

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY DIRECTING THE MANAGER TO WAIVE BURMA PERSONAL USE FIREWOOD FEES FOR LIFE CHANGERS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.

AGENDA OF: December 20, 2022

ASSEMBLY ACTION: *Approved under Consent Agenda.
12/20/22 SP*

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER: *MB*

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	<i>EK</i>	
	Community Development Director	<i>Q</i>	
	Finance Director	<i>CS</i>	
	Borough Attorney	<i>NS</i>	
	Borough Clerk	<i>Jim 12/23/22</i>	<i>SP</i>

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES ☒ NO ☐
Assembly Resolution Serial No. 22-121 (2 pgs.)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Firewood harvest from the designated personal use firewood areas requires a \$25 permit and \$25/cord harvested. Life Changers is a local non-profit organization that helps residents with addiction. Their program includes daily physical work that teaches skills for future employment. The output of the work is intended to generate revenue to offset the costs of the program. Life Changers requested free permits and free firewood from the Burma Personal Use Firewood Area so their participants could work cutting, loading, splitting, stacking and selling firewood to raise revenue for the non-profit organization.

DISCUSSION: Life Changers maintains accommodations for up to four male program participants a year. This request is for those four annual participants to be able to receive a personal use firewood permit for free, as well as to be able to harvest up to ten cords

a year for free. The harvested firewood would then be donated to Life Changers as part of a fundraising activity.

A five acre area within the 20 acre Burma Road firewood harvest area has been tentatively set aside for the Life Changers program participants. There are approximately 10 cords of firewood per acre within the area, for a total of 50 cords.

Life Changers program participants are expected to harvest 8 cords per year. At that rate, the five-acre area is expected to last about six years.

The Life Changers program manager has reviewed the Burma firewood harvest area and confirmed it will work.

The Burma firewood harvest area is comprised of over-mature birch and beetle-kill spruce. Removal of the wood from the area will reduce the threat of wildfire and improve overall forest health.

Waiving the firewood fees for Life Changers participants will help to combat addiction and will benefit public health, safety and welfare.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Adoption of Resolution 22-121 directing the Manager to waive Burma personal use firewood area fees for Life Changers program participants.

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FISCAL NOTE

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ORIGINATOR: Community Development

FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT <u>(YES)</u> NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED <u><X></u>	FUNDING SOURCE <u>Firewood Fee Revenue</u>
FROM ACCOUNT # <u>203.000.000 3XX.XXX</u>	PROJECT #
TO ACCOUNT :	PROJECT #
VERIFIED BY: <u>Kim W. Loh</u>	CERTIFIED BY:
DATE: <u>12-5-22</u>	DATE:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING						

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE				<u><X></u>		
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund						
State/Federal Funds						
Other				<u><X></u>		
TOTAL				<u><X></u>		

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary) * Depends on use of personal use areas

PREPARED BY: _____ PHONE: _____

DEPARTMENT: Chayenne Dend DATE: _____

APPROVED BY: _____ DATE: 12/5/22