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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Mako Haggerty, Assembly Member (*M. H.*)

DATE: August 21, 2012

RE: Ordinance 2012-19-25: Appropriating \$36,832 from the Kachemak Emergency Service Area Operating Fund Balance for Additional Personnel Cost and Authorizing Changing the Shared Mechanic Position Between Kachemak Emergency Service Area and Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Medical Service Area to a Full-Time Mechanic Position for Kachemak Emergency Service Area

This memo supports Ordinance 2012-19-25 proposing to change the mechanic position for Kachemak Emergency Service Area (KESA) and Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Service Area (APFEMSA) to a full time position serving only KESA. After careful monitoring of the current workload and inventory the KESA Board voted at its June 21, 2012 meeting to support a full-time KESA mechanic position to fully meet service area needs. The mechanic is no longer working for APFEMSA.

The KESA Board believes it is in the best interest of KESA taxpayers to have a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) trained emergency vehicle technician as a full-time staff position. The service area has been in need of a skilled mechanic for some time and was fortunate to find an available NFPA trained mechanic. KESA has older equipment and some equipment that was received in an unfavorable condition in need of repair and upgrades requiring a skilled and trained mechanic's attention. The cost of contracting the work out to an outside service provider would greatly exceed the cost of hiring the current mechanic to a full time position.

The increase in personnel cost to KESA for a full time mechanic for the period of October 1, 2012 through the end of the current fiscal year is estimated to be \$36,832. This ordinance would appropriate this amount from KESA's operating fund balance for additional personnel costs. It is anticipated that maintaining a full time mechanic's position will require an increase in the mill rate for KESA in subsequent years.

Your consideration is appreciated.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT VERIFIED	
Acct. No.	<u>212.27910 FB</u>
Amount	<u>\$ 36,832.⁰⁰</u>
By: <u>pc</u>	Date: <u>8/13/12</u>

W.K. Pierce