

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: June 19, 1990
Vote: Unanimous
Action: Adopted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 90-75

APPROVING PLANNING FOR COORDINATION OF FIREFIGHTING EFFORTS OF THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE, AND THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH EMERGENCY SERVICE AREAS FOR RESPONSE TO A POTENTIAL WILDFIRE EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the spruce bark beetle infestation of large tracts of timber within the Kenai Peninsula Borough, has increased the potential for a major wildfire emergency; and

WHEREAS, the principal areas of high fire danger lie outside the boundaries of any Kenai Peninsula Borough fire service area and are within the jurisdiction of the Alaska Department of Forestry and the United States Forest Service; and

WHEREAS, in the event that a major wildfire were to occur within the Borough such that an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property could result, then the Borough Mayor is empowered under AS 26.23.140 to declare a local disaster emergency and authorize the furnishing of aid or assistance of Borough resources to the State and Federal jurisdictional agencies in accordance with local or inter-jurisdictional emergency plans; and

WHEREAS, all parties have met and agreed that it would be beneficial to prepare a plan which provides a list of Borough service area resources and prices for the various resources and provides for coordination of the service area administrators to allow an efficient, appropriate response in the event of a declared wildfire emergency; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the State of Alaska, Department of Forestry, and the United States Forest Service have agreed that any costs to the Borough service areas arising from requested use of their personnel and equipment should be reimbursed by the State and Federal government;

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

Section 1. That the Assembly approves of and authorizes the Mayor to prepare a firefighting contingency plan for coordinated Borough emergency service area response to resource requests of the State of Alaska, Department of Forestry, and the United States Forest Service for firefighting activities within the Kenai

Peninsula Borough. Response activities by Borough service areas outside of their boundaries and the boundaries of their existing mutual aid agreements shall take place only in the event that a local disaster emergency is declared by the Borough Mayor in accordance with AS 26.23.140.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 19th DAY OF June, 1990.

ATTEST:

James W. Skogstad
James W. Skogstad, Assembly President

Janet A. Sumey
Janet A. Sumey, Borough Clerk