

**SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO ANNEX THE CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER AREA INTO THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH.**

**AGENDA OF: December 16, 2025**

**Assembly Action:**

Postponed Indefinitely with  
 Assemblymember Fonov opposed 12/16/25- EMW

**AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED:** Present to the Assembly for consideration.

Route To	Signatures
Originator/Attorney	X N i c h o l a s S p i r o p o u l o s <small>Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos</small> Recoverable Signature
Finance Director	X C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l <small>Signed by: Cheyenne Heindel</small> Recoverable Signature
Borough Manager	X M i c h a e l B r o w n <small>Signed by: Mike Brown</small> Recoverable Signature
Borough Clerk	X L o n n i e M c K e c h n i e <small>Signed by: Lonnie McKechnie</small> Recoverable Signature

**ATTACHMENT (S):** Resolution Serial No. 25-120 (3 pp)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** This resolution is sponsored by Assemblymember Fonov to initiate discussions and considerations regarding the proposal to annex the Chugiak-Eagle River area into the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

There is a proposal forming by a group of concerned and affected residents of the Chugiak-Eagle River area ("the Sponsors") to annex that area into the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. There has been a long history of cooperative and collaborative relations between the residents of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough ("Mat-Su") and the residents of Chugiak-Eagle River area ("CER") spanning decades.

CER has always sought a degree of autonomy and independence as their own local community. The Sponsors of the proposal report that the Anchorage Municipality has been reversing its position on the autonomy of CER resulting in the reversal of latitude of functioning, imposing ordinances not applicable to CER, disregarding CER Community Councils, disregarding the CER Comprehensive Plan which has resulted in the Sponsors, and other

people of CER wishing to disconnect with Anchorage and be part of another established borough. Since Mat-Su is invested in economic growth and development opportunities for the benefit of the borough and the State of Alaska and the Sponsors report that CER has a long history of self-sufficiency and fiscal management, as seen by its development and service areas, it makes sense to initiate discussions and considerations of the proposal.

**RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:** Consider resolution.