

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING MSB 4.75 TO CHANGE THE MAKEUP OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION BY DESIGNATING THE ASSEMBLYMEMBER POSITIONS AS NON-VOTING AND ADDING NEW VOTING MEMBER.

AGENDA OF: November 7, 2017

ASSEMBLY ACTION:
 ORD 17-144 - Public Hearing held,
 Defeated w/ Sykes in support
 @ 11/21/17 RM 

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.

APPROVED BY JOHN MOOSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER: _____

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	NS	For Assemblymember Sykes
	Planning and Land Use Director	EP	
	Finance Director		
	Borough Attorney	NS	
	Borough Clerk	JMM	10/30/17 

ATTACHMENT (S): Fiscal Note: YES ___ NO X
 Ordinance Serial No. 17-144 (2 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: This ordinance is being brought forward at the request of Assemblymember Sykes to change the makeup of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Fish and Wildlife commission.

MSB 4.75.005 currently specifies a nine member board with only 8 of those members counting toward a quorum and being entitled to vote. Thus, a quorum is currently 5 members.

This ordinance would change the makeup of the board to provide that the assemblymembers assigned to the board also do not count towards a quorum and do not vote. Aside from the School Site Selection Committee, this is the only board with current voting assemblymembers.

In addition, since the ability to vote is being removed from members, this ordinance would add a new at large member to make sure the number of voting members is an odd number to avoid tie votes.

Upon adoption, this ordinance will provide that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission is composed of 7 voting members who are also counted towards the quorum and 3 non-voting members who are not counted towards the quorum. This will also mean that a quorum is met with the presence of 4 voting members.

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission considered these changes at their October 20, 2017 meeting and unanimously supported the changes (with Assemblymember Sykes abstaining because he is the sponsor of this ordinance). Minutes of that meeting will be forthcoming.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Adoption of legislation.