

Introduced by:	Mayor at request of South Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board
Date:	06/19/01
Shortened Hearing:	07/10/01
Action:	Enacted
Vote:	9 Yes, 0 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2001-19-02**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$54,000 FOR A
FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AND COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR
SOUTH PENINSULA HOSPITAL AS A PREREQUISITE FOR
DESIGNATION AS A CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Medicare Benefits Improvement Act of 2000, changes in the Medicare regulations changed the calculation of Medicare payments to hospitals; and

WHEREAS, hospitals designated as critical access hospitals are able to receive cost based reimbursements from Medicare instead of reimbursement based upon Medicare's fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the South Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board asked the hospital administration to conduct a financial feasibility analysis and community needs assessment to determine whether the hospital should be classified as a critical access hospital; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, has agreed to pay \$54,000 to the borough on behalf of the South Peninsula Hospital Service Area to fund these studies;

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

SECTION 1. The sum of \$54,000 is hereby accepted from the Department of Health and Social Services and appropriated to the South Peninsula Hospital Service Area Fund, account No. 601.81210.49999.

SECTION 2. That the mayor is authorized to execute all documents necessary to accept the funds and enter into a contract with the State of Alaska for accepting the funds and completing the accompanying hospital financial feasibility analysis and community needs assessment for South Peninsula Hospital's application as a critical access hospital.

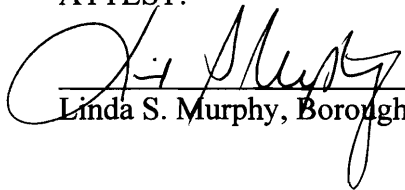
SECTION 3. That this ordinance takes effect immediately upon its enactment.

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS
10TH DAY OF JULY, 2001.**



Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

