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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 23-04**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.05 - ESSENTIAL SERVICE UTILITIES BY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL PROCESS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL.

WHEREAS, MSB 17.05 - Essential Service Utilities regulates installation of new high voltage (>50kV) electrical transmission lines or transmission pipelines; and

WHEREAS, while the code does require a public process, there are no standards for approval other than the public process itself; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance reduces the applicability of MSB 17.05 to not include transmission pipelines, or any utility that is installed below ground; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance also creates a conditional use permit process for installation of high-voltage powerlines within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, installation of new high-voltage powerlines should require standards related to trespass issues, scenic resources, and the MSB comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, utility companies should be required to host a public process prior to submitting a conditional use permit for review by the Planning Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommends approval of Assembly ordinance 23-080.

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

C J KOAN, CHAIR

ATTEST

CORINNE LINDFORS
Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES:

NO: