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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. PC 19-12**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING ASSEMBLY ADOPTION OF THE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN: NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT UNITS, ITS LAND USE DESIGNATIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS; AMENDING MSB 15.24.030, REPEALING THE SUSITNA AREA PLAN; AND REPEALING THE FISH CREEK MANAGEMENT PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly adopted Ordinance Serial No. 10-083 adopting the Natural Resource Management Unit Plan, contained within MSB 15.24.030 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the borough has implemented the Plan for over eight years and has identified a number of updates to make the Plan more effective; and

WHEREAS, the Plan contains goals and guidelines for agriculture and grazing, buffers, cultural resources and historical sites, fish and wildlife habitat, forestry, green infrastructure, private property, public recreation and tourism, materials (rock, sand, and gravel), settlement, special management zones, trails, transportation, water quality and quantity, wetlands and riparian resources; and

WHEREAS, the Plan update identifies the many and varied uses and values of lands within Natural Resource Management Units, and provides current land-use designations and management guidance

which, if properly implemented, will maintain the health and sustainability of borough forests while providing local and high value-added use of forest resources, protect watersheds and water quality, maintain habitat necessary to support health and diverse fish and wildlife populations; all of which are central to sustaining the quality of life and lifestyles of the borough communities, ensuring that a broad spectrum of outdoor recreational opportunities continue to be available, and supporting recreation and tourist based businesses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MSB 23.20.060 the Plan contains a balanced approach to address the requirements the adopted Forest Management Plan, which manages borough forests in a way that provides for a level of timber harvest with the ability to meet reasonable local and industry needs while maintaining or enhancing the overall health of the borough-owned forests; and

WHEREAS, the Plan update incorporates the Fish Creek Unit and replaces the Fish Creek Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the NRMU Plan is the Borough's land management plan and fulfils the state requirement relieving the borough of the need to include the State Susitna Area plan in MSB 15.24.030.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission supports the management intent, land use designations, and land use classifications for the borough-

owned land covered by the Asset Management Plan: Natural Resource Management Units.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission supports the adoption of the updated Asset Management Plan: Natural Resources Management Units.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission supports amending MSB 15.24.030 to reflect adoption of the Plan update, repeal of the Susitna Area Plan, and repeal of the Fish Creek Management Plan.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 3rd day of June, 2019.

COLLEEN VAGUE, Chair

ATTEST

MARY BRODIGAN, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: Vague, Chesbro, and Glashan

NO: Elder and Mossanen