

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING A RESTRICTION WITHIN THE PLUMLEY-MAUD MULTI-USE TRAIL EASEMENT TO PROHIBIT HIGHWAY VEHICLES USE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE REHABILITATED TRAIL SURFACE AND MAINTAIN TRAIL INTEGRITY IN THE FUTURE.

AGENDA OF: January 7, 2020

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

*Adopted without objection 1-21-2020*

*(Signature)*

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.

APPROVED BY JOHN MOOSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER: *(Signature)*

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	<i>GD</i>	
	Community Development Director	<i>CP</i>	
	Finance Director	<i>BP for Cheyenne</i>	
	Borough Attorney	<i>John N.S.</i>	
	Borough Clerk	<i>Sam 12/19/19</i>	<i>KB J</i>

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES ☐ NO ☒

Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board Resolution Serial No. 19-07 (2 pp)

Ordinance Serial No. 20-003 (3 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Plumley-Maud Multi-Use Trail in the Butte area has been surveyed within Matanuska-Susitna Borough lands for purpose of dedicating a public use easement to establish trail boundaries and public access.

The 2016 Recreation Bond included improvements in an amount of \$250,000 for the Plumley-Maud Multi-Use Trail due to severe rutting and impact caused by vehicles heavier than two thousand pounds or wider than sixty-five inches. The trail also needed legal dedication to ensure location of the trail's extents. The Borough has expended \$245,000 to date for survey and trail rehabilitation.

Countless volunteer hours and oversight have also been invested in this highly popular trail.

The Plumley-Maud Multi-Use Trail improvements have been paid for with voter-approved monies. Restricting the trail use specifically to prohibit highway vehicles from causing further damage to the newly rehabilitated trail will protect the surface within the public use easement and provide a much longer life of its use. If the restriction is approved, ballards and boulders will be placed at the north and south trail entrances with enough distance separation to allow ease of access for approved all terrain vehicles and non-motorized use.

Authority is provided through the Land and Resource Management Division, Policies and Procedures Manual, Part 25, Trail Dedication, which was amended and adopted on December 3, 2019 under Matanuska-Susitna Borough Resolution No. 19-027. Section 2.1.I of Trail Dedication states that when it is determined a restricted use is required to maintain the integrity of a trail, a Manager's Decision document may be considered for temporary approval by the Borough Manager. However, long-term restriction to certain uses must be approved by the Assembly, as recommended by the MSB Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board.

**RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:**

Borough Assembly approval of a restriction prohibiting the use of vehicles heavier than two thousand pounds or wider than sixty-five inches within the Plumley-Maud Multi-Use Trail as supported by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board.

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 19-07**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING ASSEMBLY ADOPTION OF THE PLUMLEY-MAUD TRAIL EASEMENT USE TYPE RESTRICTIONS.

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WHEREAS, the Plumley-Maud Trail has been surveyed across Matanuska-Susitna Borough lands in the Butte area for purpose of dedicating a public use easement; and

WHEREAS, a public use easement establishes the public's access to the Plumley-Maud Trail and surrounding public lands in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the Land and Resource Management Division, Policies and Procedures Manual, Part 25.7.4, states "Trails shall be open to the public but may be restricted to certain uses, e.g., equestrian, pedestrian, mountain bike, dog mushing, snow machines etc., if the restriction has been approved by the assembly as recommended by the MSB Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has expended funds approved under the 2016 Recreation Bond to rehabilitate the trail due to rutting and impacts caused by vehicles heavier than two thousand pounds or wider than sixty-five inches; and

WHEREAS, restricting the trail uses to prohibit highway

vehicles will protect the rehabilitated trail surface within the public use easement; and

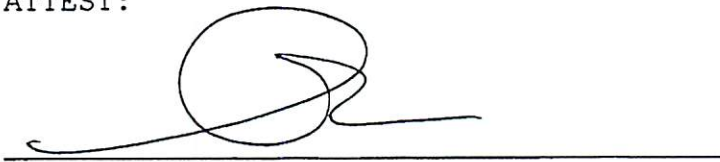
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board does hereby recommend Assembly adopt use type restrictions prohibiting the use of vehicles heavier than two thousand pounds or wider than sixty-five inches, within the Plumley-Maud Trail public use easement.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.



Ed Strabel, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Leda Borys, Recreation and Library Services Division  
Administrative Specialist