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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 99-72**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KPB 22.40.020 TO PROHIBIT ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
ATTENDANCE AT ASSEMBLY MEETINGS BY TELECONFERENCE**

**WHEREAS**, Alaska Statute 44.62.310 authorizes members of the assembly to attend and participate in meetings by teleconference in accordance with notice procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, assembly members who attend by teleconference may not be able to communicate as well with other assembly members, the public, and the administration as could someone in attendance, which could lead to less complete information and less informed decision making; and

**WHEREAS**, decisions made regarding public policy are best made in person, rather than by telephone; and

**WHEREAS**, the best interests of the public and the borough would be served by requiring assembly members to attend assembly meetings in person rather than by teleconference, except in the event of an emergency meeting;

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

**SECTION 1.** That KPB 22.40.020 is amended as follows:

**22.40.020. Quorum and attendance by teleconference.**

A. A quorum consists of a majority of the total membership of the assembly. No business of the assembly shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum, except as otherwise provided by Title 29 of the Alaska Statutes.

B. Attendance of an assembly member shall be in person and may not be by teleconference, except that assembly members may attend emergency meetings of the assembly by teleconference. In that event, attendance by teleconference shall, if practicable, be from a public teleconferencing site with reasonable public notice as required by AS 44.62.310. Teleconferencing, as allowed by this provision, may be used to establish quorums, receive public input, and, if all voting individuals have an opportunity to evaluate all testimony and evidence, to vote on actions.

**SECTION 2.** That this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its enactment.

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS  
18TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2000.**

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William Popp, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk