CODE ORDINANCE

Sponsored by: Assemblymembers Hale,

Sumner, and Nowers

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## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 21-117

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING MSB 3.15.240 TO LOWER THE PENALTY FOR THE FIRST 30 DAYS OF DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TAXES FROM FIVE PERCENT TO ONE PERCENT.

WHEREAS, the intent and rationale for this ordinance are found in the accompanying Informational Memorandum No. 21-247.

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. <u>Classification</u>. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Borough Code.

Section 2. <u>Amendment of section</u>. MSB 3.15.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

A penalty of <u>one</u> percent of the tax due shall be added to all delinquent taxes on the day they become delinquent. The penalty shall be increased by five percent on the 31st calendar day of the delinquency, and every 30 calendar days thereafter. However, the total penalty shall not exceed <u>fifteen</u> percent of the tax due. Interest of two percent above the prime rate as of the date of levy shall accrue upon all unpaid taxes, not including penalty, from the due date until paid in full. In addition to interest and penalty, the borough may collect all costs associated with managing and maintaining the property or any costs authorized by law.

A penalty of <u>fifteen</u> percent on tax due shall accrue upon the late return of personal property assessments. The penalty and interest on all unpaid installments accrue from the date the installment becomes due.

Section 3. <u>Effective date</u>. This ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2022.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 21 day of December, 2021.

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHVIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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