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MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Knopp, Assembly President
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FROM: Sue McClure, Assembly member *S. McClure*

DATE: May 1, 2012

RE: Ordinance 2012-13, Stating Non-Objection to the Lowell Point Volunteer Fire Department Being Recognized by the State as a Volunteer Fire Department to Provide Fire Protection in the Lowell Point Area of the Kenai Peninsula Borough

The Lowell Point Emergency Service Area will be abolished effective July 1, 2012. After that date, the Lowell Point Volunteer Fire Department plans to continue providing fire rescue and protection services to the Lowell Point community. Alaska regulations require that fire departments operating within a municipality be authorized by municipal ordinance to perform their duties in the municipality. However, once the service area is abolished the borough will not have the authority to "authorize" this volunteer fire department to operate. A similar situation arose in 2005 when several other volunteer fire departments in the borough were notified that they needed our authorization to provide services. The state accepted Ordinance 2005-42 in which the borough assembly stated its non-objection to the operation of these volunteer fire departments in the borough.

This proposed ordinance is similar to Ordinance 2005-42 and will enable the Lowell Point Volunteer Fire Department to be fully registered with the state in compliance with 13 AAC 52.030.

Your favorable consideration would be appreciated.