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BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Pete Sprague, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Charlie Pierce, Assembly Member *cp*

DATE: October 27, 2009

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2009-52, amending Title 16 to allow mayoral appointment of service area board members when a vacancy occurs outside of the election cycle

Currently, mid-term vacancies on borough boards and commissions are filled using differing procedures. Vacancies on the Road Service Area board, the Planning Commission, and Advisory Planning Commission are filled by appointment by the mayor and assembly confirmation.

Service area board vacancies, other than those on the Road Service Area, are filled by the remaining service area board members. This ordinance would amend the code to establish the same procedure for filling vacancies on all service area boards as is used for filling vacancies on the Planning Commission, the Road Service Area Board, and Advisory Planning Commissions. In recognition of the fact that the service area board members may have direct knowledge of good candidates to fill the vacancies, and to encourage their continued participation in this process, this ordinance also provides that the seated service area board may submit a list of candidates for the mayor's consideration. The mayor is not required to appoint a person from that list, but it would likely be considered a valuable resource in selecting a member.

Your approval of this ordinance would be appreciated.