinance. Debate shall be limited to the issue of shortened time for public hearing or the reasons for requesting the sponsor to set a later date to permit consideration by committee. Except for extraordinary circumstances determined by the assembly president, public presentation shall not be taken at introduction. The assembly president may refer any ordinance so introduced to any standing or special committee, board or commission for report prior to any public hearing.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON
THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1987.

Jonathan W. Sewall, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Borough Clerk