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Action: Adopted

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 22-06**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDING DENIAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.30 CONDITIONAL  
USE PERMIT FOR EARTH MATERIALS EXTRACTION ACTIVITIES TO ALLOW FOR  
AN EXEMPTION OF 20,000 CUBIC YARDS ANNUALLY WITHOUT A PERMIT.

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WHEREAS, it is the intent of MSB 17.30 to recognize the value  
and importance of promoting the utilization of natural resources  
within its boundaries and to allow resource extraction activities  
while promoting the public health, safety, order, prosperity, and  
general welfare of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough through  
regulation of land use to reduce the adverse impacts of land uses  
and development between and among properties; and

WHEREAS, the current ordinance was developed with significant  
public and professional input; and

WHEREAS, the further purpose of MSB 17.30 is to promote  
compatible, orderly development. These purposes are accomplished  
by:

- (1) allowing for a public review process for earth  
materials extraction activities in the Matanuska-  
Susitna Borough;

- (2) enhancing the character and stability of residential, agricultural, business, commercial, and industrial areas, promoting the orderly and beneficial development of such areas by the owner/permittee in a manner that will not devalue the extraction site or neighboring properties for future beneficial uses upon completion of gravel extraction;
- (3) promoting diversified land use and economic opportunity;
- (4) encouraging the most appropriate uses of land;
- (5) enhancing the natural, manmade, and historical amenities of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough;
- (6) recognizing and preserving traditional uses of land within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and
- (7) protecting and enhancing the quality, peace, quiet and safety of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, material sites often occur near residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, 20,000 cubic yards equates to roughly 2,000 loaded gravel trucks. This level of industrial traffic would have significant impacts on surrounding residential neighborhoods, and could have an adverse impact to water quality and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, public testimony from individuals and industry support the current requirements of 17.30.

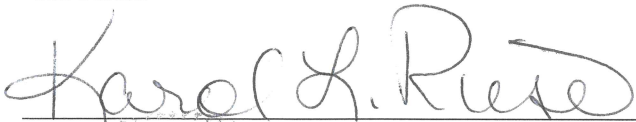
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommends denial of an ordinance amending MSB 17.30 Conditional Use Permit for earth materials extraction activities to allow for an exemption of 20,000 cubic yards annually without a permit.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 28th day of February, 2022.



STAFFORD GLASHAN, Chair

ATTEST



KAROL RIESE, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: (6) Commissioner Allen, Glenn, Rubeo, Glashan, Chesbro, and Scoggin

NO: (0)