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DAVID R. CAREY **BOROUGH MAYOR**

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Gary Knopp, Assembly President

Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU:

David Carey, Mayor Walany Max Best, Planning Director

Marcus Mueller, Land Management Officer 711

Julie Denison, Land Management Technician

DATE:

August 4, 2011

SUBJECT:

Resolution 2011-084; classifying certain borough lands in the Kasilof area off

Cohoe Loop Road pursuant to KPB Chapter 17.10

This resolution proposes to classify certain borough lands fronting Cohoe Loop Road in the Kasilof area as Rural and/or Utility/Transportation. Based on the land characteristics and surrounding land uses a rural classification is appropriate. A rural classification would allow the lands to be considered for public land sales and negotiated sales or exchanges with the landlocked owners.

Through patent, in accordance with AS 38.05.127 and 11 AAC 51.045, the State of Alaska requires preservation of the existing beach access and that any encroachment contained within Government Lot 9 be relocated within the boundaries of Government Lot 10 along the common lot line. This beach access is visible on the borough's earliest aerial photography dated 1973 and is believed to have been constructed in approximately 1958 by Morris Coursen, the original owner of Government Lot 9. A Utility/Transportation classification would facilitate the preservation of the public beach access at this location. The attached staff report provides information regarding the classification process and detailed information regarding the subject lands.

The attached resolution would classify the subject lands consistent with the findings contained in the staff report. Your consideration of this resolution is appreciated.