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MEMORANDUM

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

Thru: David R. Carey, Borough Mayor *DR Carey*

From: Bob Cicciarella, Kachemak Emergency Services Fire Chief
cchap Craig Chapman, Finance Director

Date: January 21, 2010

Subject: Ordinance 2010-08, enacting KPB 16.20.210, authorizing billing for ambulance and emergency medical services by the Kachemak Emergency Service Area

On July 1, 2009 Kachemak Emergency Service Area (KESA) assumed direct responsibility for delivering fire and emergency medical services in KESA. Prior to that date such services had been provided by the City of Homer through a contract. When patients were transported via an ambulance, Homer collected ambulance fees to help cover costs incurred. Nikiski Fire Service Area, Bear Creek Fire Service Area, and Central Emergency Service Area currently charge fees for ambulance services.

At its meeting of December 10, 2009, the KESA board authorized the collection of ambulance fees of \$450 for basic life support and \$750 for advanced life support. Due to an oversight, assembly approval was not requested at that time. The KESA board approved the collection of such fees at its meeting of December 10, 2009. KESA is a large service area, and providing ambulance services en route to the hospital can be extremely expensive. In order to ratify the collection of fees that has already occurred, and to approve future fees which are needed to help cover costs, the assembly is respectfully requested to approve this ordinance, and make it retroactively effective to January 1, 2010.

The revenue generated by these charges would be included within the service area budget for appropriation as partial funding for operations of the KESA.