

CODE ORDINANCE

Sponsored by: Borough Manager
Introduced: 05/02/17
Public Hearing: 05/16/17
Amended: 05/16/17
Adopted: 05/16/17

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 17-041**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING MSB 4.27, BOROUGH AREA SCHOOLS SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE; AND MSB 19.08.020(D), LOCATION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, TO MAKE THE BOARD FUNCTION MORE EFFICIENTLY AND TO FURTHER THE GOALS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

WHEREAS, the Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee was originally established by the Assembly in 2007; and

WHEREAS, in light of ongoing budget challenges and the effort to operate efficiently while still accomplishing the Assembly's goals, Borough staff was asked to review the tasks involved in their day to day duties; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has directed the Manager to work with the Clerk's office and Planning staff to review all boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly desires amendments as deemed appropriate to clarify responsibilities and expectations to make the boards function more efficiently and further the goals of the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly requested that staff bring forth ordinances that would make changes to the tasks, duties, make-up, and meeting frequency of the boards and commissions.

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Borough Code.

Section 2. Amendment of section. MSB 4.27.020, Membership, is hereby amended as follows:

(A) The committee shall consist of [SEVEN OR EIGHT] seven members as follows:

- (1) Two assembly members;
- (2) [TWO] one planning commissioner[S];
- (3) Two school board representatives; and
- (4) [ONE] two community member at large.

(5) When a school site is being considered within the limit of a city, the mayor from that city will be appointed until the school site has been [SELECTED] identified by the committee. The mayor is a non-voting member of the committee when discussing [AND VOTING ON] matters that pertain to the site selection within the city limits.

(a) In the event that the borough mayor does not appoint a city mayor, or in the event that a city mayor is not confirmed by the assembly, or in the event that a city mayor is unwilling or unable to serve, the borough mayor may appoint any other elected or appointed city official to represent that city.

Section 3. Amendment of section. MSB 4.27.040, Meetings; Organization, is hereby amended as follows:

(A) The committee may hold meetings [AT A MINIMUM] on an as needed [QUARTERLY] basis, or as directed by the assembly [MORE FREQUENTLY IF NECESSARY].

[(B) THE COMMITTEE SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR. A QUORUM OF FOUR IS NECESSARY FOR A VALID MEETING, AND A FAVORABLE VOTE OF FOUR IS NECESSARY FOR THE COMMITTEE TO TAKE ACTION.]

Section 4. Amendment of section. MSB 19.08.020, Location of School Buildings, is hereby amended as follows:

(D) The committee [SHALL] may hold a public hearing and shall recommend a site or sites to the planning commission, school board and assembly.

Section 5. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 16 day
of May, 2017.



VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)



PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, Beck, McKee, Mayfield, Doty, and
Kowalke



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