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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 23-07**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-008 AMENDING MSB 15.24.031, INITIATING AND AMENDING LAKE MANAGEMENT PLANS.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough adopted the first Lake Management Plan (LMP) in 1995; and

WHEREAS, there have been forty-two LMPs adopted since then; and

WHEREAS, LMPs are just one tool the Assembly can use to help Borough residents manage current conflicts that arises from population growth and development, and set standards for future residents; and

WHEREAS, the LMP process is a grassroots planning process, meaning that LMPs must be initiated by a lake community. Once initiated, the residents work together to develop the regulations they think are appropriate for the lake. The Borough's Planning Department staff act as researchers, writers, and neutral meeting facilitators throughout the process; and

WHEREAS, LMPs provide lakeside communities with common goals that focus on increasing safety, protecting personal property, conserving wildlife habitat, and upholding the values and characteristics of each distinct lakeside neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, there have been several attempts to update the LMP process; and

WHEREAS, the Beverly Lake, LMP process highlighted several necessary changes to the LMP code to make it a fairer, more efficient process; and

WHEREAS, the code changes provide a clear path from the petition and initiation steps to implementation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed code changes add a final vote to the process and require a 60% voter approval for a plan to move forward to the Assembly for adoption; and

WHEREAS, the proposed code changes also modify the buffer for voting and notification to only shoreline owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommends approval of Assembly Ordinance No. 23-008.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 3rd day of April, 2023.

WILLIAM KENDIG, Chair

ATTEST

KAROL RIESE, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: (3) Commissioner Rubeo, Allen, and Kendig

NO: (3) Commissioner Scoggin, Koan, and Glenn