

CODE ORDINANCE

Sponsored by: Assemblymembers Yundt  
and McKee

Introduced: 12/19/23

Public Hearing: 01/16/24

Adopted: 01/16/24

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 24-009**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY CHANGING THE MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY TERM OF OFFICE FROM THREE YEARS TO FOUR YEARS FOR FUTURE TERMS WITHOUT ALTERING THE LENGTH OF CURRENT TERMS.

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WHEREAS, the intent and rationale of this ordinance is found in the accompanying Information Memorandum No. 24-012.

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Classification. Sections 2 and 3 of this ordinance are of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Borough Code. All other sections are non-code.

Section 2. Amendment of section. MSB 2.08.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.08.020 TERM OF OFFICE.

(A) The mayor's term shall be [THREE] **four** years. The qualified candidate succeeds to the candidate's elected office the first Monday following the certification of the election and acceptance of the oath of office.

(B) No person shall hold the office of mayor for more than two terms, for life. For purposes of this

section, service for more than one half of a term is considered a full term. This limitation applies to all former and current mayors except that it shall not prevent the current mayor as of the date of voter ratification of this ordinance from holding the remainder of their term and to serve one additional full term.

Section 3. Amendment of section. MSB 2.12.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

MSB 2.12.020 TERM OF OFFICE.

(A) The assembly members' term shall be [THREE] four years. The qualified candidate succeeds to the candidate's elected office the first Monday following the certification of the election and acceptance of the oath of office.

(B) Beginning in 2024, Assemblymembers will transition to a four year term as follows:

(1) The regular four year term for Assembly Districts 3, 6, 7 will commence in 2024.

(2) The regular four year term for Assembly Districts 4 and 5 will commence in 2026.

(3) The regular four year term for Assembly Districts 1 and 2 will commence in 2026. A transitory term for Assembly Districts 1 and 2 will commence in

**2025 for a transitory term of 1 year.**

[(B)] **(C)** No person shall hold the office of borough assembly for more than two terms, for life. For purposes of this section, service for more than one half of a term is considered a full term. This limitation applies to all former and current assembly members except that it shall not prevent the current borough assembly members **as of the date of voter ratification of this ordinance** from holding the remainder of their term and to serve one additional full term.

Section 4. **Transitory term.** The transitory term for Assembly Districts 1 and 2 is not counted as a term towards the lifetime term limit of MSB 2.12.020.

Section 5. **Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 16 day  
of January, 2024.

  
EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: McKee, Yundt, Gamble, Fonov and Bernier

NO: Hale and Nowers