

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 06/17/08
Shortened Hearing: 07/08/08
Action: Enacted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2007-19-54**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT FROM THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE,
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$984,000 FOR SPRUCE BARK BEETLE
MITIGATION PROGRAM WORK**

WHEREAS, the spruce bark beetle outbreak has affected more than 1.1 million acres within the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough established the Spruce Bark Beetle Mitigation Program in 1999 to implement and administer an action plan for managing the spruce bark beetle outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the Alaska congressional delegation are very concerned about the continued potential for fire hazards caused by the spruce bark beetle outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the USDA Forest Service has funding available in the amount of \$984,000 to continue the work done in areas affected by the spruce bark beetle to be equally matched by in-kind contributions, or funds available from past spruce bark beetle lump sum payments; and

WHEREAS, the Spruce Bark Beetle Mitigation Program has available match funding and is currently implementing and administering an action plan for mitigation activities that was approved by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly through KPB Ordinance 2000-19-19, KPB Ordinance 2004-33, and KPB Ordinance 2006-19-05; and

WHEREAS, the grant program allows use of pre-award costs to meet the match requirement as long as those costs are within the 90-day period immediately preceding the effective date of award. The funds identified to meet the match requirement are currently being expended on approved projects. Therefore, a shortened hearing date is requested to allow current expenditures to be used to meet the match requirement;

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

SECTION 1. That the mayor is authorized to accept the grant funding in the amount of \$984,000 from the USDA Forest Service to address the spruce bark beetle outbreak.

SECTION 2. That the Phase VI Program Outline attached to this ordinance is approved and shall guide the administration's expenditure of the funds.

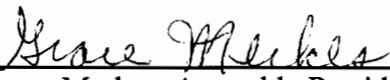
SECTION 3. That these grant funds are appropriated to Account No. 262.21320.08BTL.49999 to continue mitigation activities approved by KPB Ordinance 2000-19-19, KPB Ordinance 2004-33, and KPB Ordinance 2006-19-05.

SECTION 4. That the mayor is authorized to execute all documents deemed necessary to complete this project in accordance with this ordinance.

SECTION 5. 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.

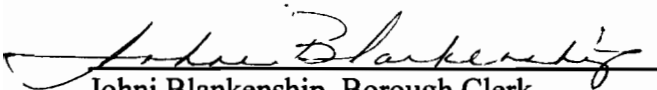
SECTION 6. That this ordinance takes effect immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 8TH DAY OF JULY, 2008.



Grace Merkes, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk



Yes: Fischer, Gilman, Knopp, Long, Martin, Smith, Sprague, Superman, Merkes
No: None
Absent: None