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Memorandum

Agenda Changes/Supplemental Packet

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL FROM: MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2021 SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

City of Homer

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CONSENT AGENDA

Ordinance 21-12, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2021 Capital Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of \$ 12,700 from the HART-Road Fund for the Design of a Betterment to the Main Street Storm Drain and Sidewalk-Pioneer Avenue North Project that will provide for an ADA Access to Bayview Park and Associated Storm Drain Improvements. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Written public comment

Resolution 21-018, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Supporting the Friends of the Homer Library Application to the National Park Service Alaska Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program to Plan Improvements to the Library Properties, Tracts A and B, Glacier View No. 26. Venuti.

Written public comment

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ORDINANCES

Ordinance 21-14, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 2.08.040, Bylaws for Council Procedures to Establish that New Elected Members will be seated at a Special Meeting Following the Canvass of the Election; and 4.35.040 Certification of a Regular and Special Election. Evensen/Hansen-Cavasos.

Written public comment and Memo from City Clerk

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KPB Resolution 2021-15 Encouraging Alaska Representatives and Governor Dunleavy to Fully Fund the State's Budget for Abandoned Vehicle Removal within the Kenai Peninsula Borough Page 18



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February 19, 2021

Dear Homer City Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to prioritize a sidewalk on Main Street.

I lived on Main Street for over 35 years and have seen the traffic increase immensely. It is used by a wide variety of vehicles, as well as pedestrians, from kids to moms with strollers and old people with canes and wheelchairs. With the addition of assisted living and new apartments, use has increased.

People walking home in the dark after the movie lets out or after the bar closes pose a safety hazard.

The two foot wide combination bike and pedestrian path on the east side is not adequate to handle the traffic and creates a safety problem between bicycles and pedestrians.

Main Street is steep enough that water runs down it faster than is can run into the ditch. Curb and gutter may help.

Snow removal needs to be considered, too. There is a guard rail in places on the east side and the road gets narrower at times in the winter with snow build up.

In conclusion, a sidewalk with curb and gutter on Main Street is vital and way past due.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Peter Roedl

Peter.roedl@gmail.com









From:	Maslow via City of Homer Alaska Official Website	
То:	Department Clerk	
Subject:	Written Testimony Submittal	
Date:	Monday, February 22, 2021 9:27:01 AM	

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Written Testimony for City Council

Name: Carolyn Maslow Email: davelyn@gci.net Phone: 19073996076 Residency: City Resident

City Council Meeting to Participate In: Worksession (if scheduled) Mon, 02/22 Public Comments Upon Matters Already on the Agenda - Citizen may comment on regular agenda items not scheduled for public hearing such as Consent Agenda items, Memorandums, Pending Business, New Business, Resolutions, and Ordinances to be introduced.

Written Testimony:

Please vote in favor of Resolution 21-018 which supports the Friends of Homer Library application to the National Park Service Alaska Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. We hope to begin the process of creating a community space for more library activities and public enjoyment. The grant will provide us with conservation and recreation planning professionals who will assist us in formalizing our vision for the Homer Library's Western Lot. We have many partners who are committed to help us develop passive and active program components about the cultural and natural history of Homer and Kachemak Bay, build on connecting trails within Homer, and conserve the wetlands on our property. These partners include Kachemak Heritage Land Trust, Ninilchik Traditional Council, Port Graham Village Council, Pratt Museum, and Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies. Your support is critical, given that the land is city owned. Thank you for your consideration. Carolyn Maslow, President, Friends of Homer Library

Electronic Signature: Carolyn Maslow

Submitted on Monday, February 22, 2021 - 9:26am The results of this submission may be viewed at: <u>https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/node/60081/submission/45338</u>



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City of Homer 491 East Pioneer Avenue Homer, Alaska 99603

18 February 2021

Dear Mayor Castner, Council Members and City of Homer,

On behalf of Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic (KBFPC) and the R.E.C. Room (a Youth Resource & Enrichment Co-op), I want to thank the City of Homer for its support of area non-profits. In 2020 KFPC received a Homer Foundation—City of Homer grant for \$5,700 which provided valuable general operating support. In addition, I thank the Homer Foundation for administering this important program.

