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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 23-29**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING FAILURE OF AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 17.11 - SEX OFFENDERS, TO PROHIBIT REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS FROM ESTABLISHING PERMANENT RESIDENCE WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF SCHOOLS, DAYCARE FACILITIES, AND PUBLIC PARKS.

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WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to impose several restrictions on where individuals registered as sex offenders in the State of Alaska may live within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska requires sex offenders that pose a danger to society to register but does not categorically impose restrictions on where those on the registry are permitted to live; and

WHEREAS, there is substantial public and community debate regarding the risks posed by sex offenders living near where children congregate; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this amendment to Title 17 may not comply with the constitutional protections afforded to registered sex offenders under Alaska's rights to assembly, particularly with familial relationships; and

WHEREAS, this amendment contains provisions designed to prevent registered sex offenders from living in areas where children congregate; and

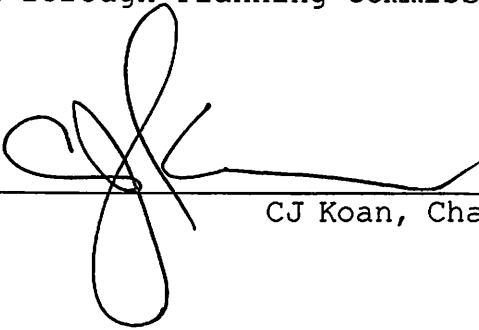
WHEREAS, there is a growing body of evidence indicating that residence restrictions creates unintended consequences for sex offenders and the community they live in; and

WHEREAS, there is very little evidence demonstrating that residence restrictions are a viable strategy for reducing sex crimes, preventing recidivism, or protecting children; and


WHEREAS, implementation of this ordinance would create considerable additional work for the Borough's IT, Planning, and Legal department.

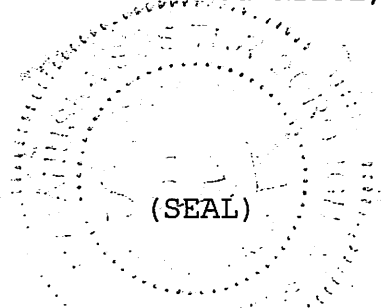
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission recommends failure of an ordinance adding Chapter 17.11 - Sex Offenders, to prohibit registered sex offenders from establishing permanent residence within 1,000 feet of schools, daycare facilities, and public parks.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission  
this 19<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE 2023.

  
CJ Koan, Chair

ATTEST

  
KAROL RIESE, Planning Clerk



YES: Glenn  
Allen  
Koan  
McLabe  
Fernandez

NO: Scoggin