

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY CHANGING THE EXEMPTION TO WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON BOROUGH ROADS FOR ESSENTIAL PURPOSES ONLY.

AGENDA OF: April 7, 2026

ASSEMBLY ACTION:
 Adopted and Amended with Assemblymember Fonov opposed 04/21/16
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AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Introduce and set for public hearing.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	3 / 2 6 / 2 0 2 6 X A l e x S t r a w n _____ S i g n e d b y : A l e x
Planning Director	3 / 2 6 / 2 0 2 6 X A l e x S t r a w n _____ S i g n e d b y : A l e x
Public Works Director	3 / 2 6 / 2 0 2 6 X T o m A d a m s , P E _____ S i g n e d b y : T o m A d a m s
Finance Director	3 / 2 6 / 2 0 2 6  A c c o u n t a b l e S i g n a t u r e X C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l _____ S i g n e d b y : C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l
Borough Attorney	3 / 2 6 / 2 0 2 6 X N i c h o l a s S p i r o p o u l o s _____ S i g n e d b y : N i c h o l a s S p i r o p o u l o s
Borough Manager	3 / 2 6 / 2 0 2 6 X M i c h a e l B r o w n _____ S i g n e d b y : M i k e B r o w n
Borough Clerk	3 / 2 6 / 2 0 2 6 X B r e n d a J . H e n r y f o r _____ S i g n e d b y : B r e n d a H e n r y

ATTACHMENT (S): Ordinance Serial No. 26-045 (4 pp)
 Local Road Service Area Advisory Board
 Resolution No. 26-01 (2 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: This ordinance is at the request of Assembly members Sumner and Bowles.

This ordinance addresses the concerns mentioned in Local Road Service Area Advisory Board Resolution 26-01. More specifically, it narrows the existing exemption framework by limiting its application to essential purposes only. The new language establishes clear eligibility criteria, requiring a finding that, absent the exemption, an occupied residence, business, or public

facility would become unsafe, unsanitary, or uninhabitable. This change ensures that exemptions are reserved for health and safety needs, rather than convenience or economic considerations. Additional provisions establish reasonable operating constraints, including restricting hours of operation to morning periods when roadway conditions are more stable, and affirming the Borough's authority to deny, suspend, or revoke exemptions if roadway conditions deteriorate.

The ordinance also strengthens accountability by clarifying that any damage to Borough roads caused by subject movements is the responsibility of the operator or owner, including full cost recovery by the Borough if repairs are required. Section 4 further supports implementation by requiring notice to affected Road Service Area leadership and allowing for pre- and post-movement inspections to document roadway conditions.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
LOCAL ROAD SERVICE AREA ADVISORY BOARD RESOLUTION 26-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH LOCAL ROAD SERVICE AREA ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING CHANGES TO ORDINANCE 26-020 ESTABLISHING AN EXEMPTION TO THE WEIGHT RESTRCITIONS ON BOROUGH ROADS.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Local Road Service Area Advisory Board (LRSAAB) advises the Mayor, the Assembly, and the Administration on local road policies; and

WHEREAS, OR 26-020 - as written - does not contain enough safeguards to prevent road damage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Local Road Service Area Advisory Board recommends Borough Code be amended to include:

1. A primary and alternate (if applicable) route to and from destination be forwarded to Road Maintenance Superintendent (RMS).

2. Permits are to be issued on a limited basis, and only if emergency conditions exist. They shall not be issued for convenience or expedience.

3. RMS and Roads Branch Manager to inspect condition of subject road prior to approval and issue of permit, and following completion of the move.

4. RMS to provide both the LRSAAB Chair and the Board Chair of affected RSA via email when permit is approved or denied.

5. Include requirement for permit holders to pay for repairs to damaged roads.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Local Road Service Area Advisory Board this 19th day of March 2026.


Andrew Traxler, Board Chair


Kelly Gordon, Board Secretary