By: Borough Manager

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 17-119

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$180,000 FROM THE CENTRAL MAT-SU FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 250, TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 CENTRAL MAT-SU FIRE SERVICE AREA OPERATING BUDGET, FUND 250, FOR WAGES AND BENEFITS FOR TWO REGULAR FULL-TIME POSITIONS; FIRE MARSHAL AND FIRE TRAINING OFFICER.

WHEREAS, the Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area is the Largest Fire Service Area within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough covering 134 square miles; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with providing fire suppression services, the Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area also provides fire prevention, public fire and life safety plan reviews, and fire investigations; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, 7,697 children and adults participated in fire prevention activities provided by Central Mat-Su Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, fire code officials completed 149 fire and life safety plan reviews, and 201 fire and life safety building/occupancy inspections; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Marshal position will coordinate all of these activities, develop a targeted fire prevention program; a community risk assessment plan; supervise the Fire Code Officials, the Permit Technician, the Fire Service Area Assistant; as well as overseeing fire prevention, data collection, and on-call personnel; and

WHEREAS, the position will serve in the rank of Battalion Chief during emergency operations and may serve in various roles within the incident command structure; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Training Officer will be responsible for establishing a training division, overseeing the new training facility complex, maintaining necessary training personnel, and identifying curriculums to be used; and

WHEREAS, the position will also be responsible for planning, developing, coordinating, delivering, and evaluating structural and wildland firefighter training, rescue training, officer training, and all other identified training needs; and

WHEREAS, the position will also be responsible for compliance with Borough, State, and National training standards and will supervise a Fire Service Area Assistant, several thousand hour employees, and on-call instructors; and

WHEREAS, this position will also serve in the rank of Battalion Chief during emergency operations and may serve in various roles within the Incident Command Structure; and

WHEREAS, the Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors unanimously approved hiring a Fire Marshal and a Fire Training Officer during the advertised public hearing for the

review of the Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area's proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the funding for these positions was not included in the Fiscal Year 2018 proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, adequate funding is available to transfer from the Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area fund balance, fund 250, to support the wages and benefits for these critical positions.

BE IT ENACTED:

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

Section 2. <u>Supplemental appropriation source</u>. The Assembly hereby approves a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$180,000 from the Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area fund balance, fund 250, to the Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget, fund 250, to provide funding for wages and benefits for two new, permanent positions; Fire Marshal and Fire Training Officer.

Section 3. <u>Effective date</u>. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 17 day of October, 2017.

VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

CONNIE R. MCKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

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