

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	08/17/10
Hearing:	09/21/10
Action:	Enacted
Vote:	8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 2010-34**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KPB 2.45.010 TO CHANGE THE TITLE OF THE  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AND IDENTIFY THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE**

**WHEREAS,** in ordinance 2010-20 the assembly created or changed the names of several departments within the borough and identified them all as “departments;” and

**WHEREAS,** the department called the emergency management department in the new ordinance plans for and responds to disasters and coordinates disaster management between the borough and the state and other municipalities; and

**WHEREAS,** such organizations within the industry are commonly referred to as the Office of Emergency Management or “OEM” across the nation and there is concern that calling it the Emergency Management Department or “EMD” could lead to confusion when dealing with state and federal agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** all of the existing contracts, grants, vehicle logos, and other items refer to the “OEM” not the “EMD” and changing these to refer to EMD would require considerable effort; and

**WHEREAS,** the borough emergency operations plan and others would need to be modified to change the name of the department; and

**WHEREAS,** EMD is a common acronym for Emergency Medical Dispatch which is a term used by the 911 dispatch center, and confusion could result by having the same acronym for two different groups performing different functions within the same general field; and

**WHEREAS,** unlike the other chapters establishing departments, chapter 2.45 does not identify the title of the principal executive of the department; and

**WHEREAS,** the best interests of the borough would be served by changing the name of this organization within the borough to the Office of Emergency Management and identifying the title of the principal executive of the department;

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

**SECTION 1.** The title of chapter 2.45 is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 2.45. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT [DEPARTMENT]

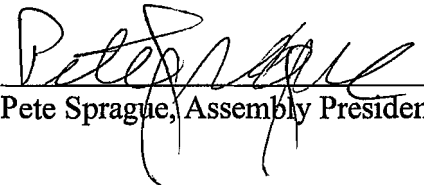
**SECTION 2.** That KPB 2.45.010 is hereby amended as follows:

**2.45.010. Established.**

There is established an [EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT] office of emergency management as a department in the executive branch of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. The principal executive of the department shall be the Emergency Management Director. The department shall be responsible for development of borough and inter-jurisdictional disaster response and recovery plans, and for coordination of disaster management between the borough, the State of Alaska, and other municipalities and response and recovery organizations.

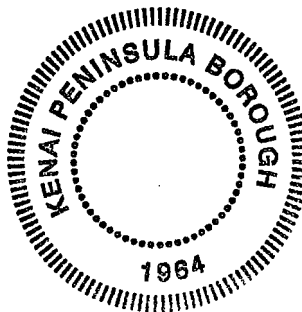
**SECTION 3.** That this ordinance takes effect immediately upon its enactment.

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2010.**

  
Pete Sprague, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk



Yes: Fischer, Haggerty, McClure, Pierce, Smalley, Smith, Superman, Sprague  
No: None  
Absent: Knopp