

NON-CODE ORDINANCE

Sponsored By: Borough Manager
Introduced: 08/01/17
Public Hearing: 08/15/17
Adopted: 08/15/17

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 17-102**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ADOPTING THE FIVE-YEAR TIMBER HARVEST SCHEDULE (MSB007259 2017-2021) PER MSB 23.20.090.

WHEREAS, Ordinance Serial No. 10-083 was adopted for the Asset Management Plan: Natural Resource Management Units, in September 2010; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement sales of timber products and identify personal use harvest areas, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly must adopt the Five-Year Timber Harvest Schedule (Schedule); and

WHEREAS, this Schedule provides information to the public concerning development and use of Borough forest resources for the period of the adoption date, August 8, 2017, to December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Schedule identifies two potential timber harvest areas located in two Natural Resource Management Units that will be offered for competitive sale over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the Schedule identifies 11 personal use firewood harvest areas, most containing more than 5 acres; and

WHEREAS, the Schedule is based on the principles of multiple-use and sustained yield to promote a healthy forest,

provide forest products, create economic opportunities, and enhance multiple-use opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Schedule is based on an annual allowable cut based on a 50-year rotation, primarily because the dominant species in the Borough is birch hardwood; and

WHEREAS, utilizing a 50-year rotation will bring more acres into management and increase the health and productivity of the forests; and

WHEREAS, 10 written public comments were received; and

WHEREAS, the 5-Year Timber Harvest Schedule (2017-2021) meets the conditions of and is in compliance with MSB 23.20.

BE IT ENACTED:

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

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this
15 day of August, 2017.




VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)



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

