

Introduced by:	Mayor, Cox
Date:	06/18/24
Hearing:	07/09/24
Action:	Enacted
Vote:	9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2024-17**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KPB 2.56.040 TO INCORPORATE THE CITY OF
SOLDOTNA RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS AN ELEMENT OF THE
OFFICIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THAT PORTION OF THE BOROUGH
WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF SOLDOTNA**

- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough as a second class borough shall provide for planning on an areawide basis in accordance with Alaska Statutes (“AS”) chapter 29.40; and
- WHEREAS,** AS 29.40.030(b) states that the assembly shall, after receiving the recommendations of the planning commission, periodically undertake a review of the comprehensive plan and update the plan as necessary; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough’s comprehensive plan was last updated in 2019; adopted by Ordinance 2019-25 and should be amended with new planning documents as described in the executive summary of the Kenai Peninsula Borough’s comprehensive plan; and
- WHEREAS,** AS Chapter 29.40 describes the comprehensive plan as a compilation of policy statements, goals, standards, and other planning documents such as transportation plans, community facilities plans, and land use plans to be used for the systematic and organized development of the borough; and
- WHEREAS,** the objectives of the City of Soldotna’s Riverfront Redevelopment Plan (the “Plan”) are to create a walkable riverfront experience for residents and visitors; to support local businesses and to develop a sustainable year-round economy; to highlight the Kenai River; to address housing needs; to identify potential public-private partnerships; to identify necessary infrastructure; and to explore options and strategies for funding and implementation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Plan provides specific guidance and conceptual designs for the project area to include appropriate land uses, utility needs, regulatory recommendations, and transportation infrastructure operations; and
- WHEREAS,** on February 14, 2024, the Soldotna City Council adopted the Plan on consent by Soldotna City Resolution 2024-05; and

WHEREAS, the Plan will guide the City of Soldotna’s redevelopment efforts over the next several years and will play an important role in the City of Soldotna’s economic development strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is consistent with and further the goals, policies and objectives of “Envision Soldotna 2030”, the comprehensive plan for that area of the borough within the boundaries of the City of Soldotna; and

WHEREAS, the KPB Planning Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting of June 24, 2024, recommended approval by unanimous consent;

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

SECTION 1. That KPB 2.56.040 is hereby amended as follows:

2.56.040. - Soldotna comprehensive plan adopted.

- A. The assembly adopts "Envision Soldotna 2030" prepared by the City of Soldotna and approved by the Soldotna City Council in Ordinance 2010-038 on January 28, 2011, as the official comprehensive plan for that portion of the borough within the boundaries of the City of Soldotna.
- B. The assembly adopts and incorporates the City of Soldotna Streets Inventory and Management Plan prepared by PDC Engineers and dated March 2016 as an element of the borough’s comprehensive plan for that portion of the borough within the boundaries of the City of Soldotna.
- C. The assembly adopts and incorporates the City of Soldotna Utility Master Plan, including the 2015 Soldotna Water Master Plan, the 2015 Soldotna Wastewater Master Plan, the 2015 Soldotna Drainage Master Plan, and the 2015 Wastewater Facilities Master Plan, and dated February 15, 2016 as an element of the borough’s comprehensive plan for that portion of the borough within the boundaries of the City of Soldotna.
- D. The assembly adopts and incorporates the City of Soldotna Downtown Improvement Plan as an element of the borough’s comprehensive plan for that portion of the borough within the boundaries of the City of Soldotna.
- E. The assembly adopts and incorporates the City of Soldotna Safe Routes to School Plan as an element of the borough’s comprehensive plan for that portion of the borough within the boundaries of the City of Soldotna.

- F. The assembly adopts and incorporates the City of Soldotna Recreation & Trails Master Plan as an element of the borough’s comprehensive plan for that portion of the borough within the boundaries of the City of Soldotna.
- G. The assembly adopts and incorporates the City of Soldotna Riverfront Development Plan as an element of the borough’s comprehensive plan for that portion of the borough within the boundaries of the City of Soldotna.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall be effective immediately.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 9TH DAY OF JULY, 2024.

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk

Yes: Cooper, Cox, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tunseth, Tupper, Johnson
No: None
Absent: None