

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 9/21/04
Hearings: 10/12/04 & 10/26/04
Action: Enacted as Amended
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2004-33**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2004 KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough is threatened by many forms of natural hazards, including floods, earthquakes, fires and severe weather; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, the Kenai Peninsula Borough has suffered four major disaster events; and

WHEREAS, the disasters were declared by the Borough Mayor, Governor of Alaska, and President of the United States, which enabled the Borough to receive federal disaster relief funding; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received notice from the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that an adopted All-Hazard Mitigation Plan is required by November 1, 2004 as a prerequisite of future mitigation funding; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Kenai Peninsula Borough received two grants from the DHS&EM to develop a multi-jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Borough and incorporated cities to use for comprehensive planning; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a pre-disaster mitigation plan is to reduce community vulnerability to disaster losses; and

WHEREAS, hazard mitigation has proven to be cost effective across the nation and in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the final draft of the Interagency All Lands/All Hands Action Plan, a 5-year strategic plan proposing wildland fire prevention and protection, hazard fuel reduction, forest ecosystem restoration, and community assistance activities within the Kenai Peninsula Borough, will be incorporated into the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan as the wildfire hazard mitigation section; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough cooperated with the DHS&EM, Cities of Homer, Kachemak, Kenai, Seward, and Soldotna, and the All Lands/All Hands Interagency Wildfire Mitigation group and undertook a public participation process that included public notices and meetings with advisory planning groups, email, mail, and phone outreach to stakeholders, and establishment of an informational online website, which included a public hazard survey; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission at its October 11, 2004 meeting recommended approval by unanimous consent; and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was reviewed by the public, the stakeholders and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the formation of a steering committee is important to successful implementation of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

SECTION 1. That the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Interagency All Lands/All Hands Action Plan are hereby adopted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly and enacted as Chapter 2.80 Hazard Mitigation. The Mayor is authorized to make administrative changes and advise the Assembly.

SECTION 2. A steering committee will be established to implement the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The committee will be composed of the following Department heads or their designees: the Mayor's Office, Planning, Capital Projects, Emergency Management, Risk Management, Road Service Area, Solid Waste, Maintenance, Spruce Bark Beetle, and the Kenai Peninsula School District. The steering committee will be coordinated through the office of the Mayor.

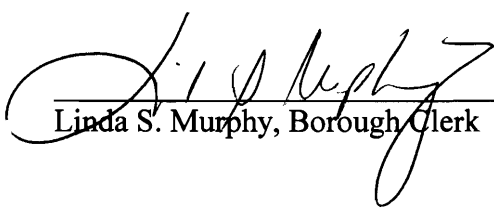
SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2004.



Gary Superman, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

