

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	06/18/02
Shortened Hearing:	07/09/02
Action:	Enacted as Amended
Vote:	9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 2002-19-02**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT FROM THE U.S.  
FOREST SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 FOR WILDLAND FIRE  
MITIGATION**

- WHEREAS,** more than 1,000,000 acres within the Kenai Peninsula Borough have been infested with spruce bark beetles during the past ten years; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Congress and the Alaska Congressional delegation are very concerned about the potential for fire hazards caused by the spruce bark beetle infestation; and
- WHEREAS,** a congressional appropriation of \$1,000,000 has been made available in the form of a direct lump sum payment to the Kenai Peninsula Borough for wildland fire mitigation and hazardous tree removal; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. House-Senate Conference Committee state that a portion of the funds shall be provided for Funny River fire mitigation; and
- WHEREAS,** local communities have identified critical needs for emergency response equipment and facilities; and
- WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the Borough to have all fire departments fully equipped and prepared to respond quickly to wildland fires; and
- WHEREAS,** funds should be made available to the wildland fire response agencies as soon as possible and, therefore, a shortened hearing date is requested;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the mayor is authorized to accept the direct lump sum appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the U.S. Forest Service for fire mitigation and hazardous tree removal caused by the spruce bark beetle infestation

**SECTION 2.** That \$375,000 shall be provided to Funny River Emergency Services, Inc., for design and construction of a fire station and/or fire mitigation needs.

**SECTION 3.** That \$625,000 shall be distributed in accordance with the following allocation plan based upon Congressional intent for use of the funds:

**FIRE STATIONS AND FIRE MITIGATION:**

Kachemak Emergency Services	\$300,000.00
Anchor Point	\$100,000.00
Port Graham	\$25,000.00
Nanwalek	\$25,000.00
Ninilchik	\$25,000.00
Central Emergency Services	\$25,000.00
Nikiski Fire Service Area	\$25,000.00
Hope	\$25,000.00
Moose Pass	\$25,000.00
Cooper Landing	\$25,000.00
Bear Creek Fire Service Area	\$25,000.00

**SECTION 4.** That the Mayor is authorized to execute all documents, including mutual aid and other agreements, deemed necessary to complete this project in accordance with this ordinance and applicable law.

**SECTION 5.** That these grant funds are appropriated to the following accounts:

\$625,000 to account No. 262.21320.03BTL.49999 (SBB Phase III)  
\$375,000 to account No. 262.21320.03BTA.49999 (Funny River Emergency Services)

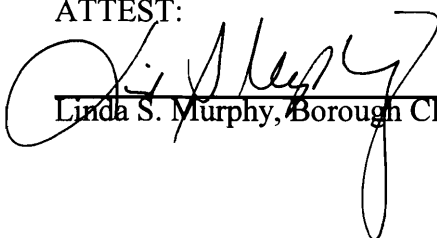
**SECTION 6.** That due to the length and nature of this project, the appropriations established through this ordinance shall not lapse at the end of any particular fiscal year.

**SECTION 7.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment.

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 9TH DAY OF JULY, 2002.**

  
Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

