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MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Knopp, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: *WAC* David R. Carey, Mayor

FROM: *MB* Max Best, Planning Director

DATE: May 3, 2011

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2011-07, decreasing the number of Planning Commission members and new census data

New data from the 2010 census report indicates that the planning commission's current apportionment of five members within the cities and eight members from outside the cities within the borough is inconsistent with AS 29.40.020. This statute requires "commission membership shall be apportioned so that the number of members from home rule and first class cities reflects the proportion of borough population in home rule and first class cities located in the borough."

If the assembly prefers to retain representation from each home rule and first-class city on the planning commission it will be necessary to increase the membership by at least one planning commissioner from outside the cities. The proposal in ordinance 2011-07 would be consistent with the apportionment requirements of AS 29.40.020, and there are other options that could be explored to bring the apportionment of the planning commission into conformity with AS 29.40.020.