

Introduced by: Martin, Superman, Mayor
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Action: Adopted as Amended
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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2008-037**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ASSEMBLY TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE
ALTERNATIVE/OPTIONAL METHODS OF PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT**

WHEREAS, current Alaska Statute 29.45.110 requires that all property (outside 43.56) be assessed at full and true market value; and

WHEREAS, increased market values within the Kenai Peninsula Borough have increased dramatically over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, these increases have seriously and negatively impacted borough taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the number of property taxpayers who are becoming disenchanted and frustrated over the current assessing methodology grows annually; and

WHEREAS, the assembly seeks a more objective and equitable methodology for the purposes of property taxation; and

WHEREAS, optional methodologies are in place in various jurisdictions throughout the nation, implemented by legislative action or by initiative; and

WHEREAS, the assembly's intent is to forward the task force findings and conclusions to the summer meeting of the Alaska Municipal League with the objective of legislative action if needed;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI
PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

SECTION 1. That the assembly establishes an Equitable Assessment Methodology Task Force for the purpose of examination of current assessing practice and review of optional mechanisms that may redress problems that have arisen from market driven valuations.

SECTION 2. That the task force shall consist of two assembly members; one member of the mayor's staff; two members from the assessing department; one member from the finance department, one member from the legal department; and four members from the public, confirmed by the assembly, representing the North, South, East and Central regions of the Peninsula.

SECTION 3. That the task force shall be chaired by an assembly member.

SECTION 4. That the meeting location will be in the Assembly Chambers of the Borough Administration Building in Soldotna, unless otherwise noticed, and all meetings shall be open to the public and will provide for public comment.

SECTION 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 2008.

Grace Merkes

Grace Merkes, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Sherry Biggs
Sherry Biggs, Borough Clerk



Yes: Fischer, Gilman, Knopp, Long, Martin, Smith, Sprague, Superman, Merkes
No: None
Absent: None