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**Subject:** FW: Ordinance 2012-19-25

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2012 8:35 AM

**To:** Knopp, Gary; Smalley, Hal; Tauriainen, Ray; Murphy, Linda; Pierce, Charlie; McClure, Sue; Johnson, Brent; Smith, Bill; Haggerty, Mako; Blankenship, Johni

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Good Morning President Knopp and Members of the Assembly,

My apologies this is coming so late.

I urge you to support the above Ordinance, that will make the part time mechanic for Kachemak Emergency Services a full time position.

The Board of Directors has reviewed this need, and at this time fully supports it. Our area of coverage is huge, about 214 square miles of mostly gravel covered roads. We have two stations, east is McNeil, and west on the Sterling Highway. Our area covers from Caribou hills area to Anchor Point.

With the directive from Mayor Navarre, our volunteers and equipment respond automatically to all Anchor Point calls, as well as our own. We have no back up equipment. Our equipment is mostly used, and therefore subject to more maintenance. There is more than sufficient work for a full time position. It is vital that all our equipment be ready at all times.

And, we are able to support this within our budget.

Therefore, I urge you please, to support Ordinance 2012-19-25.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Homer this afternoon.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** Re: Ord. 2012-19-25

Dear Assembly Members All,

Ordinance 2012-19-25 allows Kachemak Emergency Services to expand the hours for the Mechanic position to full time. I strongly urge your support of this ordinance.

As a past Assembly member I am only too aware how unusual it is to ask for such a change outside the normal budgeting process. Initially I did not support it, however, because of the following points I find it badly needed, and therefore do fully support it.

1. The size of the area that KESA serves is huge - from Razdolna beyond the end of the road, west to the Sterling Hwy, the Ohlson Mtn. area, and now into Anchor Point.
2. KESA has 2 fully equipped fire stations, ( McNeil & Sterling Hwy.) plus a garage at Voznesenka that currently houses a Fire Truck, but is scheduled to receive more equipment as KESA is able.
3. KESA has been requested to respond to all Anchor Point Fire calls, which puts a greater stress on our equipment. It is therefore incumbent on the department to ensure all equipment is in top running order at all times.
4. Most of the KESA equipment came to us used, and requires more upkeep.
5. Forestry has just advised they will be giving KESA up to 2 used Brush Trucks.
6. As funds allow, KESA will also provide a place for equipment in the Skyline/Ohlson Mtn. area.
7. Funds are available to cover the costs of this change.

As discussed at the September 18, 2012 meeting in Homer, after this ordinance was postponed, the KESA Board and Mayor did have the opportunity to discuss the merits of this need. I believe Mayor Navarre is also now in support. Our Board President, Jeff Middleton will attend your meeting this evening should you have questions.

Again, I request your support of Ord. 2012-19-25.

Thank you,

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