

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING MSB 2.08.060(A), COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR.

AGENDA OF: April 20, 2021

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

Adopted as amended Assemblymembers Hale, Nowers, & Sumner opposed motion to amend something previously 01/04/22 KBJ Adopted failed w/ Nowers, Telt & Berner in support

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER: *MB*

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	LRM	For Assemblymember McKee
	Finance Director	<i>OK</i>	
	Borough Attorney	<i>KS</i>	
	Borough Clerk	<i>Don 4/12/21</i>	<i>KBJ</i>

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES ☒ NO ☐

Ordinance Serial No. 21-040 (2 pp)

Commission on Salaries & Emoluments

SUMMARY STATEMENT: *Resolution No. 21-001 (3 pp)*

This legislation is coming forward at the request of Assemblymember McKee to change the Mayor's salary from \$29,975 annually to ~~\$50,000~~ *\$65,000* annually.

The Mayor is the figure head of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and currently does not have or get paid for full time duties. The Assembly has had recent discussions regarding the possibility of a strong mayor rather than a manager plan of government. While the Assembly decided to keep the manager form of government, as it works well, they expressed the need for the mayor to be more involved in:

- Community outreach. As the figure head of the Borough, having the mayor be more involved in community outreach and engagement would be beneficial for the public and the Borough.

- Economic development. The Borough does not have staff that specifically works on economic development. The mayor could be involved in the recruitment of businesses moving to the Borough and be available to meet with those proposed businesses.

To date, the Assembly has not set any expectations about Mayoral involvement in community outreach and economic development. While the past Mayors and current Mayor have been involved in these activities to varying degrees, the Assembly had no expectations that such involvement would be to any significant degree. The current Mayor is reaching the end of his term and this would be the appropriate time to make this amendment to the Mayor's annual salary with the Assembly's expectation that the forthcoming Mayor fulfill the activities discussed in the informational memorandum. This change would take effect on July 1, 2021, the beginning of the fiscal year 2022 budget

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH FISCAL NOTE

Agenda Date: 04/20/21

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ORIGINATOR: L. McKechnie

FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT <u>YES</u> NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED <u>\$50,000 annually</u>	FUNDING SOURCE <u>Area-wide</u>
FROM ACCOUNT # <u>100.110.104 411.100</u>	PROJECT
TO ACCOUNT :	PROJECT #
VERIFIED BY: <u>Kim Weiland</u>	CERTIFIED BY:
DATE: <u>4/8/21</u>	DATE:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING						

CAPITAL			<u>50.0</u>			
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund			<u>58.0</u>			
State/Federal Funds						
Other						
TOTAL			<u>50.0</u>			

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

PREPARED BY:

PHONE:

DEPARTMENT:

DATE:

APPROVED BY:

DATE:

Cherene Hensel

4/8/2021

Assemblymember Tew

I would like to move a motion to amend something previously adopted on Ordinance Serial No. 21-040 – amending the Mayor's salary.

This ordinance came forward for consideration by the Assembly in April 2021 with the intent it would be adopted in time and go into effect with the FY22 budget. This did not occur, and was adopted on January 4, 2022. My intent is to change the effective date of this ordinance. As the ordinance stands at this time, the Borough would need to back pay the previous mayor.

The following would be the amendment:

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect ~~July 1, 2021~~ upon adoption.

This amendment was requested by staff, as they did not believe it was the Assembly's intent to back date the mayor's salary.

motion to amend something
previously adopted failed.
(required 4 votes)

YES: Nowers, Tew, + Bernier

NO: Gundt + Sumner

ORDINANCE NO. 21-040

Lonnie McKechnie

From: Rob Yundt <robertyundt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 9:58 PM
To: Lonnie McKechnie
Subject: Reconsideration

[EXTERNAL EMAIL - CAUTION: Do not open unexpected attachments or links.]
Lonnie,

I apologize for the inconvenience. As I stated I voted incorrectly & would like to bring the Mayor's pay up for reconsideration.

I have asked Mike Brown for some financial information that I believe will help myself & the other Assembly members make a more informed decision.

I also have some other information that I plan to track down separately that should help us out as well.

Respectfully,

5-18-21 - Reconsideration passed
Main motion pending for 11-16-21

1M 21-077
OR 21-040

Amended: 10/20/21
Amended: 10/22/21
Adopted: 10/22/21

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
COMMISSION ON SALARIES AND EMOLUMENTS
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 21-001**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH COMMISSION ON SALARIES AND EMOLUMENTS RECOMMENDING COMPENSATION FOR THE PLATTING BOARD, THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THE SCHOOL BOARD, THE ASSEMBLY, THE DEPUTY MAYOR, AND THE MAYOR.

WHEREAS, the current level of compensation for the Platting Board is currently \$50 per meeting, the Commission recommends an increase to \$100 per meeting; and

WHEREAS, the current level of compensation for the Planning Commission is currently \$50 per meeting, the Commission recommends an increase to \$100 per meeting; and

WHEREAS, the current level of compensation for School Board Members is \$275 per month, the Commission recommends an increase to \$350 per month, with retention of current emoluments; and

WHEREAS, the current level of compensation for School Board President is \$300 per month, the Commission recommends an increase to \$400 per month, with retention of current emoluments; and

WHEREAS, the current level of compensation for Assembly Members is \$13,300 annually, the Commission recommends an increase to \$20,000 annually, with retention of current emoluments; and

WHEREAS, the current level of compensation for the Deputy Mayor is \$15,100 annually, the Commission recommends an increase to \$23,000 annually, with retention of current emoluments; and

WHEREAS, the current level of compensation for the Mayor's salary is \$29,975 annually; and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment proposed by Assemblymember Yundt, increased the Mayor's annual salary to \$73,157, effective July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Ordinance Serial No. 21-040, proposes to increase the Mayor's annual salary to \$50,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission recommends an increase to \$65,000 annually and retention of current emoluments for the Mayor.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Commission on
Salaries and Emoluments this 22 day of October, 2021.

Patricia Fisher

PATRICIA FISHER
Salaries and Emoluments Chair

ATTEST:

Brenda J. Henry

BRENDA J. HENRY, CMC
Assistant Borough Clerk

YES: Obremski, Boyle, Viera, and Fisher

NO: Conover

OR 21-040
IM 21-077