

PROPOSITION NO. 6A & 6B

Central Emergency Services Area Expansion - Kasilof/Cohoe/Clam Gulch

*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 Kasilof/Cohoe/Clam Gulch area as defined by Section 2 of Ordinance 2004-22?

YES *[A Yes Vote approves the expansion of the fire service area into the Kasilof/Cohoe/Clam Gulch Area.]*

NO *[A No Vote would prohibit the expansion of the fire service area into the Kasilof/Cohoe/Clam Gulch Area.]*

The Kasilof/Cohoe/Clam Gulch Area is part of the existing Central Peninsula Emergency Medical Service Area (CPEMS), but currently has no residential fire protection. This proposition seeks to provide fire protection to this area by expanding the existing CES boundary along the Sterling Highway at Irish Hills Avenue and Cardwell Road to the southern boundary of the existing medical service area (CPEMS) at approximately mile 120. (See map on the adjacent page.)

If this proposition is approved by the voters, CES will be empowered to provide the following services to the expansion area:

- Response to fires using the current resources of CES from the Soldotna and K-Beach fire stations.
- Planning for a fire station in the area.. (This process could take several years to obtain the funding needed to construct the station.)

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 Kasilof/Cohoe/Clam Gulch 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.