




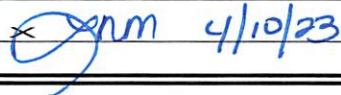
SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING MSB 1.51 TO CLARIFY THAT THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY RETAINS FINAL AUTHORITY TO NAME PUBLIC FACILITIES.

AGENDA OF: April 18, 2023

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

Adopted without objection
5-2-23 

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Introduce and set for public hearing.

Route To Department/Director	Signature	Comments
Borough Attorney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 	
Borough Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 	
Borough Clerk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  4/10/23	

ATTACHMENT (S) : Fiscal Note: YES ☐ NO ☒
Ordinance Serial No. 23-038 (3 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: This ordinance is sponsored by the Manager by request of the Borough Attorney to clarify that the Borough Assembly retains final authority to name public facilities.

Under MSB 1.51 as currently written, the naming of public facilities requires the Mayor to appoint a panel of 5 citizens to consider the name of a facility. Thereafter, a resolution with the recommended name is presented to the Assembly. What is absent from the current Code are two important and related issues.

First, current Code does not explicitly state that the proposed name can be amended or rejected by the Assembly. However, as with all actions before the Assembly, a naming resolution can be rejected (i.e. the vote to adopt fails) or it can be amended. One change here is to make those principles explicit in the Code.

Second, by state law, AS 29.25.020, every Assemblymember and the Mayor each have the power to introduce legislation. Nothing in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Code can take this power away from an Assemblymember or the Mayor. Therefore, another change in this

ordinance is to reflect that concept by allowing the Assembly or Mayor to simply propose a name for a facility.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Adopt amendments to MSB 1.51