Sponsored By: Borough Manager

Introduced: 06/05/18 Public Hearing: 06/19/18

Adopted: 06/19/18

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 18-050

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ADOPTING THE SETTLERS BAY COASTAL PARK RECREATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough received property known as the Settlers Bay Coastal Park abutting Knik Arm in the Settlers Bay and Secluded Point subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Borough entered into an agreement with Great Land Trust, Inc. to place a conservation easement over the subject property in perpetuity for purpose of protecting the significant natural, scenic, and open space features and values; and

WHEREAS, the property is of great value to the residents of the Borough and the state of Alaska in general, and is worthy of preservation due to its significant aquatic and wildlife resources, and diverse terrain of upland forest, estuarine, riparian, riverine, and wetland habitat that directly contributes to the health of the ecosystem in the region; and

WHEREAS, development of the property is fully outlined in the conservation easement agreement as delineated in a document, with Serial No. 2018-006111, recorded in the Palmer Recording District March 30, 2018, to include educational opportunities, open space

for recreation, and controlled trails and rights-of-way within designated use areas; and

WHEREAS, an intensive, focused public involvement campaign was conducted that involved the Settlers Bay Homeowners Association, the Knik-Fairview Community Council and all parties that expressed an interest during the year-long Great Land Trust Acquisition process; and

WHEREAS, the recreation development plan was drafted based on the public input shared since the inception of the coastal park as well as the requirements of the conservation easement; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 18-21 on June 4, 2018, recommending Assembly adoption of the Settlers Bay Coastal Park Recreation Development Plan.

BE IT ENACTED:

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

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

(e) Settlers Bay Coastal Park Recreation Development Plan

Section 3. <u>Effective Date</u>. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 19 day

of June, 2018.

Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

ZE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

Sykes, Beck, McKee, Mayfield, Doty, and

Kowalke