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BOROUGH MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

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

THRU: David R. Carey, Mayor *Whitney*

FROM: Sue Wilcox, Chief of Staff *Wilcox*
Craig Chapman, Finance Director *CH*

DATE: September 29, 2011

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2011-19-²³, appropriating \$35,000 in interest income from the Spruce Bark Beetle program to purchase an emergency power generator for the Nikolaevsk Fire Substation

At least 1 million acres of the Kenai Peninsula Borough have been infested with spruce bark beetles during the last 19 years. The increased risk of fire is a major issue resulting from this enormous infestation. Since 1998 Congress has appropriated almost \$18 million for wildland fire mitigation, hazardous tree removal, and other projects designed to minimize the devastation caused by the spruce bark beetle. Interest income on those funds is unrestricted, and the borough currently holds approximately \$588,705 in such interest.

This ordinance would appropriate \$35,000 in interest income to the Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Service Area (APFESA) to fund an emergency power generator at the Nikolaevsk Fire Substation. The Capital Projects department has estimated that the project can be completed for \$35,000 or less.

An emergency power generator will allow APFESA to provide timely response in the event of a fire or related emergencies stemming from the spruce bark beetle infestation, as well as provide similar services in response to other emergencies in the area it services. This project will provide a tangible long-term benefit for the borough residents of the Nikolaevsk community and is consistent with the congressional purpose in appropriating the grant funds. Shortened hearing is requested because the next scheduled hearing after November 1, 2011, is December 6, 2011. This generator is needed as soon as possible to support emergency responses. Your support of this ordinance is appreciated.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT FUNDS VERIFIED	
Acct. No.	<u>262.27900 FB</u>
Amount	<u>\$35,000.00</u>
By:	<u>CBW</u> Date: <u>9/28/11</u>