
From: Familie Veh [heyoyveh@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2012 12:31 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: Ordinance 2012-27

Hi Ms. Turner;

Will you please read this email to the borough assembly meeting tomorrow night? I would appreciate that. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Kate Veh

To the Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor & Assembly Representatives;

I urge you to pass Ordinance 2012-27. Every little bit of tax breaks & encouragement that you can award folks who are trying to build up our renewable energy infrastructure helps! Renewables are a popular & fun technology to have around our borough, cities, & neighborhoods. They just make you feel great about yourself & what you're doing for the planet.

After passing this ordinance, I urge you to keep the momentum going . . . are there any creative & innovative ways that the Borough can draw in renewable energy businesses? Can we somehow get folks employed in renewable energy industry? Could the Kenai Peninsula perhaps form a vision of becoming a leader in the state in renewable energy innovation & efficiency?

Thanks so much for taking the time to read through my letter & having the courage to dream of a renewable future.

Sincerely,
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From: rlphoto@gci.net on behalf of Ron Levy [rlphoto@gci.net]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2012 2:28 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: Ordinance 2012-27

Michele,

I won't be able to attend the meeting tomorrow on Ordinance 2012-27, but wanted to send a quick note. Last year I completed one of the largest residential solar PV projects on the Kenai Peninsula. Project cost was slightly over \$45,000, not including loan interest still going on, for 33 panels, 7.5kW.

I hope the Assembly approves the ordinance. And I hope the consider more incentives. This benefits EVERYONE, but we need as much help as we can.

The payback on projects this size doesn't work out unless you own the property 15-20 years at least. That's not enough to motivate most people, so we fall back on doing these projects because they are the right things to do, to move forward, and reduce dependence on domestic or foreign oil. Not assessing our properties more for renewable projects is a small step forward, but it doesn't make it any easier to do this.

Property tax **reductions** would make it easier, and better reflect benefits to the community in terms of lower HEA power loads and increased energy supply to HEA (net metering) and the community.



Letter attached from Dave Carey if relevant at all.

thank you,
Ron



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**DAVID R. CAREY
BOROUGH MAYOR**

December 8, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed Rural Energy for America Program application for Ron Levy Photography contributes to the environmental goals and objectives of the Kenai Peninsula Borough as expressed in the attached letter and guidelines adopted and amended into Alaska Administrative Code and Kenai Peninsula Borough Regulations.

In my June, 2009 proposal to the KP Borough Assembly, I stated that "Government serves the people and economic development best when it provides options and incentives for them rather than regulations and additional taxation. We must promote education and options for the application of alternative energy sources and technology."

As a result, the Kenai Peninsula Borough adopted Resolutions 2009-094 and 2009-095 which support "efforts promoting the use of alternative energy, energy efficiency, and energy conservation" .

Mr. Levy's project exemplifies the intent of these Resolutions by promoting alternative, sustainable energy systems within the Borough and contributes to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. It makes wise and effective use of renewable resources in Alaska and the resources of the federal government for the benefit of the public and the land.

A project such as this makes our job easier by showing real, workable solutions to the energy crisis in the country, and to the education of the public on the use and benefits of sustainable energy systems.

Sincerely,

David R. Carey
Mayor