



# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

## Planning Department

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Gary Knopp, Assembly President  
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**THRU:** Mike Navarre Mayor *MN*  
Craig Chapman, Director of Finance *C Chapman*  
Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *BA*

**FROM:** Max Best, Director of Planning *MB*

**DATE:** June 7, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance 2012-19- 13, accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the State of Alaska for the hazardous tree removal project

The borough submitted a request for legislative grant funding in the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 State of Alaska Capital Budget. Senate Bill 160 was passed by the State Legislature and signed by Governor Parnell on May 14, 2012, appropriating \$1,000,000 for the hazardous tree removal project.

As excerpted in the "2012 State Funding Priorities" binder page 3:

Funds will be used to implement a project aimed at the removal of hazard trees outside and adjacent to utility easements and rights-of way corridors. [...] The borough has collaborated with HEA to combine its utility infrastructure mapping with LIDAR vegetation mapping to determine where potential hazards exist adjacent to utility easements and right-of way corridors. These funds would allow: (1) the Borough to continue working with electric utility companies, as needed to identify the area where power lines and rights-of-way are susceptible to hazard trees; (2) to contact and enter into written authorization for removal of such hazard trees with the property owners; and (3) to administer contracts for mitigation efforts in a manner

The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development will provide the grant award with a five-year, project performance period ending June 30, 2017. Max Best, Director of Planning, shall provide grant oversight and project completion.

Attachment: Alaska Act HCS CSSB 160(FIN)  
excerpt "Kenai Areawide (HD33-35) Only"

FINANCE DEPARTMENT	
ACCT # FUNDS VERIFIED	
Acct. No.	<u>262.21320.13445.49999</u>
Amount	<u>N/A</u>
By: <u>pc</u>	Date: <u>6/6/12</u>