



M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: November 8, 2007

TO: Grace Merkes, Assembly President
KPB Assembly Members

THRU: John J. Williams, Borough Mayor

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

FROM: Crista Hippchen, Planner

RE: Ordinance 2007-19-30, appropriating \$50,000 from the general fund to be used in updating the comprehensive plan for the City of Homer

The City of Homer has requested that the Kenai Peninsula Borough provide 50 percent matching funds to assist in the development of a revised Homer Comprehensive Plan. The City has contracted with the consulting firm Agnew::Beck for \$100,000 to prepare a complete update and revision of Homer's comprehensive plan.

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 Homer 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 Homer. The last Homer comprehensive plan was adopted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly through Ordinance 99-64.

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 Homer and the Kenai Peninsula Borough to keep current with changing planning needs.