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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Bill Smith, Assembly Member *Bill Smith*

DATE: July 21, 2011

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2011-30, enacting KPB chapter 16.06 requiring energy audits for borough service areas and recommendations for implementation those measures with appropriate return on investment

Energy costs are currently running at historic high levels and are projected to remain high, with probable increases in the future. The time to focus on energy conservation is today.

While visiting several borough facilities as well as service area facilities I have observed building equipment and practices which I consider to be wasteful of energy.

Wasting energy in a public building is wasting tax dollars.

With this ordinance I have tried to create practical mechanisms for our service areas to improve their facilities and produce long term energy cost savings.

The system of energy audit, followed by a project with energy conservation measures which will pay for themselves is a proven formula which will result in saving tax dollars.

Creating an energy policy guide will raise awareness and inform employees about energy conservation and set a standard of awareness and conduct proven to reduce the use of energy.

By leveraging the existing ability of service areas to borrow from the borough general fund at favorable rates for capital improvements, we have the ideal circumstance for managing improvements without negatively impacting service area budgets or mill rates.

Your consideration of this ordinance will be appreciated.