



## **KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH**

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**JOHN J. WILLIAMS**  
**BOROUGH MAYOR**

### **MEMORANDUM**

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

**THRU:** John J. Williams, Borough Mayor  
Craig Chapman, Finance Director

**FROM:** Bonnie L. Golden, Grants Manager

**COPY:** Chief Baisden, Nikiski Fire Service Area

**DATE:** June 26, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance No. 2008-19-01: An Ordinance accepting and appropriating \$3,375,000 from the State of Alaska for construction of a fire station for the Nikiski Fire Service Area

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The Nikiski Fire Service Area identified the need for a new fire station to replace the existing station #2. The current structure and land have been leased for the past 37 years. Renovation of the existing structure is cost prohibitive due to existing electrical and plumbing issues, such as water drainage, leaking roofs and rotting structural supports. The original structure was built as a community center for Nikiski and was never designed or built to properly handle equipment and personnel to serve the community emergency medical and fire response needs. A new facility will provide a safe, secure, healthy environment for equipment and personnel alike.

A request for funding this project was included in the Borough's 2008 State Funding Priorities as the Service Area's number two priority. Funding for the project was included in Senate Bill 221, the State's capital budget, which was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in May 2008. The State Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development has notified the Borough that a grant agreement will be available for this project before the end of July 2008. The Service Area Board approved the acceptance of this grant at its meeting of June 11, 2008. Passage of the attached ordinance will accept and appropriate the grant, making funds available to the Service Area to construct a new fire station and purchase property.

Attachments: Ordinance