

Introduced by:

Mayor

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Vote:

1 Yes, 6 No, 1 Absent, 1 Abstention

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2001-19-34**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$75,000 FOR A STUDY TO EXAMINE THE
FEASIBILITY OF A FERRY SERVICE CROSSING KACHEMAK BAY**

WHEREAS, numerous communities are on the south side of Kachemak Bay and are not accessible by road; and

WHEREAS, in order to improve access to these communities, there is an increasing interest in developing a ferry service between the City of Homer and one or more communities on the road system that exists across Kachemak Bay from the City of Homer; and

WHEREAS, a feasibility study to determine the viability of such a venture including the demand for a ferry which would be capable of transporting automobiles across the bay, the size and speed capacity of such a ferry, the locations to and from which the ferry would best serve the affected area and other applicable concerns affecting the viability of such a project should be well researched before such project is commenced; and

WHEREAS, under Alaska Statute 29.35.210, the Kenai Peninsula Borough may provide transportation systems on either a nonareawide or an areawide basis; and

WHEREAS, under Alaska Statute 29.35.180, the Kenai Peninsula Borough shall provide for planning on an areawide basis; and

WHEREAS, Goal 4.3 of the borough's comprehensive plan is to "promote efficient transportation of waterborne cargo and passengers, and provide support facilities for fishing and recreational vessels, through maintenance and expansion of port and harbor facilities within the borough," and Objective 3 within that goal is to "encourage expansion of ferry service to coastal communities within the borough"; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of March 11, 2002, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission recommended enactment of the ordinance by unanimous vote;

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of KPB 19.30.040-19.30.070, that the sum of \$75,000 shall be appropriated from the general fund balance to account number 100.94910.FERRY.49999 for the purpose of funding a feasibility study to determine the viability of a ferry operation between Homer and one or more communities on the south side of Kachemak Bay.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS * DAY OF *, 2002.

Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk