

**SUBJECT:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING THE COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS & NONPROFIT RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM BY MODIFYING THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO SPECIFY THAT THE BUSINESS LICENSE MUST BE CURRENT AS OF MARCH 31, 2020 BEFORE A GRANT AWARD IS MADE. ANY BUSINESS THAT APPLIES FOR A GRANT MUST HAVE PAID THE BUSINESS LICENSE FEE FOR 2019.



**AGENDA OF:** September 15, 2020

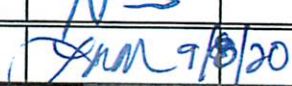

**Assembly Action:**

Adopted without objection  
& amended

9-17-20 

**MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:** Present to the Assembly for consideration.

 **APPROVED BY GEORGE HAYS, ACTING BOROUGH MANAGER:** 

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	CH	
	Finance Director	CH	
	Borough Attorney	NS	
	Borough Clerk		

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Fiscal Note: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X \_\_\_\_\_  
Resolution Serial No. 20-090 (2 pp)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** On July 14, 2020, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly passed Ordinance Serial No. 20-070, Resolution Serial No. 20-070, and Informational Memorandum No. 20-140. Those pieces of legislation established the Matanuska-Susitna Borough COVID-19 Small Business & Nonprofit Relief Grant Program. The program is to provide grants of up to \$10,000 to small businesses and nonprofit organizations impacted by COVID-19. As part of the criteria established in the program, certain businesses would be ineligible to apply if they did not have a current state or Mat-Su Borough business license as of January 1, 2020.

Now that the first round of the Grant Program has been implemented, it has become clear that the business license requirement should be changed. When processing the Tier 1 applications for the first phase of grants, it became clear some businesses had not renewed

their business license by January 1, 2020 deadline. In order to ensure maximum benefit to the COVID-19 affected small businesses and nonprofit organizations in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the accompanying resolution here would amend the business license requirement for eligibility.

The resolution accompanying this informational memorandum will amend the eligibility criteria of the grant program by striking "Business that do not have a current state of Mat-Su Borough business license as of January 1, 2020" and replace it with "Business that do not have a current state or Mat-Su Borough business license ~~as of March 31, 2020~~ before a grant award is made. Any business that applies for a grant must have paid the business license fee for 2019."

**RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:** Adoption of Resolution Serial No. 20-090.