

Introduced by: Mayor, Long
Date: 05/20/08
Hearing: 06/17/08
Action: Enacted
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2007-19-51**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$25,000 IN INTEREST INCOME FROM
THE SPRUCE BARK BEETLE PROGRAM TO ADDRESS BUILDING
DEFICIENCIES AT BOROUGH PROPERTY LEASED BY
COOPER LANDING EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC.**

- WHEREAS,** more than one million acres within the Kenai Peninsula Borough have been infested with spruce bark beetles during at least the past 15 years; and
- WHEREAS,** Congress has appropriated almost \$15 million since 1998 to the Kenai Peninsula Borough for wildland fire mitigation, hazardous tree removal, and other projects designed to minimize the devastation caused by the spruce bark beetle; and
- WHEREAS,** the congressional appropriations did not restrict the use of interest on earnings from the above-described grants; and
- WHEREAS,** currently, approximately \$350,000 in unappropriated interest income remain from the above-described grant funds; and
- WHEREAS,** Ordinance 2006-19-56 authorized the appropriation of \$50,000 to Cooper Landing Emergency Services, Inc. ("CLES") for improvements to the buildings in Cooper Landing on property leased by CLES from the borough as authorized by Ordinance 2007-04; and
- WHEREAS,** CLES is in need of an additional \$25,000 to address primarily interior deficiencies at its buildings in Cooper Landing, such improvements to include work on electrical, plumbing, and interior walls; and
- WHEREAS,** it would be consistent with the purposes of these grants to appropriate this interest income to organizations in the Kenai Peninsula Borough to fund facility repairs, which will allow CLES to provide timely response in the event of fire and other emergencies stemming from the spruce bark beetle infestation as well as providing other emergency responses;

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

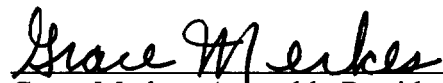
SECTION 1. That \$25,000 in interest income earned by the spruce bark beetle program is appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund Balance to account 262.21320.08INT.43011 to address building deficiencies at the Cooper Landing Emergency Services, Inc., facilities.

SECTION 2. That the mayor is authorized to execute all documents, including mutual aid and other agreements, deemed necessary to complete this project in accordance with this ordinance and applicable law.

SECTION 3. That due to the length and nature of this project, the appropriations established through this ordinance shall not lapse at the end of any particular fiscal year.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 2008.

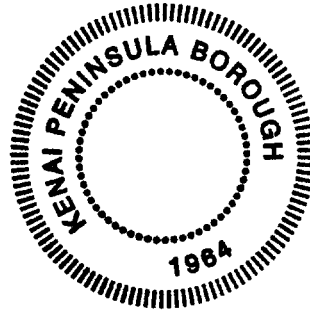


Grace Merkes, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Johni Blankenship, Acting Borough Clerk



Yes: Knopp, Martin, Smith, Sprague, Superman, Merkes

No: None

Absent: Fischer, Gilman, Long