

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH**  
**Historical Preservation Commission Agenda**

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*Virtual Only via Microsoft Teams*

**June 8, 2022**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
6:00 p.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

"The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission acknowledge that we are meeting on traditional lands of the Dene people, and we are grateful for their continued stewardship of the land, fish, and wildlife throughout time immemorial."

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person, for items not scheduled for public hearing*)

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. A Resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission Opposing the Proposed Amendment to MSB Ordinance 22-015.

VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE:

A. Next Regular Meeting – August 11, 2022

X. ADJOURNMENT

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 22-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO MSB ORDINANCE 22-015.

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WHEREAS, the Historical Preservation Commission(HPC) has worked diligently with Staff to develop MSB Ordinance 22-015 so that it furthers the desires of the Assembly while also maintaining the responsibilities of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the HPC feels strongly that the word "cultural" is the best term to encompass the broad history of our region and its people including their ideas, customs, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, MSB Ordinance 22-015 defines that, " 'cultural resources" includes, but is not limited to, historic buildings, archaeological sites, important landmarks, historical objects, traditional use areas, cultural landscapes, structures, and historic districts;" and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would replace the word "cultural" with the word "historic," which does not take into account the full story of the region and its way of life; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has been a Certified Local Government (CLG), as part of the National Preservation Act, since 1987; and

WHEREAS, being a CLG has benefits for the Borough,

including access to federal funding and technical assistance,

WHEREAS, maintaining CLG status requires, the local government must have a HPC, the HPC membership must attempt to include cultural resource professionals and Alaskan Natives, and the local government must maintain and work with the HPC on a historic preservation plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would change membership of the HPC to remove cultural professionals and Alaskan Natives and would impact the Borough's eligibility as a CLG.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission opposes the proposed amendment to MSB Ordinance 22-015 and recommends that MSB Ordinance 22-015 be adopted as written.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission this 8th day of June, 2022.

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Jake Anders, Chair

ATTEST:

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Adam Bradway, Planner II