

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REPEALING MSB 28.60.070-100 TIMBER TRANSPORT PERMIT AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS.

AGENDA OF: August 7, 2018

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

pulled from introduction  
+ no action taken

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.

APPROVED BY JOHN MOOSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER:

| Route To: | Department/Individual | Initials | Remarks                    |
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|           | Originator            | NS       | for Assemblymember Kowalke |
|           | Finance Director      | CS       |                            |
|           | Borough Attorney      | AS       |                            |
|           | Borough Clerk         |          |                            |

ATTACHMENT (S) : Fiscal Note: YES \_\_\_\_ NO X  
Ordinance Serial No. 18-\_\_ (9 pp)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** This ordinance is sponsored by Assemblymember Kowalke in order to revise code and streamline the permitting process to encourage economic development in the timber industry.

MSB 28.60.070-100 generally addresses a Timber Transport Permit (TPP) requirement as a part of a timber harvest operation exceeding 2 truckloads per day or ten truckloads per week.

It has been brought to the Assembly's attention that there are no permitting rules and requirements for other industries such as mining, gravel or soil operations, delivery of construction materials, fuel hauling, and no regulations for the transportation of hazardous materials such as explosives or industrial chemicals.

It has also been brought to the Assembly's attention that the requirements currently in code have resulted in a stifling effect on the timber industry. The Borough's own code has resulted in a

regulatory environment which has undermined the Borough's goals of promoting economic development and healthy management of the forests.

Finally, when the Borough is selling its timber, any concerns over safety, use of MSB roads or other issues can be addressed in the lease or sale agreement. Via this Informational Memorandum, all potential operators are put on notice that in lieu of the more expensive and cumbersome TPP, the Borough still has the right to gather input and place hauling standards in a future timber contract.

**RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:** Adoption of legislation.