SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ADOPTING MSB 17.77 LARGE LOT DISTRICT.

AGENDA	OF:	August	5,	2025
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ASSEMBLY	ACTION:					

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Refer to Planning Commission for 90 days.

Route To	Signatures	
Originator	X Alex Strawn	7 / 2 3 / 2 0 2 5
Planning Department Director	Signed by: Alex Strawn	7 / 2 3 / 2 0 2 5
Finance Director	X ecoverable Signature X Liesel Zanto for CH Signed by: Liesel Weiland	
Borough Attorney	X John Aschenbrenner	7 / 2 3 / 2 0 2 5
Borough Manager	X Michael Brown	7 / 2 3 / 2 0 2 5
Borough Clerk	X Lonnie McKechnie	7 / 2 3 / 2 0 2 5

ATTACHMENT(S): Ordinance Serial No. 25-090 (5 pp)
Planning Commission Resolution No. 25-22(2 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: This ordinance is at the request of Assemblymember Hale.

The Large Lot District (Chapter 17.77) serves to establish specific areas within the borough to maintain the character, integrity, and value of large lot neighborhoods. This ordinance aims to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to avoid overcrowding and excessive traffic in areas designated as large lot communities. The regulations and procedures outlined in this chapter provide a framework for the designation of large lot districts in accordance with the borough's comprehensive plan.

This ordinance allows property owners to request designation of

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their area as a large lot district with a minimum five-acre lot size. Lots that existed prior to establishment of the district, and do not meet the minimum requirement will retain legal nonconforming status, but cannot be further subdivided.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Staff respectfully recommends referral of the ordinance to the Planning Commission for 90 days.

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By:

Commission

Introduced:

09/15/2025 10/02/2025

Public Hearing: Action:

Approved

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 25-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING FAILURE OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB TITLE 17 - ZONING TO CREATE MSB 17.77 LARGE LOT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Assembly Ordinance 25-090 adopts a new chapter MSB 17.77 Large Lot District; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance limits land use for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance allows a group of land owners to dictate what their neighbor can do on their property in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, should this ordinance be adopted, the threshold of 67% is too low.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommends failure of Assembly Ordinance 25-090.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 6th day of October, 2025.

RICHARD ALLEN, CHAIR

ATTEST

LACIE OLIVIERI, PLANNING CLERK

(SEAL)

YES: Glenn, McCabe, Collins, Zagorodniy, Allen

NO: None

