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Action:

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 25-082**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY TO SUBMIT AN ADVISORY QUESTION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE BOROUGH AT THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025, REGULAR BOROUGH ELECTION TO ENACT A 7-CENT-PER-GALLON MOTOR FUEL TAX FOR 1.5 YEARS.

WHEREAS, at the August 5, 2025, regular Assembly meeting it was the intent of the Assembly to send forward an advisory vote to the qualified voters at the November 4, 2025, regular election ballot; and

WHEREAS, the overall ordinance was postponed until December 2, 2025, and was not adopted; and

WHEREAS, for the advisory vote to appear on the ballot, the question and legislation needs to be approved by the Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly directs the Clerk to submit the following advisory question to the qualified voters at the November 4, 2025, regular Borough election:

Proposition No. ____

Advisory Vote on Motor Fuel Excise Tax

Currently in Mat-Su, almost all of the money to pay for local road improvements comes from property taxes paid by property owners. To broaden this tax base, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough could adopt a 7-cent-per-gallon motor fuel tax for a 1.5-year trial

period as shown in Ordinance Serial No. 25-076. The tax would generate an estimated \$5 million annually which, with direction from the Assembly, could be spent to offset property taxes and fund road construction and maintenance.

Should the Matanuska-Susitna Borough enact a 7-cent-per-gallon motor fuel tax for a period of 1.5 years, automatically ending after that period and direct the Borough Manager to prepare future budgets allocating 50 percent of the revenue raised from the tax to be spent to reduce property taxes and 50 percent to be spent on voter-approved road projects?

NOTE: This vote is advisory only, and any legislation would still need to be adopted by the Assembly.

Yes___ No___

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk will also provide this resolution and Ordinance Serial No. 25-076 to the voters at all polling locations.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this - day of -, 2025.

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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