

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ESTABLISHING THE BOARD FOR ADVISORY REVIEW OF KENNEL STANDARDS ("BARKS") AS AN ADVISORY BOARD TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING KENNEL LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT.

AGENDA OF: May 5, 2026

ASSEMBLY ACTION: Amended and Adopted without objection 05/19/26 - BJH

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Introduce and set for public hearing.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	4/24/2026 X N S for Assym Sumner, Fonov... Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos
Borough Attorney	4/24/2026 X Nicholas Spiropoulos Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos
Borough Manager	4/24/2026 X Michael Brown Signed by: Mike Brown
Borough Clerk	4/27/2026 X Estelle Wiese Signed by: Estelle Wiese

ATTACHMENT (S): Ordinance Serial No. 26-056 (4 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: This ordinance is sponsored by Assemblymembers Sumner, Fonov, and Bernier to establish the Board for Advisory Review of Kennel Standards ("BARKS") as an advisory board to review and make recommendations regarding kennel licensing and enforcement.

The board will perform a review of borough code related to kennel licensing and enforcement and may also perform a review of administrative policies and procedures of the Animal Care Division related to the execution and enforcement of borough code related to kennel licensing and enforcement. These narrow directives ensure that the board remains focused on the task at hand.

The board chair will deliver a report to the Assembly no later than December 15, 2026, but may deliver the report as soon as the board has completed their tasks. The board will expire on December 15, 2026 as well. However, the ordinance provides that the Assembly may extend the dates by motion, resolution, or ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.