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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 24-068**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF THE WILLOW AND CASWELL FIRE SERVICE AREAS INTO A SINGLE, CONSOLIDATED WILLOW-CASWELL FIRE SERVICE AREA SERVES THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND DOES NOT REQUIRE CIRCULATION OF A PETITION AMONG THE RESIDENTS IN THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION AREA.

WHEREAS, the Borough Administration has been approached by the Board of Supervisors of the Willow and Caswell fire service areas regarding the creation of a consolidated fire service area; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly, through adoption of this resolution finds that the public interest will be served through consolidation of the Willow and Caswell fire service areas into a new Willow-Caswell Fire Service Area No. 140, as each existing fire service area board voted unanimously to combine the service areas in order to enhance fire protection services, achieve efficiencies, and obtain additional insurance benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has considered the benefits of consolidation and finds that the proposal does not require circulation of a petition among the residents in the proposed area; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Manager analyzed and provided recommendations for the consolidation of the two fire service areas; and

WHEREAS, upon consolidation, the services to be provided in the service area will continue to be all things necessary and proper to provide fire protection; and

WHEREAS, a description of the geographic boundaries of the proposed consolidated fire service area are described in the attached ordinance, information memorandum, and maps of the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly approves the proposal for consolidation of the properties in the Willow and Caswell fire service areas without the circulation of a petition among the residents in the proposed consolidation area.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 6 day of August, 2024.


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Yundt, Fonov, and Bernier