



## State of the City 2023

Mayor Brian Gabriel  
City Manager Terry Eubank





# CITY DEPARTMENTS



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# COLLABORATION + PROGRAMS

New Storywalk® Project  
NASA Library Program  
Digital Literacy Initiative  
Expanded Library Collection  
Summer Reading



5,189

Attended Library  
Programs



- 24/7 Hold Lockers
- Storywalk® at the Daubenspeck Family Park



8,000

Hours of Summer  
Reading

KENAI COMMUNITY  
LIBRARY



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## COLLABORATION + PROGRAMS



2,713

Volunteer Hours



35,561

Home Delivered and  
Congregate Meals



Began Greenhouse  
Project to Grow  
Vegetables for  
Meal Program

KENAI SENIOR CENTER  
VINTAGE POINTE



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# COLLABORATION + PROGRAMS



52,893

Kenai Rec Center  
Visitors



500

Beetle-kill trees  
removed



\$85K

Playground  
Replacement Grant

PARKS & RECREATION  
KENAI RECREATIONAL CENTER



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# PUBLIC SAFETY + COMMUNITY



- Partner with the Kenaitze Indian Tribe to replace 30-year-old Fire Truck
- Adopt Community Wildfire Protection Plan



Supplemental  
Emergency Medical  
Transport (SEMT)  
Reimbursement  
Program to recover  
costs for  
ambulance services  
for Medicaid  
providers



7.6%

Fire Department  
increase in call  
volume in 2022

KENAI FIRE  
DEPARTMENT

  
*Safeguarding Lives*

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# PUBLIC SAFETY + COMMUNITY



The Kenai Police Department received Alaska law enforcement accreditation



- Grant-funded dispatch center radio systems upgrade
- Police and fire mobile and portable radios upgrade



3%

Police Service Requests Down from 7,210 in 2021 to 6,991 in 2022

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DEPARTMENT



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# GROWTH + DEVELOPMENT



## 8.3%

Airline passengers  
continue to trend  
upward:  
**73,465** Passengers  
in 2022



### New Airport Businesses

- New Airline:  
Kenai Aviation
- New Snack & Gift  
Shop:  
The Fishing  
Grounds



### Return of the Air Fair

The Kenai Peninsula  
Air Fair will return this  
year on June 10, 2023



# MAINTAIN + IMPROVE



580,000

Average Gallons of  
Water Treated each  
day



500,000

Actual Wastewater  
Treatment plant flow  
(gallons per day)



297

Vehicles or  
Equipment  
Maintained



15

Facilities Maintained  
by Buildings Division



157

Lane Miles of Road  
Maintained by  
Streets



Open  
May - Nov

Installation & Removal  
of City Dock facilities

PUBLIC WORKS  
DEPARTMENT



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# FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

## Property Tax Revenues



Kenai Peninsula Borough  
4.50 mills



City of Kenai  
4.35 mills

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Total = 8.86 mills in  
2022\*

\*Includes CPH 0.01 mills

Home  
Assessed  
Value:  
\$250,000

**City of Kenai:**  
**\$1,087**

A "mill" is 1/1000 of a dollar, and represents one dollar of tax for each \$1000 of assessed value.

FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT

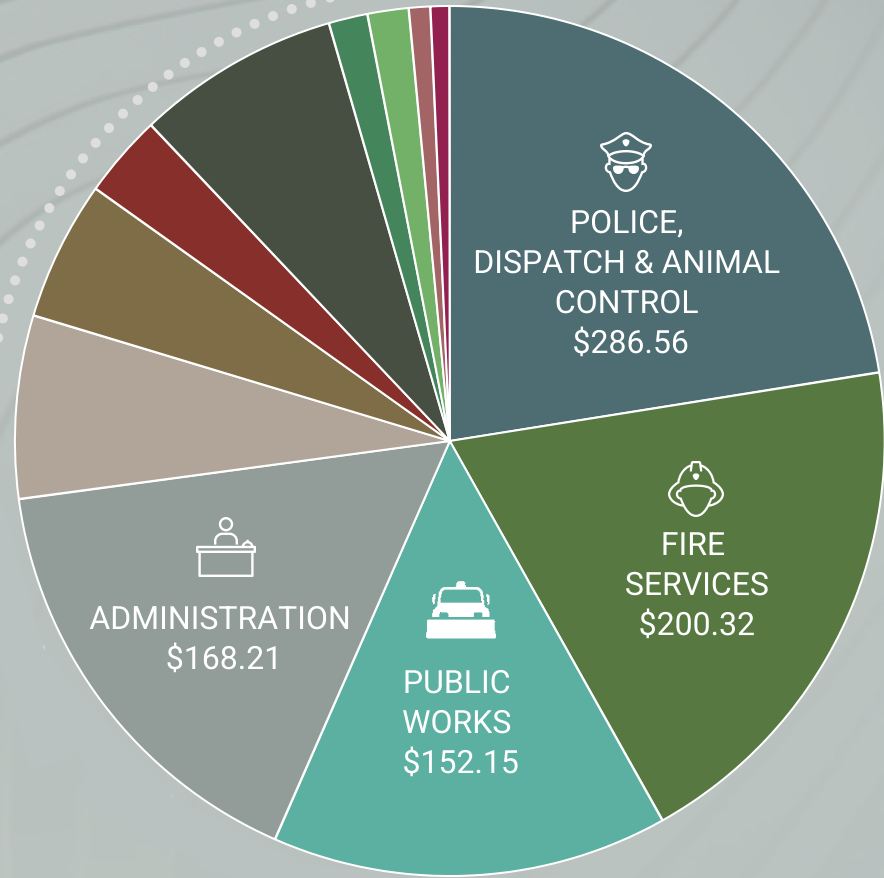
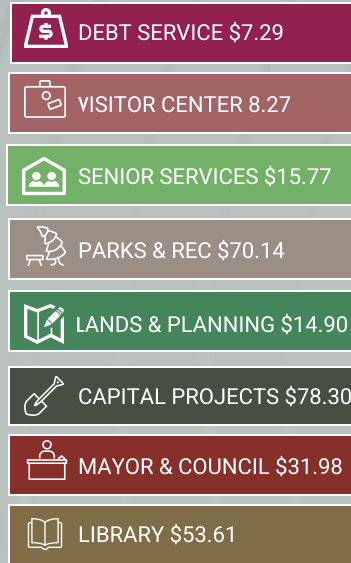
  
