

NON-CODE ORDINANCE

Sponsored by: Borough Manager
Introduced: 06/06/17
Public Hearing: 06/20/17
Adopted: 06/20/17

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 17-078**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING THE TRANSFER AND RELOCATION OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE FAIRVIEW TERRITORIAL SCHOOL BUILDING TO THE CITY OF WASILLA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HISTORIC DISPLAY AND PUBLIC USE IN PERPETUITY (MSB007271).

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla has requested to relocate the old Fairview Territorial School building to city-owned property in order to restore the building and open it up for public display and use; and

WHEREAS, the city will pay all expenses for relocation, restoration, and future maintenance in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the building is currently inaccessible and is being overtaken by natural elements and with the new Matanuska Electric Association transmission corridor set to go in near the school site, the city would like to take advantage of professionally moving the structure in conjunction with transmission line clearing; and

WHEREAS, the building has no Borough appraised value; and

WHEREAS, the building has been inventoried by the State Office of History and the State's Alaska Heritage Resources Survey Manager has stated the building is not included in the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Borough acquired the land and building in 1984 through donation for purpose of preserving the school; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly passed Ordinance No. 84-62 approving a public service lease for the Wasilla-Knik-Willow-Creek Historical Society with the condition the school must be restored, operated, and maintained for the good of all Borough residents and for the benefit of tourism, historic preservation, and for parks and recreation, with the lease being conditional upon completion of a waiver subdivision and construction of a road for physical access; and

WHEREAS, legal access was obtained but never constructed in accordance with the conditions of the lease terms; therefore, the file was terminated in 1996 and the building has been vacant with no routine upkeep since that time; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla has numerous historical structures which have been restored and are open to the public and the Fairview Territorial School building would be placed on city property next to another historic building located on the Menard Sports Complex grounds; and

WHEREAS, the city intends to restore the building for public display and use, and will maintain and operate the building in perpetuity at no cost to the Borough for relocation, restoration, or upkeep of the building; and

WHEREAS, public notice was provided pursuant to MSB 23.05.025, including specific invitation to the Wasilla Knik Historical Society to comment, and no objections were received; and

WHEREAS, under MSB 23.05.030, the Manager may with the consent of the Assembly, convey real property to an entity where it is found to be in the best interest of the Borough by making Borough property available for a purpose of specific benefit to the public; and

WHEREAS, the city is providing specific benefit by fulfilling the intent of the 1984 Assembly ordinance in restoring, preserving, and maintaining the building so it can be enjoyed and used by the public in perpetuity.

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is a non-code ordinance.

Section 2. Approval of transfer and relocation. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly hereby authorizes the transfer and relocation of real property known as the Fairview Territorial School to the City of Wasilla for the purpose of historic display and public use in perpetuity.

Section 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this
20 day of June, 2017.



VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)



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