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MEMORANDUM

TO: Milli Martin, Assembly President
KPB Assembly Members

THRU: David R. Carey, Borough Mayor *W. Carey*

FROM: Bob Ciccarella, KESA Chief *B. Ciccarella*
Craig Chapman, Finance Director *C. Chapman*

DATE: September 22, 2009

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2009-19-09, FY2010 Supplemental Appropriation for the Kachemak
Emergency Service Area

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
FUNDS VERIFIED

\$ 82,554.00

ACT # 212.27900 FB

BY: *CRW* DATE: 9/30/09

Kachemak Emergency Service Area (the Service Area) is in its first year of operations and the board has identified the need to acquire some additional equipment and remodel its fire station to meet the needs of its residents.

Also, the Service Area needs to remodel its current station at an estimated cost of \$10,000 to provide an office for the administrative assistant and a storage area for safety equipment. The storage area will help it to comply with OSHA standards, while the office for the administrative assistant is necessary due to hiring of a new assistant chief position, which the assembly approved during its September 15, 2009, meeting.

The FY2010 budget was based upon an assumption that 25 individuals would volunteer to be responders within the Service Area. The actual number of volunteers is 59. This has resulted in the need to purchase additional personal protective equipment and minor firefighting equipment with an estimated cost of \$23,000.

The Service Area Board has also identified several blackout areas near Ruth Way Station and on the backside of the Bluff. A communication design engineer has indicated that the only way to address these blackout areas is the installation of a repeater in the Diamond Ridge area with simulcasting. The cost for this repeater is estimated to be \$30,000.

In addition, the leadership positions within this Service Area are paid at a lower rate than the similar positions in all other emergency response service areas. At present, the Chief's position is at a level 3, and the assistant chief is at a level 2. Fire chiefs in other borough service areas are at a level 6 and assistant chiefs are at a level 4. The administration is proposing to increase these salaries to an amount comparable to the work being performed. These changes would be effective as of January 1, 2010, and will not require a change from the current pay ranges. The impact to the Service Area for FY2010 is estimated to be \$19,554. Any change to the salary level would be brought back to the assembly for approval.