

CODE ORDINANCE

Sponsored by: Borough Manager
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Public Hearing: 05/16/17
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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 17-042**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING MSB 4.58, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD, TO MAKE THE BOARD FUNCTION MORE EFFICIENTLY AND TO FURTHER THE GOALS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

WHEREAS, the Health and Social Services Board was originally established by the Assembly in 2008; 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 4.58.020, Duties, is hereby amended as follows:

(A) The board shall make recommendations to the administration and the Assembly on Borough policy with respect to:

- (1) a Borough-wide health assessment report;
- (2) methods of funding health and social service activities;
- (3) other matters relating to Borough health and social service [POLICY] issues as the Assembly [BY ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION MAY DIRECT] or the manager [BY WRITTEN REQUEST] may direct; and
- (4) compiling and disseminating information on programs that concern the welfare of senior citizens.

[(B) THE BOARD SHALL COMMUNICATE AND REPRESENT THE BOROUGH IN RESPECT TO:

- (1) THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL OF THE MAT-SU UNITED WAY; AND

- (2) A BOROUGHWIDE HEALTH ASSESSMENT REPORT COMMITTEE.

(C) THE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE A PERIODIC REPORT REFLECTING THE ACTIVITIES, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND FINDINGS OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD.]

(D) The board shall:

[(1) ACT AS A LIAISON BETWEEN MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AND COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS;

(2) SEEK FUNDS FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROJECTS;

(3) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MANAGER AND THE ASSEMBLY ON THE WRITING AND ADMINISTRATION OF PASS-THROUGH GRANT FUNDS;

(4) SERVE AS A RESOURCE AND REFERENCE FOR ISSUES REGARDING HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH;

(5) PARTNER WITH OTHER COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS;

(6) PROVIDE A LIAISON BETWEEN THE OLDER COMMUNITY IN THE BOROUGH, THE ALASKA STATE COMMISSION ON AGING, AND THE DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES; AND]

(7) participate in the human services community matching grant program by:

(a) working with other community and agency partners on human services community matching grant funding advocacy;

(b) request proposals from nonprofit organizations for the provision of essential human services;

(c) score proposals received based on established criteria; and

(d) recommend to the Assembly the distribution of funds in accordance with the priorities described in the most recent version of the Mat-Su Community Needs Assessment.

Section 3. Amendment of section. MSB 4.58.030, Composition, is hereby amended as follows:

4.58.030 COMPOSITION.

(A) The board shall consist of [13] seven members and one alternate.

(B) As feasible, the board should be composed of [REPRESENTATION FROM] members that are knowledgeable in the health care or human services field.

[(1) ALL SEVEN ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS;

(2) THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD SHOULD BE COMPRISED OF LICENSED HEALTH CARE OR HUMAN SERVICES PROFESSIONALS;

(3) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER SHALL REPRESENT THE SENIOR CITIZEN RESIDENTS OF ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 1, 5, OR 7; AND

(4) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER SHALL REPRESENT THE SENIOR CITIZEN RESIDENTS OF ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 2, 3, 4, OR 6.

(C) THE TERM OF EACH MEMBER SHALL BE THREE YEARS;

(1) UP TO TWO FULL TERMS MAY BE HELD CONSECUTIVELY.]

Section 3. Amendment of Section. MSB 4.58.040(A), is hereby amended to read as follows:

(A) The board shall meet: [AT LEAST QUARTERLY; OR
AS CALLED BY THE CHAIR.]

(1) two times a year;

(2) as called by the chair; or


(3) at the direction of the Assembly.

Section 4. 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

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



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