

CODE ORDINANCE

Sponsored by: Assemblymember Yundt  
Introduced: 03/01/22  
Public Hearing: 03/15/22  
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Adopted: 03/15/22

Motion to Amend Something  
Previously Adopted Passed: 04/19/22

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 22-025**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ENACTING A LIFETIME LIMIT OF TWO TERMS FOR THE OFFICE OF BOROUGH ASSEMBLY, ALLOWING CURRENT ASSEMBLYMEMBERS IN THEIR FIRST TERM THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK ONE ADDITIONAL TERM, AND SUBMITTING THE QUESTION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS AT THE NEXT REGULAR OR SPECIAL ELECTION.

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WHEREAS, the intent and rationale of this ordinance are found in the accompanying Informational Memorandum No. 22-052.

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Classification. Section 2 of this ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Borough Code. All other sections are noncode.

Section 2. Amendment of section. MSB 2.12.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.12.020 TERM OF OFFICE.

(A) The assembly members' term shall be three years. The qualified candidate succeeds to the candidate's elected office the first Monday following the certification of the election and acceptance of the oath of office. [NO PERSON SHALL SERVE ON THE ASSEMBLY FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE, FULL TERMS.]

(B) No person shall hold the office of Borough Assembly for more than two terms for life. For purposes of this section, service for more than one half of a term is considered a full term. This limitation applies to all former and current Assemblymembers except that it shall not prevent the current Borough Assemblymembers from holding the remainder of their term and to serve one additional full term.

Section 3. Submission to the voters. The Borough Clerk shall submit the following question, in substantially similar form, to the qualified voters of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough at the next regular or special Borough election.

**Proposition No. \_**  
**Lifetime Term Limits for Borough Assembly**

Borough code currently limits a person serving as an Assemblymember to no more than two consecutive full terms, but does not restrict the total number of terms a person can serve in their lifetime. Ordinance Serial No. 22-025 adopts lifetime term limits for the office of Borough Assembly and limits a person to serving 2 terms for life. Service for more than one-half of a term is considered a full term. The ordinance applies to all current and former Assemblymembers except that all current Assemblymembers would be allowed to seek one additional term.

Shall Ordinance Serial No. 22-025 be ratified and adopted?

Yes                       No

Section 4. Effective date. Section 2 of this ordinance shall take effect upon certification of the election results if ratified

by the voters at the next regular or special Borough election. All other sections of this ordinance take effect immediately.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 15 day of March, 2022.

  
EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: Hale, Yundt, Tew, Sumner, and Bernier

NO: Nowers and McKee