

CHAPTER 2.75. TRAILS COMMISSION**2.75.010. Trails commission established—Purpose clause.**

Consistent with the goals of the comprehensive plan, the Kenai Peninsula Borough trails commission (trails commission) is established for the purpose of planning expanded trail access throughout the borough. The trails commission shall plan location and acquisition of trail easements from state, federal, and private property owners based on community need and desire. The trails commission shall maintain records regarding the status and condition of dedicated trails. The trails commission shall help resolve conflicts that arise as a result of the peninsula's growing population and the need for access in populated urban areas and less populated rural areas. The trails commission will work in conjunction with local trails committees in the municipalities within the borough to avoid duplication of efforts in trail planning and development.

(Ord. No. 97-11, § 1, 3-4-97)

2.75.020. Membership.

The trails commission shall be composed of nine residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, including two from each of the zones described in KPB 2.45.020(B), and one member of the KPB planning commission whose name shall be submitted to the mayor by the planning commission chairperson. The mayor shall appoint all members of the trails commission, subject to assembly confirmation.

(Ord. No. 97-46, § 1, 7-15-97; Ord. No. 97-11, § 1, 3-4-97)

2.75.030. Terms.

All terms shall be for three years, except that initial appointments will be four positions at a three-year term, four positions at a two-year term, and one position at a one-year term in order to effect staggered terms for trails commission members. If the planning commission term expires prior to the trails commission term for the planning commission representative on the trails commission the member may continue to serve on the trails commission until the end of the trails commission term for which he was appointed.

(Ord. No. 97-11, § 1, 3-4-97)

2.75.040. Staff assistance.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough planning department shall provide staff assistance to the trails commission.

(Ord. No. 97-11, § 1, 3-4-97)

2.75.050. Operating procedures.

The trails commission by resolution shall establish procedures for the conduct of its meetings and guidelines for implementing the purpose clause set forth in KPB 2.75.010.

(Ord. No. 97-11, § 1, 3-4-97)

2.75.060. Powers and duties.

The trails commission shall make recommendations to the assembly regarding the location and acquisition of easements for trails within the Kenai Peninsula Borough, catalog existing and future trails, and make recommendations regarding multi-use trail needs and trail use conflicts. The trails commission shall, when appropriate, coordinate with other local trail associations, committees and local governments in trail planning for the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

(Ord. No. 97-11, § 1, 3-4-97)

2.75.070. Travel expenses.

Trails commission members shall receive reimbursement for travel expenses on the same basis as borough employees for attendance at trails commission meetings, scheduled workshops and other trips as authorized by the planning director. The necessary travel expenses of the trails commission shall be paid out of the borough treasury in the same manner as other expenses of the borough government, within the limits of appropriations by the assembly for that purpose. The provisions of this section shall apply to commission members only, and shall not apply to alternate or ex-officio members. In no event may the trails commission be authorized to create a deficiency.

(Ord. No. 97-46, § 2, 7-15-97)