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Vote: 7 Yes, 2 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 97-41**

**PLACING THE QUESTION OF THE EXPANSION OF POWERS FOR THE CENTRAL
KENAI PENINSULA HOSPITAL SERVICE AREA BEFORE THE VOTERS OF THE
SERVICE AREA AT THE OCTOBER 7, 1997 REGULAR ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Central Peninsula Hospital Service Area is currently limited to the legal authority to provide for hospitals and an alcohol abuse treatment center within the service area; and

WHEREAS, there have been many changes in the hospital and medical care industries in recent years, and a more effective delivery of services could be achieved with a broader range of services that require an increase in the scope of powers for the Service Area; and

WHEREAS, expanding these powers would enable the borough, through the service area, to provide such additional services either directly or by contracting with private medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the assembly determines it to be in the best interest of the public to consider expanding the powers to include broader general health care;

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

SECTION 1. That KPB Chapter 16.08 shall be amended as follows:

16.08.015. Authorized functions of the Central Peninsula Hospital Service Area.

The Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area is authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a hospital or hospitals, [AND] to establish and to operate, or to participate in the expense of operating, a center for the treatment of alcoholism and chemical dependency, and to provide other health services or health facilities within the service area, including but not limited to: primary health care, health promotion and chronic disease services (including psychiatric treatment, mental health and rehabilitation services), outpatient services, health education, preventive medical care and wellness programs, home health services, personal care services, long term care, and hospice care, subject to such conditions as may be established by ordinance of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

KPB 16.08.020 Mill Levy.

No tax levy in excess of one mill shall be levied on behalf of the service area unless an increase is approved by a majority vote of the voters at an election within the service area.

SECTION 2. That the following propositions shall be placed on the ballot for the voters of the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area at the regular municipal election on October 7, 1997:


Shall the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area, in addition to the existing authority to provide for hospital services and alcoholism treatment, be authorized to provide other health services or health facilities within the service area including, but not limited to: primary health care, health promotion, and chronic disease services (including psychiatric treatment, mental health and rehabilitation services), outpatient services, health education, preventive medical care and wellness programs, home health services, personal care services, long term care, and hospice care within the service area, subject to assembly approval; and the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area tax rate be limited to not more than one mill?

SECTION 3. That Section 1 of this ordinance shall become effective only if the proposition described in Section 2 is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposition at the regular Borough election on October 7, 1997.

SECTION 4. If this proposition fails to pass by a majority vote of the qualified voters voting in the election, such failure shall in no way diminish or negate existing powers of the service area.


SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 5th DAY OF AUGUST, 1997.



Jack Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda Murphy, Borough Clerk