

May 3, 2011

Mr. Gary Knopp, President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly and
Assembly Members

Good Afternoon,

Briefly:::

Ord. 2011-06 ---- The Assembly has looked at this issue a number of times over the years, but this year I think raising the limit to \$1,000 would work. The largest concern in the past was folks driving to Anchorage to purchase larger items, tax free. However, with the dramatic increase in fuel costs, I think that threat is somewhat eased.

My continuing concern is for those paying rental. They in effect are then charged a property tax, in addition to their rental. For lower income, this is particularly difficult. If there is some way to exempt them, I would urge that.

Ord. 2011-07 Having had the privilege of serving Seldovia for nine years, I hear their pain. They are a first class city, not on the road system, with far more issues to deal with than any other entity in the Borough. I have to concur with Ms. Carluccio. If the Borough is so determined to cut costs, there are many times a meeting could be combined to one a month. A study of past history, would be a guide for those months where only one meeting is needed, and could be so calendared. I do not support this ordinance. Planning is an integral part of the Borough's mandated functions. And yes, there are some costs associated with it. Please retain the Commission as it now is.

Ord. 2011-08 Funding for the Homer Transfer Site. I think this is absolutely needed and I hope you will support it. To wait for a public vote will actually end up costing borough taxpayers considerably more.

Thanks for listening!

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