

# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Brent Johnson, Assembly Member *B. for BJ*  
David R. Carey, Mayor *DR Carey*

**DATE:** April 5, 2011

**RE:** Resolution 2011-*032* requesting the administration include a separate line item in the annual property tax statement indicating the mill levy equivalent to the amount of general funds attributable to solid waste

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There appears to be a perception in the public that because the Kenai Peninsula Borough does not charge fees to individual consumers for the disposal of solid waste there is little cost associated with solid waste management. However, the budget shows that solid waste has recently cost more than 11 percent of the annual Kenai Peninsula general fund budget. This is a very important service that is provided to help reduce pollution and maintain clean land and water in the borough, providing places to properly dispose of solid waste

The generation of solid waste has increased over the years as society uses more disposable products. In order to help people to recognize the cost of this lifestyle, in my opinion, it is important to inform them of the actual costs of the solid wastes services provided by the Kenai Peninsula Borough. This resolution requests that the administration include a line-item in the annual property tax statements informing people of the mill rate equivalent that the provision of solid waste services costs them. It is my hope that with this information combined with other information will motivate borough residents to reduce the amount of solid waste that is generated.

Your consideration and approval of this resolution would be appreciated.