

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

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> JOHN J. WILLIAMS BOROUGH MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Grace Merkes, Assembly President Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

- **THRU:** John J. Williams, Borough Mayor Craig Chapman, Finance Director
- **FROM:** Gary Davis, Roads Director
- **DATE:** June 25, 2008
- **SUBJECT:** Ordinance 2008-19-02: Appropriating funds for the Nikiski Beach Access Project.

The FY2009 State of Alaska Capital Budget appropriated \$8,400,000 to be used for boroughwide road projects. The administration understands that the intent of the area legislators was to utilize portions of these funds for the Keystone Drive Project and to develop public beach access in the Nikiski area.

The administration has identified borough owned parcels and borough rights-of-way that may be suitable for public beach access, and wants to have an engineering consultant review the locations for suitability. This project is intended to address concerns of several Nikiski residents, as well as Representative Mike Chenault, that were raised in response to recent closures of existing beach access locations.

This ordinance will appropriate \$125,000 to provide an engineering analysis and is expected to be sufficient for identifying the most suitable and cost effective site, designing the access, and administering any potential construction contract.

Your consideration is appreciated.