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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 22-23**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING MSB 17.06
ELECTRICAL GENERATING AND DELIVERY FACILITY IN ITS ENTIRETY.

WHEREAS, one goal of the 2005 Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Comprehensive Development Plan is to create an attractive
environment for business investment; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 Matanuska-Susitna Borough Comprehensive
Development Plan recognizes that the comprehensive plan cannot be
implemented entirely by codes and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, it also recognizes that a community is seldom a
stagnant place; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 Matanuska-Susitna Borough Comprehensive
Development Plan recognizes its implementing ordinances should be
adjusted over time; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Energy Policy was
adopted in 2014 as part of the Borough's Comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, that energy policy supports the Borough's economic
development goals and the diversification of the local economy;
and

WHEREAS, that energy policy encourages economic development through promoting cost effective renewable and alternative energy resources, including solar; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the Borough recognized that the Borough's economic prosperity is dependent on safe, available, reliable and affordable residential, commercial, and industrial energy to supply the Borough's eclectic, heating and transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the Borough recognized that the worldwide supply and demand for energy will affect the price of energy consumed by all Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, the Borough modified its regulations applicable these electrical generation facilities in 2014 through the passage of MSB 17.06; and

WHEREAS, there have not been any applications to build any additional electrical generation facilities since the passage of MSB 17.06 in 2014; and

WHEREAS, there is a concern MSB 17.06 will hamper the future development of alternative energy; and

WHEREAS, energy prices are at a record high and the Borough seeks to support the expansion of utility systems in order to

minimize the burden of increasing energy costs to Borough residents; and

WHEREAS, this repeal is an attempt to assist to control energy costs from further escalation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommends approval of an ordinance repealing MSB 17.06 Electrical Generating And Delivery Facility in its entirety.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 1st day of August, 2022.

Stafford Glashan, Chair

ATTEST

KAROL RIESE, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES:

NO: