

CODE ORDINANCE

By: Borough Manager
Introduced: 09/05/17
Public Hearing: 09/19/17
Adopted: 09/19/17

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 17-111**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ADOPTING THE RIDGE TRAIL, TRAIL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND APPROVING THE LAND CLASSIFICATION OF TWO BOROUGH PARCELS, MSB TAX ID 26N04W16C001 AND 26N04W17D001, BEING THE SOUTH ONE-HALF, SECTION 16, AND THE SOUTH ONE-HALF, SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, AS PUBLIC RECREATION LANDS CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 544 ACRES, TO BE KNOWN AS THE RIDGE TRAIL SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, Talkeetna Community Council Inc. received a grant from the Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation and a grant from the Borough for contract assistance with drafting a development plan for the Ridge Trail; and

WHEREAS, Land and Resources Management staff were involved in the process to draft the development plan for the Ridge Trail; and

WHEREAS, a robust public involvement process was used to draft, review, and approve the plan; and

WHEREAS, over 50 sets of public comments were received and addressed regarding the development plan for the Ridge Trail and the proposed land classification; and

WHEREAS, the Talkeetna Parks Advisory Committee recommended the Talkeetna Community Council approve the final development plan for the Ridge Trail; and

WHEREAS, Talkeetna Community Council recommended the Borough Assembly adopt the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ridge Trail Development Plan includes a recommendation to classify the Boroughowned land over which the Ridge Trail exists as public recreation lands; and

WHEREAS, the plan excludes the existing material site off South Beaver Road from the proposed classification; and

WHEREAS, classification of the subject parcels as public recreation lands is consistent with the Borough code and land use plans; and

WHEREAS, the subject parcels were part of the municipal entitlement selection and were conveyed to the Borough from the state of Alaska by Patents No. 5109 and 5839; and

WHEREAS, the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board adopted Resolution No. 17-04 on June 29, 2017, in support of the plan adoption and land classification; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 17-34 on August 7, 2017, in support of the plan adoption and land classification; and

WHEREAS, per MSB 23.02.100(A)(12), public recreation lands are those lands which, because of location, physical features, or adjacent development, are presently or potentially valuable to the public as natural or developed recreational or historic areas.

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Classification. Section 2 of this ordinance is of a permanent nature and shall become a part of Borough Code

and Section 3 of this ordinance is non-code.

Section 2. Amendment of paragraph. MSB 15.24.030(B)(18) is hereby amended as follows:

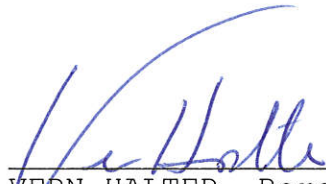
(d) Ridge Trail Development Plan.

Section 3. Land Classification. The Assembly does hereby approve the land classification and park designation as follows:

S1/2, Section 16, including Tract A, containing 154.82 acres, Tract B, containing 0.57 acres, Tract C, containing 20.03 acres, and Tract D containing 123.97 acres, and south 1/2, section 17, excluding U.S. Survey 4713 and the northwest 1/4 northwest 1/4 southeast 1/4, the northeast 1/4 northwest 1/4 southeast 1/4, the west 1/4 northwest 1/4 northeast 1/4 southeast 1/4, southwest 1/4 northwest 1/4 southeast 1/4, north 1/2, southeast 1/4 northwest 1/4 southeast 1/4, southwest 1/4, northeast 1/4 southeast 1/4, northwest 1/4 southwest 1/4 southwest 1/4, north 1/2 southwest 1/4 southeast 1/4 southeast 1/4, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, Tax Parcels 26N04W16C001 and 26N04W17D001, including a total of 544 acres more or less, as public recreation lands and designated as the Ridge Trail System.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 19 day
of September, 2017.


VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, Beck, McKee, Colligan, Mayfield, Doty,
and Kowalke