The City of Homer grant brings more money into our community by providing important "match" funds that help our organization leverage resources from other funders. As part of our operating expenses, this grant supports good, year-round local jobs at the Clinic and the R.E.C Room. It also helps us keep our promise to provide accessible reproductive health services to all people in our community, regardless of their ability to pay. It was even more important in this incredibly difficult year of Covid and implementing pandemic protocols throughout our program.

Thanks to this grant and other generous support from our community, we provided screenings for breast and cervical cancer, birth control consultation and supplies, infertility and preconception counseling, pregnancy testing, and STD/STI testing and treatment for over 600 men and women in 2020. Each year we provide over 15,000 free condoms to the greater Homer community through our Clinic and outreach events. These services empower people of all genders and sexualities to make informed choices about their health and their relationships.

Teens in Homer know the R.E.C Room as a safe and welcoming place to meet with friends after school in person or online this year and get connected with other local resources. Over 900 young people participated in our youth education programs and positive afterschool activities, including school-based, peer-led health education, in 10 area schools (three schools in the City).

Community commitment and support make our work possible. Our thanks, again, to the City of Homer, the Homer Foundation, and all our community partners who support KBFPC to serve as a trusted source of up-to-date, accurate and affordable reproductive health care and education since 1983.

Sincerely,

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Amy Woodruff KBFPC Board President

KACHEMAK BAY FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC is a 501(c)3 non-profit ganization, FEIN 92-0106486. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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From:	Mary Griswold
То:	Melissa Jacobsen
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Date:	Friday, February 19, 2021 12:09:26 PM

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(please include in the supplemental packet for Monday's city council meeting)

From: <u>Mary Griswold</u> Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 12:06 PM To: <u>carolinevenuti@ci.homer.ak.us</u>; <u>donnaaderhold@ci.homer.ak.us</u>; <u>heathsmith@ci.homer.ak.us</u>; <u>JoeyEvensen@ci.homer.ak.us</u>; <u>mayor@ci.homer.ak.us</u>; <u>rachellord@ci.homer.ak.us</u>; <u>StormHansen-Cavasos@ci.homer.ak.us</u>; <u>mayor@ci.homer.ak.us</u>; <u>Robert Dumouchel</u> Subject: Ord 21-14 special meeting to seat council members

I oppose Ord 21-14 and suggest that if the sponsors will agree, it should not be introduced. It wasn't that long ago that the council voted to seat members at the regular meeting following certification of the election. The borough assembly follows a similar procedure. A regular meeting is a better time to celebrate the service of outgoing members and welcome new members, sometimes with a break for cake. The public is more likely to attend, if not for cake, because they are interested in other matters on the agenda. A mid afternoon special meeting is rarely convenient for council members or the public and adds administrative duties to city staff. Certifying an election is not a disruption to a meeting, but a very important duty of the council. it is better done at a regular meeting where more public are likely to be present and when the meeting is broadcast on KBBI for those listening at home. Special meetings are rarely broadcast. The time commitment of being a city council member is already a deterrent for many working stiffs. The fewer special meetings during the normal work day, the better for everyone. Please continue to certify elections and recognize outgoing and incoming council members at a regular meeting.





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Memorandum

TO:MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCILFROM:MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERKDATE:FEBRUARY 22, 2021

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE 21-14 ELECTION CERTIFICATION

<u>lssue:</u>

After publication of this Council packet I received questions regarding prior changes to code regarding election certification.

Background:

Ordinance 21-14 proposes to amend City Code so that certification of regular election results takes place at a Special Meeting prior to Committee of the Whole and the Regular Meeting following the completion of canvass by the Election Board.

Ordinance 21-14 mirrors Ordinance 19-55.

When Ordinance 19-55 came before council in 2019/2020, Ordinance 19-55(S) was substituted.

Ordinance 19-55(S) addressed HCC 2.08.030(c) which is current code language regarding when a person elected takes office.

Neither 19-55 nor 19-55(S) were adopted.

Process note:

If Ordinance 21-14 is introduced, the language in HCC 2.08.030(c) will need to be addressed so that it will be consistent with changes proposed to election certification.

Recommendation: This is an informational memorandum.

