

PROPOSITION NO. 5A & 5B

Central Emergency Services Area Expansion - Funny River

*To be voted on by voters residing in the service area as it currently exists
and by voters residing in the proposed expansion area.*

Shall the Kenai Peninsula Borough be authorized to exercise powers to provide fire protection and emergency medical services through the expansion of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Central Emergency Services Area into the Funny River area as defined by Section 1 of Ordinance 2004-22?

YES *[A Yes Vote approves the expansion of the fire service area into the Funny River Area.]*

NO *[A No Vote would prohibit the expansion of the fire service area into the Funny River Area.]*

Funny River Emergency Services (FRES) has been working diligently to provide fire protection services to the Funny River community and has completed construction of the Funny River Emergency Service Building. Because this area is already included in the Central Peninsula Emergency Medical Service Area (CPEMS), Central Emergency Services Area (CES) has an ambulance stationed at the emergency service building.

If this proposition is approved by the voters, CES will be empowered to provide the following services to the Funny River Area:

- Response to fires using the current resources of CES.
- Placement of CES equipment at the Funny River Emergency Service Building, allowing existing CES volunteers and on-call employees in the Funny River Area to respond from the Funny River location.
- Construction of living quarters for CES personnel.
- Placement of trained fire and EMS responders on site to man the emergency service building.

This proposed expansion would extend the current CES boundary along Funny River to include all the area north of the Refuge to the Kenai River. (See map on the adjacent page.)

This proposition must be approved by the voters in the existing Central Emergency Services Area and by the voters in the proposed expansion area in order for the Funny River Area to be included in the Central Emergency Services Area.

FISCAL NOTE: Property owners within the expansion area are currently assessed one mill of property tax for emergency medical services (CPEMS). Approval of this proposition is expected to result in a 1.35 mill tax increase for all property located within the expansion area. No tax increase is anticipated for property within the existing Central Emergency Services Area.