

Introduced by: Drathman
Date: 12/08/98
Hearing: 01/05/99
Action: Enacted as Amended
Vote: 5 Yes, 4 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 98-78**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING KPB 22.40.200 MEETING TIME RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, KPB 22.40.200 prohibits the assembly from taking official legislative or adjudicatory action after 11:30 p.m. and before 8:00 a.m., and requires the assembly to adjourn or recess any regular or special meeting at midnight; and

WHEREAS, on numerous occasions, the assembly has been close to completing the agenda but has been unable to do so due to this time constraint and accordingly has recessed and continued the meeting the following morning; and

WHEREAS, it is inconvenient for the public to attend the evening meeting and to return the following morning; and

WHEREAS, occasionally members of the public drive from the southern and eastern end of the peninsula to attend the meetings but cannot testify when the meeting is recessed due to the current time deadlines before their agenda items are considered, and such people typically cannot stay overnight to testify the following morning; and

WHEREAS, one-third of the assembly members must drive over 1 ½ hours each way in the summer, longer in the winter, to attend meetings and then are forced to stay overnight in Soldotna for an additional few minutes of meeting; and

WHEREAS, the assembly finds that the borough's best interests would be served by preserving the flexibility to extend these deadlines in 30-minute increments and complete the borough's business during the scheduled meeting; and

WHEREAS, the assembly manual needs to be revised to conform with this modification;

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

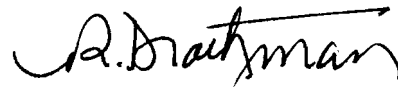
SECTION 1. That KPB 22.40.200, "Meetings--Time restrictions--Uncompleted agenda" is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2. That the assembly manual, paragraph X (C.), "RULES OF PROCEDURE" is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 3. That although this modification of the assembly manual is approved as a part of this ordinance, it may be modified by resolution in the future.

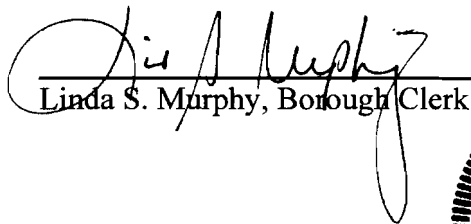
SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 5TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1999.



Ronald Wm. Drathman, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