Attachments -

- Ordinance 19-55(S)
- HCC 2.08.030 Composition of governing body Terms of Office
- AS 29.20.150 Term of Office

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4	Hansen-Cavasos
5	ORDINANCE 19-55(S)
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7	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
8	AMENDING HOMER CITY CODE 2.08.040, BYLAWS FOR COUNCIL
9	PROCEDURES TO ESTABLISH THAT NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS
10	WILL BE SEATED AT A SPECIAL MEETING FOLLOWING THE
11	CANVASS OF THE ELECTION; AND 4.35.040 CERTIFICATION OF
12	ELECTION 2.08.030 COMPOSITION OF GOVERNING BODY -
13	TERMS OF OFFICE TO CLARIFY THE TIME FOR ELECTION
14	CERTIFICATION.
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16	WHEREAS, Holding a special meeting to certify an election and swear in newly elected
17	members designates a time to celebrate the service of outgoing members and welcome new
18	members; and
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20	WHEREAS, Certifying an election as soon as possible after the canvass board has
21	completed its work allows City business to proceed with as little disruption as possible ; and
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23	WHEREAS, Holding a special meeting to certify election results and swear in newly
24	elected members on the same day of the regular meeting is a convenient and efficient use of
25	meeting time; and
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35	2.08.040 Bylaws for Council procedure.
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37	The following bylaws shall govern the procedures of the City Council of the City:
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39	a. To abide by existing Alaska State laws pertaining to cities of the first class.
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41	b. To abide by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order insofar as this treatise is
42	consistent with these bylaws, other provisions of the Homer City Code, or unwritten

40	standing rules adopted by the City Council In all other cases, bylows, the code or the
43	standing rules adopted by the City Council. In all other cases, bylaws, the code or the
44	standing rule shall prevail.
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46	c. The Council's agenda format specified in the City of Homer City Council Operating
47	Manual, as the same may be amended from time to time, is incorporated herein by
48	reference.
49	1. The manual may be revised with Council approval;
50	2. A copy of the manual shall be available to the public during regular business
51	hours at the Homer City Hall and be available during City Council meetings.
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53	d. Regular Meetings.
54	1. Second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise
55	provided by two thirds vote of the City Council;
56	2. The agenda shall be provided to each Council member 36 hours prior to
57	meeting, by City Clerk;
58	3. Adding items to or removing items from the agenda will be by unanimous
59	consent of the Council;
60	4. Public notice of a regular meeting shall be made as provided in Chapter 1.14
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votes are required for the passage of an ordinance, resolution, or motion. A member of 87 the Council acting as Mayor Pro Tem shall not lose his vote as the result of serving in 88 such office. The Mayor is not a Council member and may vote only in the case of a tie. 89 The final vote on each ordinance, resolution, or substantive motion may be a roll call 90 vote or may be done in accordance with subsection (k) of this section (see AS 91 29.20.160(c)(d)). 92 93 i. Motions to Reconsider. A member of the Council who voted with the prevailing side 94 on any issue may move to reconsider the Council's action at the same meeting or at the 95 next regular meeting of the body. Notice of reconsideration shall be given to the Mayor 96 or City Clerk within 48 hours from the time the original action was taken. 97 98 j. Abstentions. All Council members present shall vote unless abstention is required by 99 law (AS 29.20.160(d)). 100 101 k. Consensus. The Council may, from time to time, express its opinion or preference 102 concerning a subject brought before it to consideration. The statement, representing 103 the will of the body and a meeting of the minds of the members, may be given by the 104 presiding officer as the consensus of the body as to that subject without taking a motion 105 and roll call vote. 106 107 I. Vacancies. An elected municipal office is vacated under the following conditions and 108 109 upon the declaration of vacancy by the Council. The Council shall declare an elective 110 office vacant when the person elected: 1. Fails to qualify or take office within 30 days after his election or appointment; 111 112 2. Resigns and his resignation is accepted; 113 3. Is physically or mentally unable to perform the duties of the office as determined by two thirds vote of the Council; 114 4. Is convicted of a felony or misdemeanor described in AS 15.56 and two-thirds 115 of the members of the Council concur in expelling the person elected; 116 5. Misses three consecutive regular meetings unless excused; 117 6. Is convicted of a felony or of an offense involving a violation of the oath of 118 office: 119 120 7. Is convicted of a violation of AS 15.13 concerning Alaska Public Offices **Commission reporting requirements;** 121 8. No longer physically resides in the municipality and the City Council by two-122 thirds vote declares the seat vacant; and 123 9. Is physically absent from the municipality for 90 consecutive days unless 124 excused by the City Council. 125 126

h. Quorum Voting. Four Council members shall constitute a quorum. Four affirmative

