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BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Pete Sprague, Assembly President

Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Gary Knopp, Assembly Member

DATE: October 29, 2009

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2009-50, An ordinance requiring retail sellers of liquid petroleum

products to file a monthly report with the Kenai Peninsula Borough concerning

the quantity of such products sold

The assembly has recently been wrestling with options regarding the borough tax structure. One area that has been considered for revision is the taxation of liquid petroleum products. In order for any informed decision to be made concerning possible tax modifications the assembly needs more data about the quantity of these products sold in the borough. The purpose of this ordinance is to obtain such information to provide a tool for the assembly to use in its deliberations regarding potential modifications of the tax code as it pertains to liquid petroleum products.

Tracking quantities sold, in addition to the existing sales data provided in sales tax returns, would provide more meaningful data to the assembly as the prices of fuel continue to significantly vary. Shortened hearing is requested in order that the ordinance may be effective January 1, 2010, which also provides businesses time to prepare for this requirement.