

By: A. Strawn
Introduced: February 6, 2023
Public Hearing: March 6, 2023
Action: Adopted

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 23-05**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ONSITE
CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA.

WHEREAS, at the statewide general election in 2014, the voters in the State of Alaska approved an initiative to allow for lawful operation of marijuana establishments; and

WHEREAS, as part of the laws related to marijuana establishments, there are robust local control provisions allowing local governments to prohibit marijuana establishments, or to govern the time, place, manner, and number of marijuana establishments operating within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough currently regulates marijuana retail facilities and cultivation facilities greater than 500 square feet; and

WHEREAS, as of August 7, 2021, State of Alaska regulations allow for retail facilities to obtain an endorsement allowing onsite consumption of marijuana at the establishment; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is roughly 24,500 square miles and public transit is virtually non-existent; and

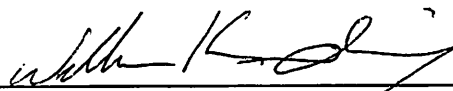
WHEREAS, except for a few limited providers and ride share services, traveling within the Borough outside the city is primarily done by personal automobile; and

WHEREAS, marijuana, like alcohol is a substance which can cause impairment to mental and physical functions of a person; and

WHEREAS, operating a vehicle under the influence of marijuana is dangerous, raises the probability of injury to people and property, and constitutes a public safety hazard.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommends the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly prohibit onsite consumption of marijuana.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 6th day of March, 2023.



WILLIAM KENDIG, CHAIR

ATTEST



CORINNE LENDFORS, Planning Clerk

CORINNE LENDFORS, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: Glenn, Allen, Koan, Rubeo, Kendig, Fernandez, Scoggin

NO: