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Hello Knik-Fairview Community Council,  
I thought this might be of general interest to you.

Best Regards,  
Amber McDonough, P.E.  
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**From:** McDonough, Amber (SI RSS RAM EPS S SM9)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2022 12:00 PM  
**Subject:** MSB Planning Commission to Repeal Code 17.05 Mandating Public Outreach for Major Utility Projects - Monday 6PM  
**Importance:** High

Greetings All,

I recently learned that on **Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> the MSB Planning Commission will introduce Resolution 22-25 to completely repeal Code 17.05 – Essential Service Utilities** which mandates public participation in major utility projects *[see Agenda & Resolution attached]*.

- ***What is MSB 17.05?*** It provides for, “**public participation in the decision affecting the installation of essential service utilities in such a manner that they enhance the health, safety and general welfare of borough residents and properties while minimizing negative impacts.**” It’s to ensure, “**all feasible mitigation measures are taken to protect the scenic qualities of the Matanuska Susitna Borough.**”
- ***Why should you care?*** MSB 17.05 recently mandated MEA conduct public outreach and an appeal hearing for their Fishhook to Pittman Power Project. The project was not required to be reviewed by the MSB Planning Commission or the MSB Assembly. **Without 17.05 there is no other forum for MSB residents to voice their concerns about the impacts of infrastructure projects to influence utilities to adopt mitigation measures.**
- ***What should happen instead?*** The current MSB 17.05 is flawed because it does not empower the MSB Planning Department with standards for approving MEA’s Decisional Document. This meant that the Planning Department’s approval only had to verify that public participation occurred. This allowed MEA to disregard 90%+ of public comments submitted against their preferred powerline

route. **Now is the time to push the Planning Commission to FIX this code to make it work for the public interest as intended, instead of completely repealing it.**

- ***When & How to Participate?*** **Monday, August 1, 2022, at the MSB Planning Commission Meeting @ 6PM.** If they proceed with the repeal there will also be a Public Hearing on Resolution 22-25 on August 15, 2022.
  - In person: MSB Assembly Chambers - 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer
  - Phone: 1-855-290-3803
  - Email: [msb.planning.commission@matsugov.us](mailto:msb.planning.commission@matsugov.us)

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Residents United Against the Northern Route  
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# **nlcc** RESOLUTION 22-006

## REGARDING THE POSITION OF THE NLCC ON THE AK FRONTIER RENTAL CONDITIONAL-USE PERMIT (CUP) FOR EXTRACTION OF 42,000 CUFT OF GRAVEL

### 1. PREAMBLE AND RELEVANT BACKGROUND FACTS

- a. The NLCC has received notice of a public comment period regarding the aforementioned Conditional Use Permit.
- b. The NLCC has discussed this at its regular board meeting, held June 30, 2022. During this meeting, the following observations were made:
  - i. AK Frontier will be sending up to 200 trucks per day down Bogard, a traffic corridor already heavily congested at certain times of day.
  - ii. Noise and dust are perennial concerns with any gravel pit.
  - iii. The extraction permit request is for ten years, a very long period of time to inflict traffic, noise, and dust issues on the local area.

### 2. POSITION STATEMENT

- a. As of the time of writing, the NLCC represents a critical part of the Core Area, consisting of approximately 3,000 households and 10,000 voters, and is the community council representing the area affected by these extraction activities.
- b. At the meeting of the NLCC held on 30 June 2022, Resolution 22-006 was formally adopted by majority vote of the general membership present, that the position of the NLCC on this matter is that we **OBJECT** to the issuance of this permit as requested, unless the following additional restrictions and conditions are imposed upon it:
  - i. The permit shall stipulate that extraction operations shall be terminated after no longer than five years.
  - ii. The permit shall restrict the permissible time of extraction operations daily from 11am to 3pm on weekdays and 9am to 5pm on Saturdays, which should minimize traffic disruptions and other issues.

- c. This position statement shall be forwarded to the Borough Planning Commission at the soonest practical opportunity.

/s/ Theron Bair  
President, NLCC

By:  
Introduced:  
Public Hearing:  
Action:

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 22-19**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDING MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ADOPT THE  
ORDINANCE REPEALING MSB 17.10, OVERLAY DISTRICTS.

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WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Aviation Advisory Board adopted Resolution 21-01 recommending the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly move to repeal MSB 17.10 Overlay Districts; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 MSB Long Range Transportation Plan contains a recommendation that Airport Capacity is an important issue, and one strategy listed in the plan to ensure land use compatibility is to notify property owners of airport locations on MSB or DOT&PF maps, and proximity to an airport on plats; and

WHEREAS, the current overlay district code has only been successfully utilized one time, Wolf Lake Aviation Activity Notice Area; and

WHEREAS, the current aviation activity notice area for privately owned, restricted use airports has no standard buffer for noticing, which requires Planning staff to assess hundreds of airports on a case-by-case basis; and

WHEREAS, Planning and GIS staff have developed the Planning and Land Use Viewer which is capable of showing all Federal Aviation Administration registered airports and owner submitted non-registered airports within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, residents can search the Planning and Land Use Viewer by property address or Tax ID number to find registered airports within a five mile radius of any property within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, this public map fulfills the Long Range Transportation Plan strategy to "notify" property owners of their proximity to an airport; and

WHEREAS, the absence of an Aviation Activity Notice Area would not change land use or adversely affect the general public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommends the Borough Assembly repeal MSB 17.10 Overlay Districts.

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

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Stafford Glashan, Chair

ATTEST

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KAROL RIESE, Planning Clerk

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YES:

NO:

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