

Introduced by: Mayor  
Date: 11/29/94  
Public Hearing: 1/3/95  
Action: Enacted as Amended  
Vote: Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 94-60**

**AN ORDINANCE OF ASSESSMENT CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR  
THE LONGMERE LAKE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND  
ESTABLISHING THE METHOD FOR TERMINATING ASSESSMENTS AND  
MAKING REFUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS**

**WHEREAS,** the Assembly, by Resolution 94-053 established the Longmere Lake Utility Special Assessment District (the "District"); and

**WHEREAS,** the total costs of constructing the improvements, including all allowable amounts as provided in AS 29.46.110 ("Costs"), are now known; and

**WHEREAS,** the District special assessment roll has been prepared and the total costs of the improvement spread equally among all the lots and tracts within the District; and

**WHEREAS,** the borough clerk has published a notice of the filing of the assessment roll once in a newspaper of general circulation within the borough stating that such assessment has been made and is on file in the office of the borough clerk, and providing notice of the time and place for the hearing held January 3, 1995 where objections would be heard; and

**WHEREAS,** the Assembly, on January 3, 1995, held a hearing on the assessment roll at which time all persons objecting to assessments were given an opportunity to present their objections; and

**WHEREAS,** notice of the assessment and hearing was mailed to each owner of record as shown on the rolls of the Borough Assessor not less than ten days before the hearing; and

**WHEREAS,** the Assembly found no errors or inequalities in the roll; and

**WHEREAS,** the Assembly finds that the roll should be confirmed; and

**WHEREAS,** the Assembly has planned, designed, developed, constructed, equipped, acquired property for, or otherwise provided for a natural gas pipeline in the District (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS,** special assessments will be levied on properties in the District that are specially benefitted by the Project, and said special assessments, with interest thereon, will be sufficient (together with other amounts) and available to pay the actual cost to the Borough of the improvements plus interest;

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

**SECTION 1. *Classification.*** This ordinance is a non-code ordinance.

**SECTION 2. *Confirmation of Roll.*** The assessment roll for Longmere Lake Utility Special Assessment District as presented to the Assembly on January 3, 1995 in the total amount of \$124,740.00 is confirmed.

**SECTION 3. *Notice of Assessment.*** Within fifteen days after the adoption date of this ordinance, the Finance Director shall mail to the record owner of each property assessed a statement designating the property, the assessment amount, the schedule of payments, the time of delinquency, and penalties. Within five days after the statements are mailed, the Finance Director shall publish a notice that the statements have been mailed and that the assessment roll is on file in the office of the borough clerk.

**SECTION 4. *Payment of Assessment.*** The entire assessment may be prepaid without interest or penalty within thirty days of the date of mailing of the assessment statement. Thereafter, the assessment may be prepaid in whole or in part with interest to the payment date. Interest on the unpaid amount of the assessment shall accrue at the rate of nine and one-quarter percent (9.25%) per annum. Assessments that are not prepaid shall be paid in ten equal annual installments on the 1st day of April of each year, commencing April 1, 1996. Installments shall include principal plus accrued interest.

**SECTION 5. *Delinquencies.*** If an installment of the assessment is delinquent, the balance of the assessment, plus accrued interest, becomes due and delinquent thirty days after the date of notice of the installment delinquency if the installment, penalty and interest have not been paid within the thirty days of the due date. Notice of the delinquency shall be mailed to the owner of record. The notice must contain notice of the nonpayment of the installment and that the balance of the assessment, plus accrued interest, will become due and delinquent if the installment, interest and penalty are not paid within thirty days of the date of the notice. The penalty of delinquent installment and assessment payments is the same as the penalty for delinquent second half real property taxes in effect on the date of the delinquency.

**SECTION 6. *Establishment of Reserve and Refund Accounts.***

A. There is established the District Reserve and Refund Account (the "Reserve and Refund Account").

B. There shall be paid into the Reserve and Refund Account:

1. All monies received from ENSTAR Natural Gas Company that are refund entitlements arising out of new customers connecting to the gas line installed with the District, and

2. The final refund due under the ENSTAR line extension tariff, and

3. Interest on the average Reserve and Refund Account balance at the rate determined by the Finance Director to be the average interest earned on Borough investments during the year.

**SECTION 7. *Distribution of Reserve and Refund Account Funds.***

A. Upon the repayment to the Borough of all indebtedness incurred for this assessment district, any funds remaining in the Reserve and Refund Account shall be distributed as provided under this section.

B. After the Borough receives the final refund from ENSTAR, the Finance Director shall distribute the balance of the funds by sending to each owner of record as shown on the most recent records of the Borough Assessor an amount equal to the fund balance divided by the number of lots within the District. If any lot or tract within the District is divided into two or more lots, the refund for such resubdivided lots shall be computed by counting the resubdivided lots as a single lot for purposes of determining the initial refund entitlement. The initial refund entitlement shall then be divided equally among the resubdivided lots.

**SECTION 8. *Termination of Assessment and Refund of Pro Rata Share of Assessment Prepayments.***

A. Upon the discharge of all indebtedness to the Borough, all unpaid, nondelinquent assessment installments are cancelled. The Finance Director shall refund to the owner of record as shown on the records of the Borough Assessor of each lot for which a prepayment of the assessment was made an amount equal to the difference in the total assessment paid by the lot and the amount paid by lots for which no prepayments were made.

B. For any lot upon which foreclosure proceedings to recover delinquent assessment installments has been commenced prior to the cancellation of remaining assessment installments, the amount due shall be recomputed as provided in subsection A, except there will be no refund.

**SECTION 9. *Appropriation.*** There is appropriated for the purposes set out in this ordinance the refunds from ENSTAR attributable to the District, all assessments and interest in the District, assessment foreclosure proceeds and interest earned on the funds as provided in Section 6B3. The appropriation under this section does not lapse until after the final refund required under section 8B has been made.

**SECTION 10. *Authority for Ordinance.*** The Borough has ascertained and hereby determines that each and every matter and thing as to which provision is made in this Ordinance is necessary in order to carry out and effectuate the purposes of the Borough in accordance with our constitution and statutes of the State of Alaska, and the Code of Ordinances of the Borough.

**SECTION 11. *Severability.*** If any one or more of the covenants and agreements provided in this Ordinance to be preformed on the part of the borough shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, then such covenant or covenants, agreements or agreements shall be null and void and shall be deemed separable from the remaining covenants and agreements in this Ordinance and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 12. *Effective Date.*** This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**ENACTED BY THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY THIS 3rd DAY OF JANUARY, 1995.**

  
Andrew P. Scalzi, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk