

Sponsored By: Mayor Halter  
Adopted: 12/19/17

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 17-086**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY DISCONTINUING THE MARIJUANA ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRIOR TO THE SUNSET DATE OF JUNE 30, 2018.

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WHEREAS, the Assembly established a temporary Marijuana Advisory Committee through Resolution Serial No. 15-007, with the intent that the Committee would sunset on June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Marijuana Advisory Committee was to provided recommendations for a framework to the Assembly for marijuana related facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Marijuana Advisory Committee has finalized the goal of providing framework for marijuana related facilities, along with the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the city of Houston, which has legal and regulated marijuana facilities does not rely on a citizen advisory board to make recommendations, but relies on their Planning Commission to review marijuana facility requests and to make recommendations on marijuana land use within the city; and

WHEREAS, the municipality of Anchorage does not rely on a citizen advisory committee to make recommendations, but relies on an Assembly sub-committee to make recommendations regarding marijuana related facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly is the body that approves or denies any requests for marijuana related facilities for their municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau rely on their Planning Commission to review requests and make recommendations for marijuana related facilities for their borough; and

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly is the body that reviews any requests for marijuana related facilities within their borough; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly adopted code that provides standards for the Planning Commission to approve or deny conditional use permits for marijuana related facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission is the appropriate advisory board to make recommendations to the Assembly on land use issues within the Borough for marijuana related facilities; and

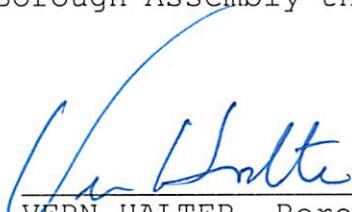
WHEREAS, the desire of the Assembly has been to review Borough boards, commissions, and committees, in an effort to streamline processes in order to reduce staff overtime and expense to the tax payers; and

WHEREAS, the Marijuana Advisory Committee has not held a meeting since December 15, 2016, and there are no meetings in the foreseeable future, as the Planning Commission's core function is to make recommendations to the Assembly on land use issues; and

WHEREAS, discontinuing the Committee early will cause no unintended consequences, but will positively streamline processes for staff, the Planning Commission, those applying for conditional use permits, and the Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly hereby provides for the early sunset of the Marijuana Advisory Committee by this resolution, which will take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 19 day of December, 2017.

  
VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: Beck, McKee, Leonard, Mayfield, Doty, and Kowalke

NO: Sykes