



# **KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH**

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## **Memorandum**

**TO:** Grace Merkes, Assembly President  
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**THRU:** John J. Williams, Borough Mayor  
Craig Chapman, Finance Director  
Bonnie Golden, Grants Manager

**FROM:** Scott Walden, Emergency Management Coordinator

**DATE:** May 2, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance No. 2007-19-49, accepting and appropriating \$5,139.82 from the State of Alaska for the fabrication of two portable emergency warning sirens

Within the last week, the Borough has been made aware of funds from the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management that are available for the construction of two portable early warning siren systems.

Using serviceable surplus sirens and controls already on hand, the Kenai Peninsula Borough proposes to fabricate two portable emergency siren units. Each could easily be mounted in a 3/4 ton pickup, on a small trailer, or placed in a convenient location where there is no siren warning ability or when a fixed siren is out of service.

The units would be manually activated, each would have a battery backup supply on board, and each would be able to connect to a shoreline for power and to trickle charge the battery banks.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Maintenance Department fabricated a similar unit several years ago that has been used in small coastal communities in Kachemak Bay where fixed sirens were not available.

This project would provide the option to place one in the Halibut Cove community, and to retain at least one in reserve for use within the Borough, or for deployment through DHS & EM anywhere in the State, as needed.

Pursuant to KPB 22.40.050(D), the assembly may by 2/3 vote of the whole assembly consider an item that was not submitted by the agenda deadline. A shortened hearing is requested as the funds must be expended and construction completed by June 30, 2008.