

October 26, 2010

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

Re: Ord. 2010-19-17 and Ord. 2010-19-19

Dear Assembly Members,

I herewith urge your support of both of the above ordinances, as both are necessary for the Kachemak Emergency Service Area of the Southern Peninsula.

During one of my last meetings as an Assembly member last year, Mayor Carey and I endeavored to increase the Assistant Fire Chiefs salary, but that failed, however, members of the then Assembly indicated they would consider that with the next budget. Although the KESA Board voted in support of this increase, it did not occur. The current salary is well below any being paid to another Assistant in the Borough. The elected Board supports this. Funds are there. I urge you support Ord. 2010-19-17.

As written in the memo accompanying Ord. 2010-19-19, the addition of the Tanker/Pumper will result in ISO recognizing the West Side area. If you are not familiar with the KESA area, perhaps you can take a moment to check a map. It stretches from the North Fork Road and Sterling Highway, across Diamond Ridge Road, West and East Skyline Drives and Ohlson Mountain road, and, out East Road to the head of the bay. At the McNeil Canyon Station is sufficient equipment to qualify for ISO, but not on the West side. Funds are available. With your support of this ordinance and the purchase of the Tanker/Pumper, residents within 5 miles of the West Station will enjoy lowered fire insurance rates. I urge your support.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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