

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 24-017**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ESTABLISHING A STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY REQUESTING THAT THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE AMEND STATE LAW REGARDING APPORTIONMENT OF THE BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION FOR SITUATIONS WHERE A BOROUGH HAS DELEGATED PLANNING POWER TO CITIES.

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WHEREAS, a full discussion of the intent and rationale of this resolution are found in Information Memorandum No. 24-024; and

WHEREAS, AS 29.40.020(a) requires a borough planning commission "shall be apportioned so that the number of members from home rule and first-class cities reflects the proportion of the borough population residing in home rule and first class cities located in the borough."; and

WHEREAS, if a borough is providing planning and land use regulations within a city, the proportionality mandate serves to protect a city's interests by ensuring a member on the Borough's Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, AS 29.40.010(b) allows a borough to delegate planning and land use regulation powers to a city; and

WHEREAS, in situations where a city had full local control and administers its own planning and land use regulations, it is poor public policy and an unreasonable restraint to force a borough to place a city resident on a borough planning commission; and

WHEREAS, in situations where a city had full local control and administers its own planning and land use regulations, forcing a borough to place a city resident on a borough planning commission elevates the status of city residents above those living outside the cities and makes those outside the cities less able to participate in their government; and

WHEREAS, in situations where a city had full local control and administers its own planning and land use regulations, it should be left to a borough to decide whether to appoint residents from a city and it should not be a mandate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly requests the Alaska Legislature to amend state law regarding apportionment of borough planning commission's for situations where a borough has delegated planning power to cities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, suggested language is adding a sentence at the end of AS 29.40.020 to read:

Apportionment is not required for any city that has been delegated the power to provide for planning and land use regulation under AS 29.40.010(b).

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 2 day  
of January, 2024.

  
EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)



PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Yundt, Gamble, Fonov, and  
Bernier