Sponsored By: Borough Manager

Introduced: 01/07/20
Public Hearing: 01/21/20

Adopted: 01/21/20

## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 20-003

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.

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

WHEREAS, 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 2,000 pounds or wider than 65 inches; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has expended \$245,000 to date for survey and trail rehabilitation, along with countless volunteer hours and oversight investment in this highly popular trail; and

WHEREAS, the Plumley-Maud Multi-Use Trail improvements have been paid for with voter-approved monies; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board adopted Resolution Serial No. 19-07 supporting restricted use within the Plumley-Maud Multi-Use Trail; and

WHEREAS, authority is provided through the Land and Resource Management Division, Policies and Procedures Manual, Part 25, Trail Dedication, as amended and adopted on December 3, 2019, under Assembly Resolution Serial No. 19-027, wherein Section 2.1.I states that when it is determined long term restricted use is needed, such restriction is to be approved by the Assembly as recommended by the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. <u>Classification</u>. This Ordinance is a noncode ordinance.

Section 2. Approval. The Assembly hereby approves a restriction prohibiting the use of vehicles heavier than 2,000 pounds or wider than 65 inches within the Plumley-Maud Multi-Use Trail.

Section 3. <u>Effective Date</u>. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 21 day of January, 2020.

VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. MCKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Leonard, Mayfield, Sumner, and Boeve