

Adopted: 11/19/19

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 19-091**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE UPDATE OF THE LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN PROCESS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLANS.

WHEREAS, the Borough lake management plan process began in 1995 with the adoption of the first plan into Title 15, Planning; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 the Assembly adopted an ordinance creating MSB 15.24.031, Initiating and Amending Lake Management Plans, to provide consistency to the community driven lake management process; and

WHEREAS, also in 1999 the Assembly adopted another ordinance creating MSB 17.59, Lake Management Plan Implementation, to provide enforcement authority to the Borough of enforceable regulations from those plans; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 41 lake management plans that have been adopted; and

WHEREAS, initiating and amending lake management plans can be a lengthy and time consuming task for staff and residents which occasionally results in extensive controversy and divisiveness; and

WHEREAS, during the annual budgetary processes staff is encouraged to propose changes to code and to review and evaluate tasks and projects which are conducted within the departments that

could be streamlined or eliminated and thus improve efficiencies;
and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department prepared a draft ordinance to eliminate the process for amending and initiating new lake management plans and noticed community councils of the draft ordinance; and

WHEREAS, initial comments from community councils and property owners around lakes with existing lake management plans indicated that the plans and enforceable regulations were a popular option and that they did not favor their removal in the absence of a replacement option; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 3, 2019, and failed to adopt a resolution supporting the code change; and

WHEREAS, staff is proposing a compromise to the situation, in which new individual lake management plans would no longer be started nor existing plans amended, but that one Borough-wide lake management plan would be crafted and still allow for the implementation of enforceable regulations that lake property owners seem to desire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly supports the update of the lake management plan process and implementation of enforceable regulations from those plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the assembly supports the creation of one new borough-wide lake management plan that would facilitate the ability for property owners around lakes to have an avenue to request enforceable regulations, without the creation of or amendment to an individual lake management plan.

DEFEATED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 19 day of November, 2019.

YES: Boeve and Beck

NO: Sykes, McKee, Leonard, Mayfield, and Sumner