Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 03/16/04
Hearing: 04/20/04
Action: Enacted
Date: 9 Yes, 0 No

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2003-19-39

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A DIRECT LUMP SUM PAYMENT FROM THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$929,000 FOR THE REMOVAL OF DEAD AND DYING SPRUCE TREES

- **WHEREAS,** more than 1,500,000 acres within the Kenai Peninsula Borough have been infested with spruce bark beetles during the recent spruce bark beetle outbreak; and
- WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the Alaska Congressional delegation are very concerned about the continued potential for fire hazards caused by the spruce bark beetle outbreak; and
- WHEREAS, a congressional appropriation of \$929,000 has been made available in the form of a direct lump sum payment to the Kenai Peninsula Borough for hazardous tree removal; and
- WHEREAS, through enactment of KPB Ordinance 2000-19-19, the Kenai Peninsula Borough continued the Spruce Bark Beetle Mitigation Program to implement and administer an action plan for managing the spruce bark beetle outbreak; and
- WHEREAS, the Spruce Bark Beetle Mitigation Program is currently implementing and administering the approved action plan for hazard tree removal and requires additional funding to continue the plan;

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 payment in the amount of \$929,000 from the U.S. Forest Service to address the spruce bark beetle outbreak.
- **SECTION 2.** That funds in the amount of \$929,000 are appropriated to account 262.21320.04BTL.49999 to continue hazard tree removal work approved by KPB Ordinance 2000-19-19.
- **SECTION 3.** That the mayor is authorized to execute all documents deemed necessary to complete this project in accordance with this ordinance.

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. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment.

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ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 20TH

DAY OF APRIL, 2004.

Pete Sprague, Assembly Presiden

ATTEST: