

## South Peninsula Hospital

Robert Letson, CEO South Peninsula Hospital 4300 Bartlett St. Homer, AK 99603 Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Honorable Mayor John Williams Kenai Peninsula Borough 144 N. Binkley Soldotna, AK 99669 Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly 144 N. Binkley Soldotna, AK 99669

Dear Honorable Mayor and Assembly,

The Administration and Board of Directors of South Peninsula Hospital urge the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly to amend KPB Ordinance 2008-17 to exempt grant funds and hospital replacement equipment of an existing service from the limits (\$1,000,000) KPB 16.16.085.

Taking replacement equipment of an existing service to the voters, such as Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) which SPH has offered for seven years, could greatly impede and complicate the replacement process. A modern hospital cannot function without an MRI, so this service replacement should not have to go for voter approval, which could cause delays and prevent Service Area residents from receiving much needed services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob Letson, CEO

Walter Partridge, Board President