

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

AGENDA OF: December 19, 2017

Assembly Action:
RS 17-086 Adopted w/ Assembly member Sykes opposed @ 12/19 RM

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

APPROVED BY JOHN MOOSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER: _____

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator: BJH for Mayor Halter	<i>[Signature]</i>	
	Borough Attorney	<i>AS</i>	
	Borough Clerk	<i>JRM</i>	<i>12/12/17</i>

ATTACHMENT (S): Fiscal Note: YES _____ NO X Resolution Serial No. 17-086 (3 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: This legislation is coming forward at the request of Mayor Halter.

A number of months ago, the Assembly requested that staff review all Borough boards, commissions, and committees to look at ways to streamline processes and in order to reduce staff support expenses to the extent feasible.

The Marijuana Advisory Committee is by far the largest committee the Borough has ever had, with 17 regular members and 17 alternate members.

The time required to provide staff support to this board has been extensive. First, staff must coordinate with ALL 34 members to determine a quorum, which can sometimes take a few days to accomplish. Second, staff must prepare the agenda and packet for all 34 members with the content that the Committee has decided to take up at the next meeting. Those 34 packets must then be mailed

to all members, as well as additional copies provided for the public. In all total, 50 packets of information for the meetings must be prepared for this Committee.

Post meeting items must also be done, which includes preparing resolutions if required and minutes, as well as tracking what needs to be done for the next meeting. An estimate of staff time required for a single meeting of this committee can be 10 to 15 hours from beginning to end.

No other municipality in the state of Alaska relies on a marijuana advisory committee to advise their governing bodies. Other municipalities utilize their assembly or council, or assembly subcommittees, or planning commission to evaluate marijuana related facilities.

This Committee has not met since December 15, 2016, and there are no meetings planned in the foreseeable future.

The Borough's Planning Commission is the body that approves or denies conditional use permits, to the extent that the Borough is allowed to regulate marijuana. The Planning Commission advises the Assembly on land use issues and is the more appropriate body to advise the Assembly on any continuing land uses issues related to marijuana facilities, as the framework for such as already been put into place.

Recommendation: This advisory committee was scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2018. Mayor Halter respectfully requests that the Assembly adopt this legislation to disband this committee prior to its sunset date.