

Introduced by:

Mayor

Date:

05/20/03

Hearing:

06/17/03

Action:

Enacted as Amended

Vote:

7 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 2003-21**

**AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TERMINATION DATE OF ORDINANCE 2000-50  
AND ADDING PROPERTY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE EMERGENCY HARVEST OF  
SPRUCE BARK BEETLE KILLED TIMBER**

**WHEREAS,** the assembly in Ordinance 2000-50 authorized emergency harvest of spruce bark beetle killed timber identified as representing a forest fire hazard; and

**WHEREAS,** since the enactment of Ordinance 2000-50 on December 12, 2000, approximately 500,000 additional acres throughout the borough, for a total of over 1,500,000 have been heavily infested with spruce bark beetles; and

**WHEREAS,** an additional 540.6 acres of borough land extending from the Kasilof River north to Captain Cook State Park and East to Sterling is not in an existing management unit but has been identified as being either at high hazard or moderate hazard of forest fire from dead spruce; and

**WHEREAS,** an additional 905.4 acres of borough land in management units 1, 2, and 3 have had increased beetle activity and were identified as moderate or high hazard of forest fire from dead spruce; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 9 of Ordinance 2000-50 established a repeal date of July 1, 2003 for the timber harvest program; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the borough's best interest to continue the harvest of spruce bark beetle killed timber of high or moderate forest fire hazard;

**WHEREAS,** Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission recommended enactment of the ordinance by unanimous consent at its May 27, 2003 meeting;

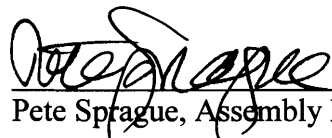
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

**SECTION 1.** The borough-owned or managed property described in the attached Exhibit X is added to the program established by Ordinance 2000-50 as new management unit 13 and additions to units 1, 2, and 3. Only the portions of the properties described in Exhibit X identified as moderate or high forest fire hazard on Exhibits A-W, copies of which are on file in the office of the Borough Clerk, shall be approved under this ordinance for timber disposal.

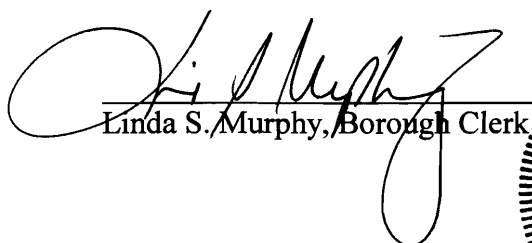
**SECTION 2.** That the repeal date of July 1, 2003 of Ordinance 2000-50, as amended by this ordinance, is hereby extended to July 1, 2006.

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

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 2003.**

  
Pete Sprague, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

