

Action:

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 25-117**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ACQUIRE OR LEASE STATE-OWNED LAND IN BUTTE, ALASKA, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND ONGOING MANAGEMENT OF A NEW TRAILEHAD FACILITY SERVING THE MANATUSKA PEAK AND MCROBERTS CREEK TRAIL.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Community Development Department seeks to improve public access and recreational opportunities by developing a new trailhead facility to serve the Matanuska Peak and McRoberts Creek Trail in Butte, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the existing trailhead located at the end of Smith Road is undersized, providing limited parking capacity and creating congestion and safety concerns for both residents and recreationists; and

WHEREAS, Eklutna, Inc. plans to extend Smith Road and develop adjacent lands for subdivision purposes, which will require removal of the current trailhead; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water, manages nearby State-owned lands suitable for relocation and development of a replacement trailhead; and

WHEREAS, the Borough intends to apply to DNR under the Public and Charitable Use Land Disposal Program, authorized under AS

38.05.810(a)(1), which allows conveyance of State land to local governments for public and recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS; the Borough seeks to acquire the identified State parcel or enter into a long-term lease encompassing approximately twelve (12) acres within S 18N03E31 in Butte, AK to ensure long-term public access, management, and maintenance of the new trailhead facility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly hereby authorizes the Borough Manager to submit an application to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water, to acquire the identified State parcel or enter into a long-term lease encompassing twelve (12) acres within S 18N03E31 in Butte, AK, for the purpose of developing and managing a new trailhead facility serving the Matanuska Peak and McRoberts Creek Trail.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this - day of -, 2025.

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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