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Action: **FAILED**

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 22-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL 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.

WHEREAS, Currently, MSB 17.30 regulates earth materials extraction activities; and

WHEREAS, extraction of 2,000 cubic yards or less annually on any one parcel does not currently require an administrative or conditional use permit; and

WHEREAS, the annual exemption limit of 2,000 yards is too low; and

WHEREAS, the intent of raising the exemption is to allow the citizens and owners of this resource to use and develop the resource without unnecessary regulation and expense; and

WHEREAS, resource development is one of the primary activities in the State of Alaska, and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough should be encouraging development and use of our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, by lowering costs of development, materials prices will be lower which will benefit everyone in our community as we continue to experience the highest population growth rate in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, extraction activities which exceed an annual volume of 20,000 cubic yards should be required to obtain a conditional use permit from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission, regardless of duration; and

WHEREAS, earth materials extraction operations that do not extract 20,000 cubic yards annually should be exempt from MSB permitting requirements.

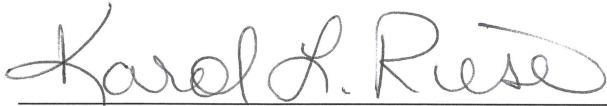
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommends approval of an ordinance amending MSB 17.30 Conditional Use Permit for earth materials extraction activities to allow for an exemption of 20,000 cubic yards annually without a permit.

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



STAFFORD GLASHAN, Chair

ATTEST



KAROL RIESE, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: 

NO: 6 COMMISSIONER CHESBRO, ALLEN, GLENN,
SCOGGIN, RUBEO, & GLASHAN