

By: Commission Allen
Public Hearing: March 6, 2023
Action: No Action Taken

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 23-08**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RESCINDING PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 23-02 AND RECOMMENDING DENIAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.30 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR EARTH MATERIALS EXTRACTION ACTIVITIES TO ALLOW FOR AN EXEMPTION OF 10,000 CUBIC YARDS ANNUALLY WITHOUT A PERMIT.

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;
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WHEREAS, 10,000 cubic yards equates to roughly 1,000 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

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ordinance amending MSB 17.30 Conditional Use Permit for earth materials extraction activities to allow for an exemption of 10,000 cubic yards annually without a permit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby rescinds Planning Commission Resolution 23-02.

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

WILLIAM KENDIG, Chair

ATTEST

KAROL RIESE, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES:

NO: