

Mayor Carey Vetoes term limit ordinance

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Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor Dave Carey recently vetoed Ordinance 2011-24, which amended a previous measure to redefine a full term of office with respect to assembly term limits.

Carey voiced his reluctance to veto in a letter he sent out Aug. 12.

The veto, he said, was not related to the issue of term limits nor intended as a criticism to the measure.

"My essential objection is that the process did not provide adequate public notice and opportunity for public comments," he said.

The amendment was first presented and approved at the Aug. 2 KPB Assembly meeting.

"These amendments eliminated the voter approval requirement, increased the number of years an assembly member can serve and extensively changed the title," Carey said.

He added that he believed the changes to be "significant."

According to AS 29.20.270, a veto may be overridden with 21 days following the exercise of the veto or at the next regularly scheduled meeting, depending on which comes later.
