

Introduced by: McGahan  
Date: May 3, 1983  
Vote: Unanimous  
Action: Adopted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 83-104

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO FULLY FUND AND PROVIDE FOR FULL MANNING OF THE OFFICES OF THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

WHEREAS, the Soldotna Office of the Division of Motor Vehicles is open only during restricted hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and it is closed during the morning hours of Tuesday and Thursday in order to give road tests; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Office of the Division of Motor Vehicles is open only from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., with no written tests given after 4:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, probably there are more residents of the State of Alaska who have business dealings with the Division of Motor Vehicles than with any other department or division of the State; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of the employees of the State work during regular hours that prohibit them from getting service from the Division of Motor Vehicles without taking time off from work at great expense to them and to the detriment of their families; and

WHEREAS, various news media have indicated that the State is presently contemplating shutting down offices of the Division of Motor Vehicles in smaller communities because of lack of funding; and

WHEREAS, serving the people of the State should be a first priority of the Governor and the Legislature and should take precedence over many of the large capital improvements for which the State spends many millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Nikiski and the North Road area would have even farther to go for State service if the office of the Division of Motor Vehicles in Kenai was closed down, and residents of Sterling and Clam Gulch or Ninilchik would have even farther to go if the Office of the Division of Motor Vehicles in Soldotna was closed down and they had to go to Kenai for service, and other communities throughout the Borough might have even farther to go where the local offices of the Division of Motor Vehicles shut down; and

WHEREAS, all of these offices should be maintained and should be staffed adequately so that they can remain open during

the noon hours and until at least 6:00 p.m., and so that the office can remain open and render service while road tests are being given; and

WHEREAS, it is not intended that this action reflects upon the intelligence, ability, and dedication to their job of the current staffing of the offices of the Division of Motor Vehicles, but rather that the present situation reflects on the priorities placed by the State of Alaska on service to its citizens, and while State law requires residents to keep motor vehicles licensed and registered and to obtain driver's licenses in order to drive said vehicles, the State has made it difficult and expensive for all citizens of the State by lack of funding for local offices of the Division of Motor Vehicles, particularly in smaller communities; and

WHEREAS, services to the citizens and residents of the State of Alaska, when engaged in programs required by the State of Alaska, should be given the highest priority;

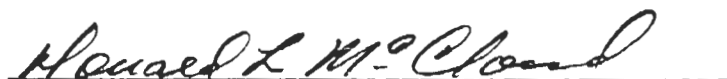
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the Governor of the State of Alaska and the Legislature of the State of Alaska should provide planning and funding so that all communities can have adequate services with respect to offices of the Division of Motor Vehicles so that services can be extended through the day and particularly through the noon hour and until at least 6:00 p.m. in the evening and so that the office need not be closed while driver tests are being given.

Section 2. That accomplishment of the above is of the highest importance to all the citizens of every city, and in fact, every community, within the Kenai Peninsula Borough and throughout the State of Alaska.

Section 3. That immediately on passage of this resolution, the Clerk is directed to send copies thereof to every first-class city within the Kenai Peninsula Borough, to Governor William J. Sheffield, to Senate President Jalmar M. Kerttula, to House Speaker Joe L. Hayes, to Senators Donald M. Gilman and Paul Fischer, to Representatives Hugh Malone, Bette Cato, Milo Fritz, and Vern Hurlbert.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 3RD DAY OF MAY, 1983.

  
Donald L. McCloud, Assembly President

ATTEST:

