Introduced by:

Mayor

Date:

06/08/10

Hearing: Action:

07/06/10 Enacted as Amended

Vote:

9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2010-26

## AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2010 UPDATE TO THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

- WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) is threatened by many forms of natural and human-caused hazards, including floods, earthquakes, fires and severe weather; and
- WHEREAS, since 1995, there have been seven federally declared disasters within the KPB; and
- WHEREAS, the disasters were declared by the Borough Mayor, the Governor of Alaska and the President of the United States, which enabled the Borough to receive federal disaster relief funding; and
- WHEREAS, in 2004, the KPB assembly enacted Ordinance 2004-33, which adopted a multijurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Borough and incorporated cities to use for comprehensive planning; and
- WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) formally approved the 2004 KPB All-Hazard Mitigation Plan as a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan as outlined in 44 CFR Part 201 on August 17, 2005; and
- WHEREAS, the 2004 KPB All-Hazard Mitigation Plan will expire on August 17, 2010; and
- WHEREAS, the KPB received notice from the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) and FEMA that adoption of an update to the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan is required by August 17, 2010, as a prerequisite of future mitigation funding; and
- WHEREAS, the purpose of a pre-disaster mitigation plan is to reduce community vulnerability to disaster losses; and
- WHEREAS, hazard mitigation has proven to be cost effective across the nation and in the State of Alaska; and

- WHEREAS, the Interagency All Lands/All Hands Action Plan, a five-year strategic plan proposing wildland fire prevention and protection, hazard fuel reduction, forest ecosystem restoration, and community assistance activities within the KPB, was also adopted by KPB 2004-33 and incorporated into the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan as the wildfire hazard mitigation section; and
- WHEREAS, the KPB cooperated with the DHS&EM, Cities of Homer, Kachemak, Kenai, Seward, Soldotna, and Seldovia, the All Lands/All Hands Interagency Wildfire Mitigation group, and the Seward/Bear Creek Flood Service Area board; and
- WHEREAS, a public participation process was carried out that included published public notices, meetings with advisory planning groups, email, mail, and phone outreach to stakeholders, and establishment of an informational online website, which included an interactive public hazard survey; and
- WHEREAS, the draft plan was reviewed by the public, the stakeholders, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission; and
- WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this ordinance at its June 14, 2010 meeting and recommended enactment by unanimous consent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

**SECTION 1.** That KPB 2.80.010 is hereby amended as follows:

2.80.010. Adoption of all-hazard mitigation plan [and the interagency all lands/all hands action plan].

The <u>document entitled the Kenai Peninsula [a]All-hazard [m]Mitigation [p]Plan [and] which includes the [i]Interagency [a]All [l]Lands/[a]All [h]Hands [a]Action [p]Plan [approved on October 26, 2004, are] is hereby adopted as the hazard mitigation plan for the Kenai Peninsula Borough. The mayor is authorized to make administrative changes to these plans provided that the assembly shall be advised of all such changes.</u>

**SECTION 2.** That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY, 2010.

Pete Sprague, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk

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Yes:

Fischer, Haggerty, Knopp, McClure, Pierce, Smalley, Smith, Superman, Sprague

No:

None

Absent:

None