**ABSENTEE BY-MAIL VOTING**

Any registered voter of the Borough may apply for a ballot to be mailed to them by submitting an absentee by-mail ballot application. The application must be received by the Borough Clerk’s Office no later than Tuesday, July 5, 2022. Applications are available online at [www.matsugov.us/elections](http://www.matsugov.us/elections) or call 907-861-8683 to request an application.

Things applicants need to know about the process:
- An application must be filled out every year.
- Apply early to receive your Borough Ballot in a timely manner.
- Carefully complete ALL sections of the application.
- Applications MUST contain the applicant’s signature; no one else may sign for you.

**ABSENTEE IN-PERSON VOTING LOCATIONS**

Houston City Hall, Talkeetna and Trapper Creek Libraries: June 27 thru July 11 (Normal Business Hours)

**EARLY/ABSENTEE IN-PERSON VOTING**

Voters may choose to vote prior to Election Day at one of the following early/absentee in-person voting locations:

**Mat-Su Division of Elections**

1700 E. Bogard Road, Suite B102, Wasilla

This location is open as follows:
- Monday through Friday:
  - June 27 through July 11, 2022, 8 a.m.– 5 p.m.
  - Saturday:
    - July 2 and July 9, 2022, 10 a.m.– 4 p.m.
  - Sunday:
    - July 3 and July 10, 2022, 12 p.m.– 4 p.m.

**Mat-Su Borough Administration Building**

(Dorothy Swanda Jones Building)

350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer

This location is open Monday - Friday, as follows:
- June 27 through July 11, 2022, 8 a.m.– 5 p.m.

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**EARLY VOTING ASSISTANCE**

A Touch Screen Voting unit will be available at the Mat-Su Borough (DSI) Administration Building and the Mat-Su Division of Elections from June 27 through July 11. Touch screen voting is intended for the blind, disabled, and voters with reading difficulties. The touch screen units allow disabled voters to vote unassisted with a magnified, high contrast and audio ballot.

All Voting Locations Closed July 4, 2022

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The polls are open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Copies of Ordinances Placing Propositions on the Ballot**

Proposition No. 1 was placed on the ballot through the adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 22-047, Proposition No. 2 was placed on the ballot through the adoption of Ordinance No. 22-026, Proposition No. 3 was placed on the ballot through the adoption of Ordinance No. 22-025, Proposition No. 4 was placed on the ballot through the adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 22-029. Copies may be downloaded from [www.matsugov.us/elections](http://www.matsugov.us/elections) or you may call 907-861-8683 to request a copy.

**Areawide Proposition**

**Proposition No. 1**

**Reapportionment Plan**

After each federal census and adoption of a redistricting plan for the State legislature, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly is required to propose to the voters of the Borough a form of representation for the Assembly and the plan of apportionment for Assembly Districts.

The Assembly proposes that the Assembly be composed of seven members, each of whom shall be elected from an election district by the voters of the district. The boundaries of each election district are shown on a map available and posted at each polling place in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Shall the composition and form of representation of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly, and the plan of apportionment for Assembly Districts, be approved as stated above?

Yes ☐ No ☐

**Proposition No. 2**

**Lifetime Term Limits for Borough Mayor**

Borough code currently limits a person serving as mayor to no more than two consecutive full terms, but does not restrict the total number of terms a person can serve in their lifetime. Ordinance Serial No. 22-026 adopts lifetime term limits for the office of Borough Mayor and limits a person to serving 2 terms for life. Service for more than one-half of a term is considered a full term. The ordinance applies to all current and former Mayors except that the current Mayor would be allowed to seek one additional term.

Shall Ordinance Serial No. 22-026 be ratified and adopted?

Yes ☐ No ☐

**Proposition No. 3**

**Lifetime Term Limits for Borough Assembly**

Borough code currently limits a person serving as an Assemblymember to no more than two consecutive full terms, but does not restrict the total number of terms a person can serve in their lifetime. Ordinance Serial No. 22-025 adopts lifetime term limits for the office of Borough Assembly and limits a person to serving 2 terms for life. Service for more than one-half of a term is considered a full term. The ordinance applies to all current and former Assemblymembers except that all current Assemblymembers would be allowed to seek one additional term.

Shall Ordinance Serial No. 22-025 be ratified and adopted?

Yes ☐ No ☐

**Proposition No. 4**

**Increasing the Mat-Su Borough’s Senior/Disabled Veteran Residential Owner Occupied Property Optional Tax Exemption from $68,000 to $114,000 of Assessed Value for a Total Exemption of $264,000**

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough currently provides an optional real property tax exemption of $68,000 of assessed value that is in addition to the State required exemption of $150,000 of assessed value of real property owned and occupied as a permanent place of abode of a resident who is (1) Sixty-five years of age or older, (2) a disabled veteran, including a person who was disabled in the line of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard, or (3) at least 60 years old and a widow or widower of a person who qualified for an exemption. This exemption applies in addition to any other exemption applicable to the property. Currently, the total of the exemptions is $218,000.

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough proposes to increase the optional exemption from $68,000 to $114,000 for a total exemption of $264,000 and provide that the optional portion of the exemption will be adjusted annually based upon the percentage change in the federal Housing Price Index.

The estimated cost of this change in the first year exceeds $2.9 million. Should this ordinance become law?

Yes ☐ No ☐

**What COVID-19 Precautions are being taken for In-Person voting?**

Precautions and recommendations consist of, but are not limited to:

- Encouraging voters who have health concerns to vote Absentee By-Mail.
- Masks will be provided to voters and election officials if they choose to wear one.
- Asking Election Officials to not report to work if they feel ill or have undergone COVID-19 testing and have not received results.
- Election Officials will disinfect all areas throughout the day that are frequently touched such as: Voting equipment, booths, tables, pens, secrecy sleeves, door handles, light switches, etc.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for voters and election officials to use.

**Assistance to Voters**

Anyone needing special assistance in casting their vote due to a disability or bilingual need, may contact the Borough Clerk’s Office at 907-861-8683 at least 24 hours prior to the time of casting their ballot to request assistance.