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MEMORANDUM

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

THRU: *John* David R. Carey, Borough Mayor

FROM: Scott Bloom, Assistant Borough Attorney

DATE: May 7, 2010

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2010-25, enacting KPB 14.31.145, deferral of payments, to authorize economically disadvantaged residents to defer payments for road improvement assessments

KPB Chapter 14.31 establishes procedures for the formation and approval of road improvement assessment districts (RIADs). RIADs and utility special assessment districts are authorized by state statute¹ and are similar in many respects. In spring 2009, after work sessions and public hearings, the assembly and administration, with consideration of public input, significantly changed the manner in which utility special assessment districts were formed and approved. One of the concerns addressed was deferring the required payments for the improvements for qualified low income residents so they wouldn't lose their homes based on an inability to pay for an improvement. While this change was implemented for utility special assessment districts, it was not similarly included in KPB 14.31 providing a deferral option for RIAD payments. This ordinance provides a deferral provision for RIADs that mirrors the provision in KPB Chapter 5.35 Utility Special Assessments.

Thank you for your consideration.

¹ AS 29.46.010