
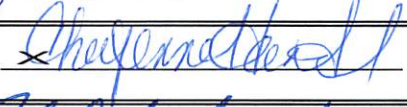
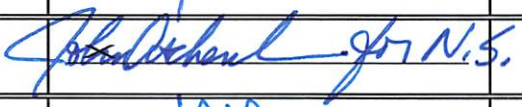
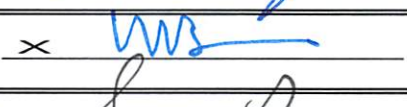
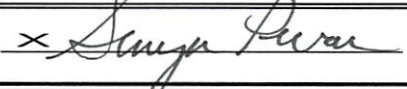



SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING MSB 3.28 TO INCREASE THE PROPERTY OWNER BALLOT THRESHOLD FOR CONTIGUOUS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS FROM 50 PERCENT TO 67 PERCENT.

AGENDA OF: June 6, 2023

ASSEMBLY ACTION: Defeated 6/20/23
Reconsidered by Tew 6/20/23
Adopted with Assemblymembers
McKee & Nowers opposed

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Introduce and set for public hearing.

Route To Department/Director	Signature	Comments
Originator		JA for Assemblymember Nowers
Finance Director		
Borough Attorney		
Borough Manager		
Borough Clerk		

ATTACHMENT (S): Fiscal Note: YES ☐ NO ☒
Ordinance Serial No. 23-057 (4 pp.)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: This legislation is sponsored by Assemblymember Nowers to change the property owner ballot threshold percentage required for the creation of contiguous local improvement districts ("LIDs") which most often involve either paving roads, or installing natural gas to serve properties.

Currently, LIDs can be created where ballot voting by property owners garners more than 50 percent of the property owners to be assessed, or by the Assembly. This legislation would change the ballot vote threshold by property owners from 50 percent to 67 percent.

LIDs serve a valid public purpose by allowing residents in neighborhoods to band together to extend a desired service such as natural gas to their properties and pay back that cost through an

additional assessment on their property tax bill. However, the LID process also empowers the borough government to force residents in those neighborhoods who do not want or need this service to nonetheless pay an additional assessment up to thousands of dollars on their property. This is a negative consequence and borough government is best served to minimize the number of people collaterally affected in the interest of allowing other residents access to a service.

By increasing the threshold for the final ballot from a simple majority to two thirds, it will mean that the proposed LID has more substantial support from the people who must actually pay the assessment. This will help to minimize neighbor conflicts and therefore be less likely a proposed LID will be highly controversial.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.