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Action: Approved

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 18-29**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING ASSEMBLY ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING 8.30 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION; REPEALING 8.33 AIR QUALITY ALERTS AND EMERGENCIES; ADOPTING 8.75 AIR QUALITY; AMENDING MSB 1.45.100 SCHEDULE OF FINES FOR INFRACTIONS; AND AMENDING 15.24.030 ADOPTING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

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WHEREAS, the Mat-Su Borough wants to protect residents' way of life including their right to heat their homes with wood; and

WHEREAS, this legislation does not regulate wood stoves or other heat sources; and

WHEREAS, Alaska statute 29.35.055 allows the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (Borough) to establish a local air quality control program with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) approval through a memorandum of understanding (MOU); and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has had an air quality program in collaboration with DEC since 1998; and

WHEREAS, PM 2.5 levels above the national air quality standard have been linked to a variety of cardiopulmonary health problems, including premature death; and

WHEREAS, the Butte air quality monitor has recorded concentrations of PM 2.5 at or above the national standard since 2014 and, as a result, the Borough is at risk of being designated

as a nonattainment area by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

WHEREAS, nonattainment status could lead to mandated EPA oversight and restricted federal highway funds; and

WHEREAS, current Borough Code gives authority to the South Central Clean Air Authority which has not been active for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, strategic planning is necessary, to avoid nonattainment status, by means of locally focused, cost-effective, and implementable air quality improvement policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommends assembly adoption of the ordinance repealing MSB 8.30 Environmental Protection; Repealing MSB 8.33 Air Quality Alerts and Emergencies; adopting MSB 8.75 Air Quality; amending MSB 1.45.100 schedule of fines for infractions; and amending 15.24.030 adopting the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Air Quality Management Plan.

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Colleen Vague  
COLLEEN VAGUE, Chair

ATTEST

Mary Brodigan  
MARY BRODIGAN, Planning Clerk

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YES: *Vague, Anderson, Patterson, Chesbro, Elder, Alaskan,*  
NO: *and Mossanen*