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DATE: November 8, 2007

TO: Grace Merkes, Assembly President
KPB Assembly Members

THRU: John Williams, Mayor

THRU: Craig Chapman, Finance Director
Max J. Best, Planning Director

FROM: Crista Hippchen, Planner

RE: Ordinance 2007-19-29, appropriating \$25,000 from the general fund to be used in developing a new comprehensive plan for the City of Soldotna

The City of Soldotna has requested grant funding for the development of a new comprehensive plan. The City has budgeted \$25,000.00 for the plan and is asking the borough to consider providing the City with a matching grant in the amount of \$25,000.

Pursuant to AS 29.40.010, the Kenai Peninsula Borough provides for planning on an areawide basis. Therefore, the comprehensive plan prepared by the City of Soldotna will ultimately be forwarded to the borough assembly for approval and become the comprehensive plan for that portion of the borough within the boundaries of the City of Soldotna. The last Soldotna comprehensive plan was adopted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly through Ordinance 95-31.

Goal 1.1, Objective 7, of the 2005 Kenai Peninsula Borough Comprehensive Plan is to regularly update the Comprehensive Plan to reflect changing conditions, trends, laws, regulations and policies within the borough. The Kenai Peninsula Borough has, in the past, made grant funds available to cities within the borough for comprehensive plan development. Fulfilling this grant request will enable the City of Soldotna and the Kenai Peninsula Borough to keep current with changing planning needs.