


**SUBJECT:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING MSB 10.12, Abatement of Abandoned Vehicles.


**AGENDA OF:** August 7, 2018

**ASSEMBLY ACTION:**

Adopted without objection 8-2-18  


**MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:** Introduce and set for public hearing.

**APPROVED BY JOHN MOOSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER:** 

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	EK	
	Community Development Director	EX	
	Finance Director	CX	
	Borough Attorney	N.S. Burns	
	Borough Clerk		

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Fiscal Note: YES \_\_\_\_ NO X  
Ordinance Serial No. 18-070 (6 pp)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** This ordinance is in conformance with Alaska Statute 28.11.070, Disposal of Abandoned Vehicles, and authorizes the Borough to dispose of vehicles abandoned on Borough-owned property.

Current borough code, MSB 10.12.070(A) requires the borough to dispose of vehicles abandoned on borough-owned property through a public auction. A majority of vehicles abandoned on borough-owned property have no residual value and are only suitable for scrap metal. The global price of scrap metal is so low the value of a junk car is less than the cost of transportation. There is a low probability the borough would be able to recoup any expense associated with disposal of vehicles abandoned on borough land through a public auction.

The proposed code amendments would allow the borough to forego public auction and simply call an auto wrecker to take the

abandoned vehicle away for disposal. The ordinance requires the borough to notify the owner of record prior to disposal of the abandoned vehicle.

The proposed ordinance will reduce the cost of disposing of junk vehicles abandoned on borough-owned land.

**RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:** Adoption of legislation.