

Introduced by: Mayor @ req of
CPEMSA Board
Date: May 15, 1990
Hearing: Jun. 19, 1990
Vote: 10 Yes, 5 No
Action: Enacted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

ORDINANCE 90-36

RAISING THE MILL RATE CAP OF THE CENTRAL PENINSULA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AREA FROM 1 MILL TO 1.5 MILLS, AND PROVIDING FOR A BALLOT PROPOSITION FOR VOTER RATIFICATION OF THE INCREASE

WHEREAS, the Central Peninsula Emergency Medical Service Area is a service area providing advance medical life support and rescue service to approximately 18,500 residents in the Central Peninsula area; and

WHEREAS, the emergency call volume of CPEMSA has been increasing annually at a significant pace with a total increase in call volume of 311% since 1982; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 the emergency call volume increased 17.2% over the 1988 call volume and as of March 1, 1990, the 1990 call volume had increased an additional 22% above the call volume for the same period of 1989; and

WHEREAS, the assessed valuation of property within the service area has dropped approximately 30% from the assessed valuation of 1986; and

WHEREAS, KPB 16.40.020 limits the mill levy of CPEMSA to a maximum of 1 mill which because of the decline in assessed valuation has resulted in a 30% drop in annual revenue since 1986; and

WHEREAS, because of the increased call volume and the diminished tax revenues available under the current mill cap the service area is faced with either seeking voter approval of an increase in the mill rate, instituting user fees for ambulance services to partially compensate the cost of EMS services, or significantly reducing the level of service offered to service area residents; and

WHEREAS, the CPEMSA Board has conducted two public hearings, which were advertised in the local newspaper as hearings on consideration of the institution of ambulance user fees, and the Board has determined that a mill rate increase is preferable to user fees or a reduction in the level of EMS services;

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

Section 1. That the following proposition shall be placed before the voters residing within the Central Peninsula Emergency Medical Service Area at the next regular Borough election on October 2, 1990:

DO YOU APPROVE AN INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM MILL LEVY FOR THE CENTRAL PENINSULA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AREA FROM THE CURRENT 1 MILL TO 1.5 MILLS?

YES _____

NO _____

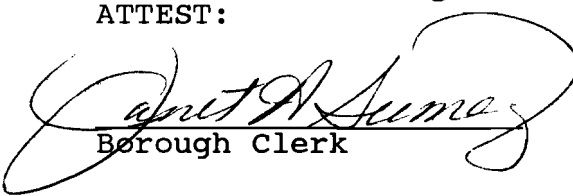
Section 2. That KPB Section 16.40.020 is amended to read as follows:

16.40.020 Mill levy. No mill levy in excess of 1.5 mills [1 mill] shall be levied on behalf of the service area unless the increase is approved by a majority vote of the voters at an election within the service area.

Section 3. That Sections 1 and 3 of this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment. If the ballot proposition approving the increase in the mill cap is approved by a majority of those persons voting within the Central Peninsula Emergency Medical Service Area, then Section 2 shall take effect immediately upon certification of election on that ballot proposition.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 19th DAY OF June, 1990.

ATTEST:


Borough Clerk


James W. Skogstad, Assembly President