127	m. Salaries of Elected Officials.
127	1. The Mayor and each Council member shall be paid a stipend of \$75.00 for each
120	council meeting day in which the person participates in person, or \$50.00 per
130	council meeting day in which a majority of the person's participation time is
	telephonic. A council-meeting-day is any calendar day in which the person
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132	participates in any one or more of the following:
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134	a. A scheduled and publicly noticed meeting of the City Council,
135	including without limitation a regular meeting, special meeting,
136	committee of the whole meeting and meeting in executive session.
137	b. A scheduled and publicly noticed meeting of the Board of Adjustment,
138	Board of Ethics, or other board or commission that is composed of the
139	Mayor and Council members.
140	c. Training or continuing education programs, and work sessions, that
141	are required by law or commonly recognized best practice to perform the
142	duties of Mayor or Council member.
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144	The City shall not spend any funds for elected officials' membership in
145	the Public Employees Retirement System. An elected official may not
146	receive any other compensation for service to the City unless specifically
147	authorized to do so by ordinance. Per diem payments or
148	reimbursements for expenses are not compensation under this section.
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150	a. The governing body of the City of Homer shall consist of six Council members, two
151	of whom are elected at large each year for three-year terms and until a successor
152	qualifies.
153	b. The Mayor shall be elected for a two-year term and until a successor qualifies.
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155	c. A person so elected to office under this chapter shall take office at the first regular
156	Council meeting following the election, immediately after the final certification of that
157	election, except that when HCC 4.40.010(c)(3) applies, the person shall take office at the
158	first regular Council meeting following the runoff election,. Election certification will
159	take place immediately after the certification of that election agenda approval.
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161	Section 2. Homer City Code 4.35.040 Certification of election is hereby amended to read
162	as follows:
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164	4.35.040 Certification of election.
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166	The Council shall certify the results of t	he election at the next regular Council meeting
167	following completion of the canvass by	the Canvass Board
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169	a. The Council shall certify th	ie results of a regular election at a special
170	meeting scheduled prior to Co	mmittee of the Whole following completion
171	of the canvass by the Canvass	Board.
172	-	special election at the next regular Council
173	meeting or a special Council n	neeting following completion of the canvass
174	by the Canvass Board.	
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176	•	ermanent and general character and shall be
177	included in the City Code.	
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179		CITY OF HOMER THIS DAY OF,
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186		KEN CASTNER, MAYOR
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188	ATTEST:	
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191	MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK	
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193	YES:	
194	NO:	
195	ABSTAIN:	
196	ABSENT:	
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199	First Reading:	
200	Public Hearing:	
201	Second Reading:	
202	Effective Date:	
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204	Reviewed and approved as to form:	
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208	Katie Koester, City Manager	Michael Gatti, City Attorney
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210	Date:	Date:

2.08.030 Composition of governing body – Terms of office.

a. The governing body of the City of Homer shall consist of six Council members, two of whom are elected at large each year for three-year terms and until a successor qualifies.

b. The Mayor shall be elected for a two-year term and until a successor qualifies.

c. A person so elected to office under this chapter shall take office at the first regular Council meeting following the election, immediately after the final certification of that election, except that when HCC 4.40.010(c)(3) applies, the person shall take office at the first regular Council meeting following the runoff election, immediately after the certification of that election. [Ord. 16-01(A)(S) § 1, 2016; Ord. 90-22, 1990. Code 1981 § 1.24.030].

AS 29.20.150. Term of Office.

(a) A member of the governing body is elected for a three-year term and until a successor qualifies, unless a different term not exceeding four years is prescribed by home rule charter or ordinance.

(b) Except when otherwise required by a change in composition or apportionment, if the term of a member of a governing body is changed by charter or ordinance the term of the member holding office when the change becomes effective is not affected.

(c) The regular term of office begins on the first Monday following certification of the election, unless a different date is prescribed by charter or ordinance.

(d) This section applies to home rule and general law municipalities.

