

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

AGENDA OF: JUNE 6, 2017

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

OR 17-078 public hearing held and
Adopted w/o objection @ 6/20/17 RM

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.

APPROVED BY JOHN MOOSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER:

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	NISC	
	Community Development Director	SP	
	Finance Director	OF	
	Borough Attorney	NS	
	Borough Clerk	JAM	5/28/17

ATTACHMENT (S) : Fiscal Note: YES ☒ NO ☐
Vicinity Map (1 pp)
Ordinance Serial No. 17-078 (4 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

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. Upon approval to transfer the building the city will pay all expenses associated with relocation, restoration, and future maintenance in perpetuity.

The building is currently inaccessible and is being overtaken by natural elements. The new MEA transmission corridor is set to go in near the school site and the city would like to take advantage of professionally moving the structure in conjunction with MEA's clearing for the transmission line. The earliest that clearing and relocation would take place is 2018, but is more likely to happen further out to 2019.

The building has no borough appraised value. It has been inventoried by the state Office of History and Archeology and according to the state's Alaska Heritage Resources Survey Manager; it is not included in the National Register of Historic Places. The historical overview states that the 1-room log school was built in 1919 and operated until 1933. In 1936 it was used as a residence, and thereafter for storing hay. A historical survey conducted in 1981 revealed that 1 wall and 1/3 of the roof had collapsed with some restoration of the structure done in 1984, assumedly by the Wasilla-Knik-Willow-Creek Historical Society (Society) who had petitioned the borough for a public service lease that same year.

The borough acquired the land and building in 1984 through donation for the specific purpose of preserving the school with the intent that the Society was to take on the responsibility of restoring, operating, and maintaining the site for the benefit of tourism in the area. The borough assembly passed Ordinance No. 84-62 wherein a public service lease for the Society was approved under the following conditions:

The property must be used in accordance with the defined purpose of restoring the school, operating and maintaining it 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.

Legal access to the site was acquired but the conditions of the lease terms were never met with regard to constructing access in accordance with a Waiver Subdivision; therefore, the file (MSB001594) was terminated in 1996 and the building has been vacant with no routine upkeep since that time.

The City of Wasilla has numerous historical structures which have been restored and are open to the public. The Fairview Territorial School building will be placed on city property next to another historic building located on the Menard Sports Complex grounds. The city intends to restore the building for public display and use and will maintain and operate the building in perpetuity. No cost will be borne by the borough for relocation, restoration or upkeep of the building.

Public notice was provided pursuant to MSB 23.05.025 and the Wasilla-Knik Historical Society was specifically invited to comment. No objections were received from the notice or from any borough departments.

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. 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.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

Assembly approval for the transfer and relocation of the real property known as the Fairview Territorial School building to the City of Wasilla for purpose of historic display and public use in perpetuity.

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
FISCAL NOTE

Agenda Date: June 6, 2017

ORIGINATOR: Community Development

SUBJECT: 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 purpose of historic display and public use in perpetuity (MSB007271).

FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT <u>YES</u> NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED <u>*</u>	FUNDING SOURCE <u>N/A</u>
FROM ACCOUNT # <u>N/A</u>	PROJECT # <u>N/A</u>
TO ACCOUNT : <u>N/A</u>	PROJECT # <u>N/A</u>
VERIFIED BY: <u>[Signature]</u>	CERTIFIED BY:
DATE: <u>5-23-17</u>	DATE:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING						

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund						
State/Federal Funds						
Other	<u>*</u>					
TOTAL	<u>*</u>					

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary) * The building has no borough appraised value

PREPARED BY: _____ PHONE: _____
 DEPARTMENT: Chugach Peninsula DATE: _____
 APPROVED BY: _____ DATE: 5/23/17

MSB #007271
Proposed Relocation of
Fairview Territorial School
Building to City of Wasilla Property
S T17N R01W Sec. 13
MSB Tax Map WA 11
MSB/LRMD April, 2017

**Borough Property where
School Building is Located**

VICINITY MAP
The vicinity map shows the location of the property within the Wasilla area, highlighting the Alaska Railroad, Fairview Loop, and surrounding streets like E-Kibby Dr, E-Fairview Loop, E-Teague Trail Cir, and E-Jude Dr. It also shows the proximity to the City of Wasilla and the Borough of Wasilla.

Borough Property where
School Building is Located

Im 17-109
OR 17-078

