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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sue McClure, Assembly Member *SB for S.M.*

DATE: May 3, 2012

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2012-15, authorizing the grant of assets from the Lowell Point Emergency Service Area to the Lowell Point Volunteer Fire Department

The Lowell Point Emergency Service Area (LPESA) will be abolished effective July 1, 2012. Any remaining service area assets would normally revert to the Kenai Peninsula Borough except as may otherwise be required for any assets purchased with grant funds. The administration is working to determine a list of assets owned by the Service Area. It is anticipated that the list will be included in the ordinance prior to final hearing.

The Lowell Point Volunteer Fire Department, a volunteer fire department in Lowell Point, has requested that all remaining assets of the LPESA be transferred to it before July 1, 2012, to be used for fire and rescue purposes. Transferring the assets with the requirement that they be used for fire and rescue purposes would serve a public purpose. Upon abolishment of the service area the Kenai Peninsula Borough will no longer have the power to directly provide for fire and emergency medical services in that area.

The assets were obtained through grant funds and a service area mill rate levied upon real property owners within the former service area. Accordingly, it is appropriate to convey these assets to the volunteer fire department on the condition that the assets are used for a public purpose and that the assets are subject to all applicable borough grant requirements, including maintaining and operating a registered fire department, providing regular reports to the borough and meeting any audit requirements. It is anticipated the grant agreement would be for a three year term.

Your favorable consideration of this ordinance would be appreciated.