

# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

**THRU:** Gary Knopp, Assembly President *JB for A.K.*

**FROM:** Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk *JB*

**DATE:** April 3, 2012

**RE:** Ordinance 2012-09: Amending KPB 4.50.015 and Designating Absentee By-Mail Precincts as Authorized in Alaska Statute 29.26.010

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Upon review of the State of Alaska's 2012 precinct designations for the Kenai Peninsula Borough, it was determined that newly created precincts needed to be designated as absentee by-mail precincts for Borough elections for the following reasons:

- Remote location of voters
- Redesignation of partial precincts to reflect the current process

Additionally, KPB 4.50.015 requires amendment to accurately reflect voter turnout in the designated absentee by-mail precincts. The code currently limits precincts that may be designated as absentee by-mail to those with a voter turnout of less than 75 votes in the previous regular election. Since designation in 1998, the absentee by-mail precincts have increased in voter turnout annually which demonstrates the current practice is successful. This ordinance would amend KPB 4.50.015 to increase the maximum prior year voter turnout to 200, and provide exceptions to allow the new Fox River and Kachemak Bay/Seldovia precincts to be designated by-mail. The total voter turnout may have been less than 200 in these precincts, but this is impossible to determine as they were not precincts in the last regular election.

Your consideration is appreciated.