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BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

MEMORANDUM

To: Milli Martin, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

From: Gary Knopp, Assembly Member *GK*

Date: June 16, 2009

Subject: Ordinance 2009-31, Providing for a Vote on the Question of Adopting a Manger Plan of Government at the Next Regular Election.

Since introduction of this ordinance concerns have been raised that this is an attempt to undercut the authority of the current mayor. Instead, it is intended to give the voters an opportunity to consider whether to continue with the current form of government or change that form, without regard to any particular individual. To allay those concerns, I recommend that the ordinance be amended to provide that, if approved, it would take effect upon the date that the current mayoral term of office expires, which will be in 2011. I request that the assembly amend the ordinance as follows:

- Amend the title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A VOTE ON THE QUESTION OF ADOPTING
A MANAGER PLAN OF GOVERNMENT AT THE NEXT REGULAR ELECTION,
TO BE EFFECTIVE BEGINNING IN 2011

- Amend section 1 as follows:

That the assembly hereby approves a motion to adopt a manager plan of government as provided in Alaska Statue 29.20.460(a), **to be effective in 2011 following expiration of the current mayoral term of office.**

- Amend the proposition in section 2 as follows:

Shall the borough adopt a manager form of government, **effective in 2011 at the end of the current mayoral term of office,** where the chief administrative officer is a manager appointed by the assembly instead of the current form where the elected mayor runs the borough administration?