

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REPEALING MSB 4.10, AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD, AND CHANGING THE COMPOSITION OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD TO INCLUDE A SEAT FOR AVIATION INTERESTS.

AGENDA OF: March 7, 2023

ASSEMBLY ACTION: Adopted with Hale opposed. 3/21/23
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MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER: 

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Planning Director		A. Strawn
	Borough Attorney	NS	
	Borough Clerk	 2/27/23 	

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES ☐ NO ☒
TAB Resolution No. 23-02 (2 pp)
MSB 4.10 Aviation Advisory Board (2 pp)
Ordinance Serial No. 23-007 (2 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Aviation Advisory Board (AAB) was developed to give a voice to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's aviation community. The MSB has over 250 public and private runways, including eight ADOT&PF owned and operated airports. However, the MSB does not own or operate any airports.

The repeal of the Aviation Advisory Board is in no way a reflection of the work they have done in the past. Members of the AAB have provided valuable expertise to MSB projects and programs that needed to be viewed from an aviation lens. In 2016, the AAB advised in developing the Regional Aviation System Plan Land Use Guide. They also worked to develop the Aviation Overlay code for aviation activity noticing areas (MSB 17.10), which was repealed in 2022.

Aviation plays a pivotal role in many borough residents' lives and livelihoods; it is in the best interest of the Borough to make sure the perspective is still represented at the advisory level. This ordinance will ensure aviation expertise is maintained by changing one of the two "member at large" seats on the Transportation Advisory Board to an aviation seat.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

Staff respectfully recommends the Assembly adopt Ordinance Serial No. 23-007 repealing the Aviation Advisory Board from Borough Code, and adding a seat to the Transportation Advisory Board for aviation interests.

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. TAB 23-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD IN SUPPORT OF THE REPEAL OF MSB 4.10 AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD AND THE AMENDMENT OF MSB 4.43.030 COMPOSITION TO INCLUDE A SEAT ON THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR AVIATION INTERESTS.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board advises the Assembly on transportation-related issues; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Aviation Advisory Board advises the Assembly on aviation and airport-related issues; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has substantially more pilots per capita than other US states, and the aviation community is a vital part of the Borough who's interests should be represented; and

WHEREAS, the Borough does not own any airports and has very limited regulatory authority related to aviation; and

WHEREAS, the Aviation Advisory Board has proposed disbanding due to a limited number of advisory items but would like to maintain some representation at the Borough level; and

WHEREAS, as referenced in the Borough's Long Range Transportation Plan, aviation is one piece of the larger transportation network; and

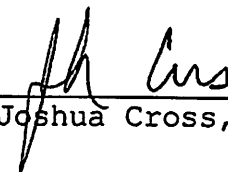
WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Board currently has an

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at-large seat which could be amended to represent the aviation interests of the Borough.

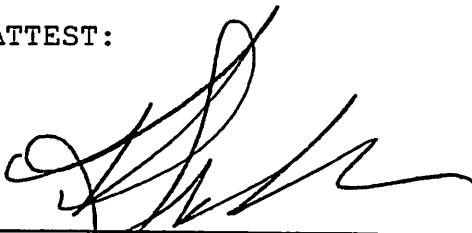
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Transportation Advisory Board supports the repeal of MSB 4.10 Aviation Advisory Board and the amendment of MSB 4.43.030 composition to include a seat for aviation interests.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board this 17 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.



Joshua Cross, Chair

ATTEST:



Kim Sollien, Planning Services Manager
Staff Support

CHAPTER 4.10: AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD

Section

4.10.010 Establishment and purpose**4.10.020 Duties****4.10.030 Composition****4.10.040 Meetings; officers****4.10.010 ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.**

(A) The aviation advisory board is established for the purpose of providing advice to the assembly and the administration on issues relating to airports and aviation within the borough.

(B) All matters pertaining to the board, unless otherwise specified in this section, shall be governed by MSB 4.05.

(Ord. 17-076, § 2, 2017; Ord. 09-086, § 3 (part), 2009)

4.10.020 DUTIES.

(A) The board shall make recommendations to the administration and the assembly on issues relating to the following:

- (1) the borough's annual capital improvement program;
- (2) ordinances relating to airports and aviation land use compatibility and preservation of aviation lifestyle;
- (3) the advancement of air navigation methodologies and technology in the borough;
- (4) *[Repealed by Ord. 17-076, § 3, 2017]*
- (5) *[Repealed by Ord. 17-076, § 3, 2017]*
- (6) development of a safe and efficient system of public and private airports and seaplane/floatplane bases in the borough;
- (7) airport and aviation studies conducted by the borough; and
- (8) other borough aviation issues, as requested by the administration or assembly.

(Ord. 17-076, § 3, 2017; Ord. 09-086, § 3 (part), 2009)

4.10.030 COMPOSITION.

(A) The board shall consist of five voting members.

(B) All members of the board shall be residents of the borough.

(C) As feasible, the board shall be composed of:

- (1) one member of the land development community;
- (2) three members from among the following airport/aviation interests:
 - (a) licensed private pilots;
 - (b) licensed commercial pilots;
 - (c) float-rated licensed pilots;
 - (d) private airport owners; and
 - (e) residential airpark property owners;
- (3) one resident that lives within one mile of an airport or airpark.

(D) *[Repealed by Ord. 17-076, § 4, 2017]*

(E) *[Repealed by Ord. 17-076, § 4, 2017]*

(F) The board may, from time to time, invite representatives of the Federal Aviation Administration, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, the U.S. military, and other aviation-related agencies to serve as nonvoting members.

(Ord. 17-076, § 4, 2017; Ord. 12-006, § 2, 2012; Ord. 09-086, § 3 (part), 2009)

4.10.040 MEETINGS; OFFICERS.

(A) The board shall meet at least twice per year or as requested by the chair, administration, or assembly.

(B) Officers of the board shall be as directed in MSB 4.05.110.

(Ord. 17-076, § 5, 2017; Ord. 09-086, § 3 (part), 2009)