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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 2021-015

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING ALASKA REPRESENTATIVES AND GOVERNOR DUNLEAVY TO FULLY FUND THE STATE'S BUDGET FOR ABANDONED VEHICLE REMOVAL WITHIN THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

- WHEREAS, on January 7, 2020, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly passed Ordinance 2019-39 repealing Chapter 12.06, abandoned vehicles, and enacting Chapter 12.08, Junk and Abandoned Vehicles; and
- **WHEREAS,** this new chapter is a KPB code update to specifically address junk and abandoned vehicles left along borough rights-of-way; and
- **WHEREAS,** for some time the borough has struggled with junk and abandoned vehicles being left within rights-of-way rather than being brought to the borough-owned landfill or one of several other locations that accepts vehicles free of charge; and
- **WHEREAS,** the abundance of junk and abandoned vehicles on the Kenai Peninsula has created a public nuisance, impeded road maintenance and caused significant road hazards, especially during the winter months; and
- **WHEREAS,** abandoned vehicles attract vandalism, are used for drug drops, accumulate trash and debris (including human feces and drug paraphernalia), and sometimes become shelters for drug users and/or homeless individuals; and
- **WHEREAS**, abandoned and junk vehicles contain hazardous substances like fuel, coolant, and other fluids that often leak onto the right-of-way and into the water table, polluting the surrounding environment causing risk to the health and safety of people and animals; and
- **WHEREAS,** the entire State of Alaska, including the Kenai Peninsula Borough, benefits significantly from visitors and the tourism industry; and
- **WHEREAS,** first impressions should be positive, showcasing Alaska's pristine beauty; not visuals of junk and abandoned vehicles with missing tires, broken windows, and torched interiors littered along our highways; and
- **WHEREAS,** since passage of Ordinance 2019-39 the Kenai Peninsula Borough has successfully towed approximately 28 vehicles to date resulting in 16 citations issued for

abandoned vehicle infractions, with approximately \$1,370 collected to date from vehicle owners; and

- **WHEREAS,** Kenai Peninsula Borough's efforts are paying off with a noticeable decrease in the number of junk and abandoned vehicles being left in Borough rights-of-way; and
- **WHEREAS,** even with this reduction in junk and abandoned vehicles on Borough maintained roadways, the problem still exists with the number of junk and abandoned vehicles along the State maintained highways visibly increasing; and
- **WHEREAS,** Alaska Statute 28.11.010 states that it is unlawful for a person to abandon a vehicle upon a highway or vehicular way or area; and
- WHEREAS, despite having laws making it unlawful, the State of Alaska has not adequately funded enforcement of AS 28.11.010 in several years allowing junk and abandoned vehicles to remain alongside state highways on the Kenai Peninsula despite the strong efforts of Borough and cities to clean up such nuisances; and
- **WHEREAS,** the State has the ability to recover its fees and costs by issuing citations to vehicle owners and by collecting against the Permanent Fund Dividend of owners for the costs incurred in towing and temporarily storing abandoned and junk vehicles left along the state highways; and
- **WHEREAS,** only when both the State and the Boroughs work together to address this serious problem of junk and abandoned vehicles along our roadways will it finally be properly addressed;

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

- **SECTION 1** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly hereby urges our Kenai Peninsula State Representatives and Governor Dunleavy to recognize the importance of enforcing its abandoned and junk vehicle laws in order to protect the citizens and visitors of Alaska from dangerous hazards and unsightly nuisances created by abandoned vehicles left in our State rights-of-way.
- **SECTION 2.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Requests Governor Dunleavy's support in providing budget funding for enforcement against junk and abandoned vehicles.
- **SECTION 3.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly requests our State Legislature provide budget funding for enforcement against junk and abandoned vehicles.

SECTION 4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Kenai Peninsula City Councils for the cities located along state highways, Senator Peter Micciche, Senator Gary Stevens, Representative Ben Carpenter, Representative Sarah Vance, Representative Ronald Gillham, Representative Louise Stutes, and Governor Mike Dunleavy.

SECTION 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

ATTEST:

Jonni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Brent Hibbert, Assembly President



Yes: Bjorkman, Carpenter, Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Dunne, Elam, Johnson, Hibbert No: None

Absent: None