

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 4/8/97
Vote: Adopted
Action: Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 97-026**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FUNDING OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, certain legislators have proposed to reduce, or eliminate, the budget for the Alaska Department of Conservation (ADEC) Solid Waste Program; and

WHEREAS, any reduction in funding to the ADEC Solid Waste Program would affect fundamental protection of human health and the environment for all residents of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reduction will have significant short and long term financial and environmental impacts to our Borough and all sectors of the state population; and

WHEREAS, this proposed cut will merely transfer costs from the state to local governments; and

WHEREAS, the ADEC Solid Waste Program is in the process of receiving solid waste program approval from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

WHEREAS, EPA allows additional flexibility for management of solid waste only in states with approved solid waste programs; and

WHEREAS, with the absence of a fully funded state solid waste management authority, Alaska will have to strictly comply with EPA regulations which do not allow for state specific flexibility; and

WHEREAS, without an acceptable state program that allows environmentally sound and timely management of solid waste in the Kenai Peninsula, open dumps are likely to proliferate as in the past;

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


SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough opposes any legislative effort to reduce or eliminate the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Solid Waste Program.

SECTION 2. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports maintaining an effective and credible state solid waste program capable of achieving program approval from the EPA.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution be effective immediately upon enactment.

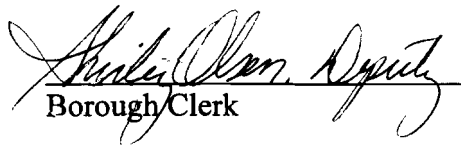
SECTION 4. That a copy of this Resolution be delivered to Kenai Peninsula Borough legislators, Co-chairs of the House and Senate Finance Committees, and Governor Tony Knowles.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL, 1997.



Jack Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Shirley Olson, Deputy
Borough Clerk