



# MEMORANDUM

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**Resolution 23-050, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer Alaska Directing the Homer Mayor and/or City Manager to Meet with the Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor to be part of a Work Group to Develop Recommendations Regarding Potentially Merging Kachemak Emergency Services Area, Western Emergency Service Area, and Homer Volunteer Fire Department into a Single Service Area of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Erickson/Hansen.**

**Item Type:** Backup Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
**Meeting Date:** 08 May 2023  
**From:** Shelly Erickson, Council Member

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We were given a lay down a couple months ago about Fire Departments, service areas, mill rates, and exploring combining the two service areas into one. This memo was between the COH, and KPB including the respective Fire Chiefs.

While I have always liked our independence in managing our own Fire Department, I believe that it is prudent and in all of our best interest that we look at all our options to ensure cost effective service, the best use of personal, the replacement and additional equipment cost, and what that would do to the mill rate.

I think that the conversation needs to happen, even if we would choose to stay as we are. We need to look at all our options, as our world continues to change.

**Attachments:**

KPB Draft Resolution