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Action: Approved

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 18-32**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING MODIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ASSEMBLY ORDINANCE 18-093, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 28.60, TIMBER HARVEST, BY CHANGING THE APPLICABILITY FOR THE TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN AND TIMBER TRANSPORT PERMIT AND AMENDING MSB 28.100 DEFINITIONS.

WHEREAS, MSB 28.60 was enacted in 2007; and

WHEREAS, under the existing code, a traffic safety plan and timber transport permit is not required for timber sales less than 40 acres or timber operations that do not exceed two cargo-carrying vehicles per day or 10 cargo-carrying vehicles in one calendar-week period, whichever is more; and

WHEREAS, the majority of timber operators within the borough own one or two log trucks and are not affected by the existing code; and

WHEREAS, a Traffic Safety Plan and Timber Transport Permit are not necessarily costly as it does not require engineering analysis or surveying; and

WHEREAS, large timber operations can create unsafe traffic conditions due to heavy traffic on remote but often residential roads; and

WHEREAS, the development of a Traffic Safety Plan and timber Transport Permit can help identify and mitigate dangerous traffic

conflicts or maintenance issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommends Assembly adoption of OR 18-093 with the following amendments:

- Remove section three of the ordinance in its entirety.
- Section four should be modified as follows:

"Cargo-carrying vehicle" means a truck, trailer, semi-trailer, or other vehicle that is Federal Highway Administration gross vehicle weight class 7 or greater [CAPABLE OF CARRYING A LOAD] carrying harvested timber from the timber harvest area.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 17th day of December, 2018.


COLLEEN VAGUE, Chair

ATTEST


MARY BRODIGAN, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: *Vague, Anderson, Patterson, Chestbro, Elder, Ghashan, and Mottanen*

NO: