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Action:

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 25-081**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY DIRECTING THE CLERK TO PLACE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE FUEL EXCISE TAX IN THE ELECTION BROCHURE FOR THE VOTERS.

WHEREAS, per MSB 25.05.120 the Borough provides an election brochure to every registered voter household prior to the regular election; and

WHEREAS, per MSB 25.05.090 prohibits the use of public moneys to promote passage of ballot propositions; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has provided informational material many times on ballot propositions that are neutral. This way the public has more information on the pros and the cons of a ballot proposition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly directs the Clerk to place the following neutral statement in the election brochure following the ballot language that is required by code:

This advisory vote asks if the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly should adopt a 7¢-per-gallon fuel tax for a 1.5-year trial period as proposed in Ordinance No. 25-076 with the intent to help fund road maintenance and construction and offer property tax relief

- The fuel tax would be charged to wholesale distributors of gasoline and diesel.
- Heating, aviation and marine fuel would be exempt
- The tax would automatically expire after 1.5 years unless renewed by the Assembly

- State law does not allow legally dedicating the revenue, but the Assembly can direct its use and that a separate report be made to track revenues and expenses for transparency.
- This vote is advisory only – results guide the Assembly's decision.

Yes = Advise moving forward with the tax

No = Advise against the tax

**Potential Reasons to
Vote "Yes"**

Could provide a new source of revenue for road projects, reducing reliance on property taxes, and the need to take on debt

Some of the cost could be paid by tourists and other non-residents who purchase fuel locally.

The Assembly can direct a separate report be made to track revenues and spending for transparency.

Shares road funding responsibility more broadly.

**Potential Reasons to
Vote "No"**

Adds to the cost of fuel for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Distributors may pass the cost on to consumers, increasing prices at the pump.

State law does not allow legally dedicating the revenue to road work, so future Assemblies could spend it differently.

May have a greater impact on people who drive more or have longer commutes.

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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