

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 20-085**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY TEMPORARILY  
WAIVING FILING FEES FOR MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING ALCOHOL AND  
MARIJUANA RELATED CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS.

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WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor declared a public  
health disaster emergency under AS 26.23.020 due to the spread of  
COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and the  
Alaska State Department of Health and Social Services have warned  
that COVID-19 is highly contagious and that physical distancing is  
paramount to containing the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the State has instituted public health mandates  
requiring that individuals maintain physical distance from people  
who are not members of a person's household; and

WHEREAS, the mandates allow for the continued operation of  
businesses where people can maintain the required social distance  
when inside; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take every possible step to  
protect the health and safety of patrons and employees by allowing  
opportunities for businesses to continue functioning while  
maintaining social distance; and

WHEREAS, the State has temporarily suspended provisions of Alaska Statute to allow for curbside pickup and delivery of alcohol and marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the State has temporarily allowed alcohol drinking establishments to make alterations or expansions to their licensed premises without specific approval from the Alcohol and Beverage Control Board in order to comply with state health mandates; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission adjudicates permits for marijuana and alcohol related businesses in accordance with MSB 17.60 and MSB 17.70; and

WHEREAS, both MSB 17.60 and MSB 17.70 require that the Planning Commission review modifications or expansions to existing permits; and

WHEREAS, both MSB 17.60 and MSB 17.70 require a \$1000 filing fee for this review; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recognizes the negative economic impact the COVID-19 virus is having on local businesses; and

WHEREAS, waiving the fees for conditional use permit modifications and expansions will allow businesses to modify their existing operations to comply with state mandates, while ensuring the public process is maintained and that the modifications are compatible with adjacent land uses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly hereby waives filing fees for modifications to existing alcohol and marijuana related conditional use permits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this ordinance shall expire June 30, 2021.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 18 day of August, 2020.

  
VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Leonard, Mayfield, Sumner, and Boeve