

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 24-075**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REMOVING MR. GARLAND MORRISON FROM THE BIG LAKE ROAD SERVICE AREA 21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

WHEREAS, in general, the Big Lake community is very active and civilly engaged on issues pertaining to their area; and

WHEREAS, one of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's road service areas ("RSA"), is Big Lake RSA 21; and

WHEREAS, while MSB 5.15.010(C) requires service area boards to meet quarterly (every three months), RSA 21 routinely meets much more often; and

WHEREAS, due to the interest, attention, and involvement of the community, in 2022, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly increased the number of the RSA 21 Board of Supervisors from 3 to 5; and

WHEREAS, a stated reason for the increase in board members was: "Expanding the board allows for more members to be involved in the road service area activities and also helps bring more people to the table to be involved with and vote on the wide variety of issues the board must discuss"; and

WHEREAS, for the entire history of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough spanning almost 60 years, Big Lake RSA 21 was the first RSA board to have 5 members; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garland Morrison was appointed to the RSA 21 Board of Supervisors by the Mayor, and was confirmed by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly on April 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, since his appointment, Mr. Garland Morrison has not regularly attended meetings, and is occupying a seat which could otherwise be filled by someone who is interested, attentive, and involved; and

WHEREAS, Informational Memorandum No. 24-142 which accompanies this Resolution contains the attendance record of Mr. Garland Morrison from the date of his appointment through the drafting of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the attendance record in Informational Memorandum No. 24-142 was prepared using the minutes submitted to the Borough Clerk's Office from RSA 21; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garland Morrison has failed to attend approximately one-half of the meetings of the RSA 21 Board of Supervisors from the time of his appointment through May of 2024; and

WHEREAS, since being re-appointed in November of 2023, through May 2024, Mr. Garland Morrison only attended 3 of 7 meetings held with an attendance rate of 43%; and

WHEREAS, even if the minutes submitted to the Borough Clerk's Office do not completely reflect all the meetings and it is possible Mr. Garland Morrison attended meetings for which there

are no minutes submitted, his extremely high absence rate demonstrates a lack of engagement, a lack of commitment, and a lack of diligence; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garland Morrison's absences frustrate the reason and intent for expansion of the RSA 21 Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, there is additional intent and rationale for this Resolution contained in Informational Memorandum No. 24-142; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly finds that, for the reasons contained in the recitals of this Resolution and the reasons in Information Memorandum No. 24-142, good cause exists to remove Mr. Garland Morrison from the Big Lake RSA 21 Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly finds that the good cause to be stated with this resolution is the repeated absences from meetings of the Big Lake RSA 21 Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly removes Mr. Garland Morrison from the Big Lake RSA 21 Board of Supervisors and declares that a vacancy now exists.

NO: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Fonov, and Bernier
YES: Gamble