

# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

## Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

**From:** Assembly President Pete Sprague

**Date:** January 5, 2010

**Re:** Ordinance 2010-01, Authorizing a Land Conveyance to the City of Soldotna of a 10-acre Borough Parcel on West Redoubt to Support a City Cemetery

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The City of Soldotna has been working to build a cemetery within its limits for virtually my entire tenure on the assembly. I have worked with city administrators, mayors, and councils as well as with borough mayors and assemblies in more than one attempt to find a suitable site for a regional memorial park. In November, the city adopted and forwarded to the borough a resolution asking for the conveyance of ten acres of borough land on West Redoubt Ave. This land, along with existing city property, is the preferred location, and would meet the needs of the residents of the central peninsula for many, many years.

There is value to this property, but I believe a government to government conveyance at less than fair market value is in the best interest of the people of the city and the borough. The cost of development and management by the city in perpetuity will certainly exceed the value of the land today. The dollar amount of \$55,000 was the agreed to price in 2005, the last time a similar ordinance was acted upon. It will of course be subject to acceptance by the Soldotna City Council after the assembly sets a selling price.

Your consideration of the ordinance is greatly appreciated. Thank you.