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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2002-32

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AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$340,000 IN INTEREST INCOME FROM THE SPRUCE BARK BEETLE PROGRAM TO FUND EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND FIRE PREVENTION EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- WHEREAS, more than one million acres within the Kenai Peninsula Borough have been infested with spruce bark beetles during the past ten years; and
- WHEREAS, Congress has appropriated almost \$11 million since 1998 to the Kenai Peninsula Borough for wildland fire mitigation, hazardous tree removal, and other projects designed to minimize the devastation caused by the spruce bark beetle; and
- WHEREAS, the congressional appropriations did not restrict the use of interest on earnings from the above-described grants; and
- WHEREAS, currently approximately \$380,000 in interest income remain from the above-described grant funds; and
- WHEREAS, it would be consistent with the purposes of these grants to appropriate this interest income to various organizations in the Kenai Peninsula Borough to fund emergency response equipment such as a generator for the Sterling Senior Center emergency shelter, and firefighting-related construction and equipment expenses;

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

- **SECTION 1.** That \$340,000 in interest income earned by the spruce bark beetle program is appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund Balance to account 262.21320.03BTL.49999 to fund the equipment and projects as described in Section 2 of this ordinance.
- **SECTION 2.** That the above-described \$340,000 shall be distributed as follows, based upon congressional intent for use of the wildland fire funds:

| Organization/Service Area | Firefighting & Emergency Response Equipment & Construction Funds |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Anchor Point FEMSA | 50,000 |
| Hope Fire Department | 25,000 |
| Seldovia Fire Department | 25,000 |
| Anchor Point Senior Center | 15,000 |
| Moose Pass Fire Department | 75,000 |
| Cooper Landing Fire Department | 75,000 |
| Lowell Point Fire Department | 50,000 |
| Sterling Senior Center | 25,000 |
| TOTAL | \$340,000 |

- SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2002.

Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST: PENINSULA Prk IIII PENINSULA BOROUG urphy, Borough Clerk

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