*financial stewardship*

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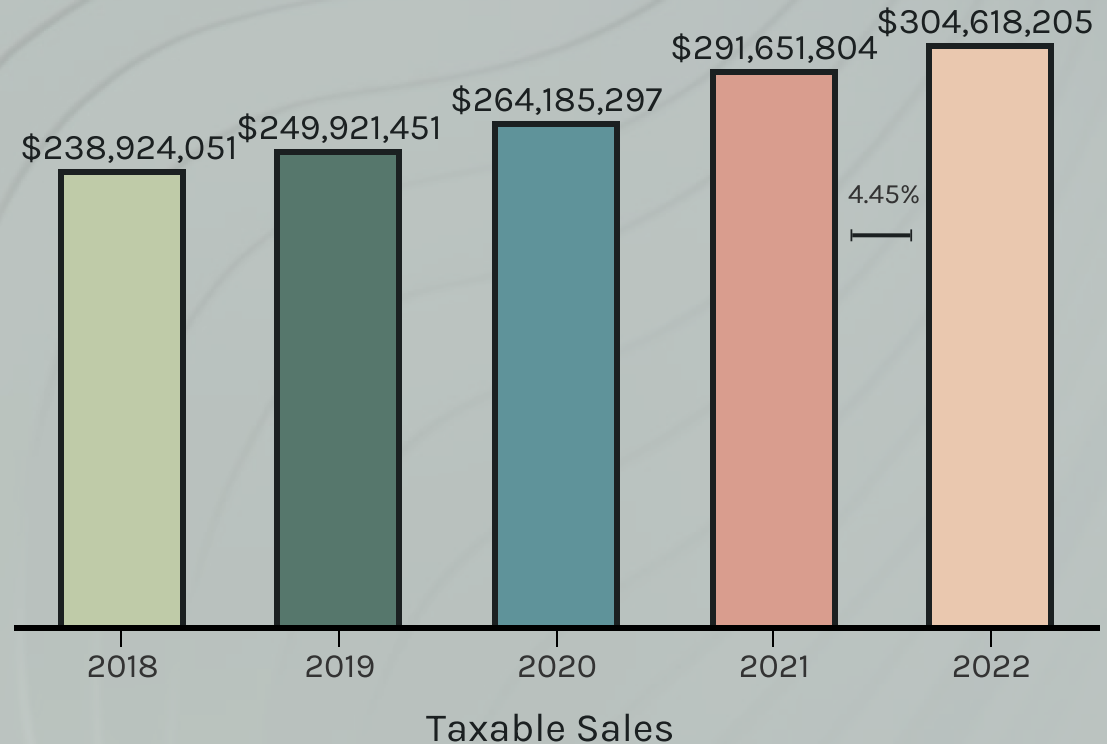
# FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Services  
Provided  
Based on  
**\$1,000** of  
Property  
Taxes



# KENAI BUSINESS CLIMATE

Strong despite difficult times.  
Kenai businesses generated  
**\$682,948,470 million**  
in gross sales in Kenai in  
2022.



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# KENAI BUSINESS CLIMATE

# 22

CONSECUTIVE QUARTERS  
CITY OF KENAI TAXABLE SALES HAVE  
**INCREASED** YEAR OVER YEAR



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MAINTAIN +  
IMPROVE

12 Capital Projects in  
Design Phase

7 Capital Projects in  
Construction Phase



Available on the  
City Website

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECTS

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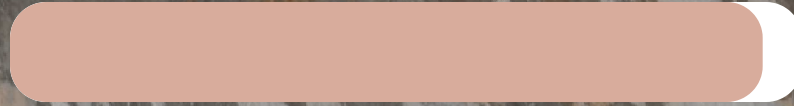


MAINTAIN +  
IMPROVE

*bluff stabilization project*

95%

Design Completion



EXECUTION OF A PROJECT PARTNERSHIP  
AGREEMENT WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECTS

*Bluff Stabilization*

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# MAINTAIN + IMPROVE

"build it for the locals,  
and the visitors will love it"

- Consensus on **mixed-use**
- Support **new businesses and development**, but not at the expense of impacting existing uses
- Support boardwalks, park & open space, campgrounds, recreation and **improve river access**
- **Protect and celebrate** Kenai's history and culture
- Integrate existing seafood plants into overall effort to represent an **authentic working waterfront**





## GOALS + COLLABORATION

*government-to-government  
collaboration*



- Kenai City Council Joint Work Session with Kenaitze Indian Tribe
- Kenai Waterfront Revitalization
- Old Town Playground
- Kenai Fire Ladder Replacement
- Future planning and meaningful consultation with local tribes



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## GOALS + COLLABORATION



### *local business support*

- “One Stop Shop” to Assist Businesses with Development in the City
- City Land Management Plan
- Kenai Chamber Partnerships
- Business Personal Property Tax Exemption
- Storefront Improvement Program
- I Love Kenai Website [ilovekenai.com](http://ilovekenai.com)



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QUESTIONS?



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