

Introduced	Mayor
Date:	01/20/98
Hearing:	02/03/98
Action:	Enacted
Vote:	7 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 98-03**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT FROM THE  
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$500,000 TO ADDRESS  
THE SPRUCE BARK BEETLE INFESTATION PROBLEM**

**WHEREAS,** more than 1,000,000 acres within the Kenai Peninsula Borough have been infested with spruce bark beetles during the past six years; and

**WHEREAS,** the Assembly and United States Forest Service are very concerned about the potential for a catastrophic fire in and around our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the U.S. Forest Service has been directed by Congress to establish a task force, in cooperation with the Kenai Peninsula Borough, to prepare an action plan to manage spruce bark beetle infestations and rehabilitate the infested areas; and

**WHEREAS,** a Congressional appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 has been provided to the U.S. Forest Service to support the efforts of the task force; and

**WHEREAS,** the U.S. Forest Service has offered to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Borough to provide the leadership for this effort; to develop a report and action plan to be presented to the Interior Appropriation Committee no later than June 30, 1998; and to provide the forest health funds to the Borough for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly recognizes the necessity to develop a plan addressing the spruce bark beetle infestation problem; and

**WHEREAS,** the time in which to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Forest Service, organize the task force and begin developing a plan, and finalize the report is very limited, a shortened hearing date is requested for this ordinance;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Mayor is authorized to accept a grant to address the spruce bark beetle infestation in an amount up to \$500,000 from the U.S. Forest Service.

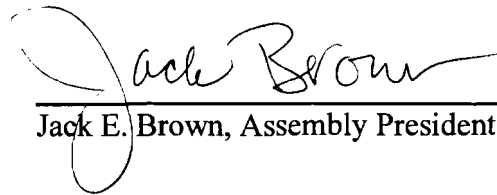
**SECTION 2.** That these grant funds are hereby appropriated to Account No. 262-213020-49999-98BTL.

**SECTION 3.** That the grant funds shall be utilized to carry out the purposes of the grant, under the terms and conditions specified in the cooperative grant agreement.

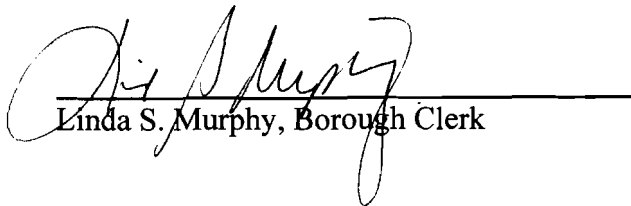
**SECTION 4.** That the Mayor is authorized to execute all documents deemed necessary to complete this project in accordance with this ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** That this ordinance takes effect immediately upon enactment.

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1998.**

  
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Jack E. Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk