

Kenai Peninsula Borough

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 21, 2008

TO: Grace Merkes, Assembly President
KPB Assembly Members

THRU: John J. Williams, Mayor

THRU: Max J. Best, Planning Director

FROM: Crista C. Hippchen, Planner

RE: ORDINANCE 2008-29 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.56.030 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCORPORATE THE HOMER NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION AND TRAIL PLAN, THE 2005 HOMER AREA TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE HOMER TOWN CENTER PLAN INTO THE CITY OF HOMER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Pursuant to Alaska Statute 29.40.010, the Kenai Peninsula Borough provides for planning on an areawide basis. Therefore, comprehensive plans and any additional plan elements prepared for the City of Homer are forwarded to the borough planning commission and assembly for review and approval and become the comprehensive plan for that portion of the borough within the boundaries of the City of Homer. AS 29.40.030(b) states that the assembly shall, after receiving the recommendations of the planning commission, periodically undertake a review of the comprehensive plan and update the plan as necessary.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission has requested that the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly adopt the subject plans into the existing Homer Comprehensive Plan as outlined in the subject ordinance. All three plans have been reviewed by the Homer Advisory Planning Commission and adopted by ordinance by the Homer City Council. The subject plans were mailed to KPB planning commission members on approximately June 30, 2008, in order to provide a sufficient review period prior to the July 21, 2008 meeting, when a public hearing was held regarding the subject ordinance. The planning commission voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the ordinance.

The subject plans, along with minutes from the Homer Advisory Planning Commission and Homer City Council meetings are included on a compact disc and will be distributed to assembly members at the September 2, 2008 meeting. Hard copies of this information will be available at the borough clerk's office, the KPB planning department front desk and the Homer city clerk's office.

The City of Homer recently began an update of its comprehensive plan, however the process has been temporarily suspended until the newly hired city planner starts work in August 2008. According to the Homer planning and zoning department, the subject plans will be included in the forthcoming update.