Sponsored By: Mayor Halter

Introduced:

Public Hearing:

Adopted:

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 20-097

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY WAIVING THE WITNESS SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR ABSENTEE BY MAIL BALLOTS FOR THE REGULAR BOROUGH ELECTION TO OCCUR ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020.

WHEREAS, the intent and rationale for this ordinance, as well as the statement of facts upon which an emergency exists, are found in the accompanying Informational Memorandum No. 20-202.

BE IT ENACTED:

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

Section 2. <u>Finding</u>. Based upon the facts and circumstances contained in Informational Memorandum No. 20-202, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly finds there exists an emergency in that there has been a sudden, urgent, and unexpected occurrence requiring immediate action.

Section 3. <u>Suspension of Witness Requirement</u>. For purposes of the Borough Regular Election to be held on November 3, 2020 only, the witness signature provisions of MSB 25.25.020(D) as they pertain to absentee by mail ballots are suspended and will not apply. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough will count absentee by mail

ballots which fail to meet the witness signature requirements of MSB $25.25.020\,(\mathrm{D})$.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this $13^{\rm th}$ day of October, 2020.

VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk (SEAL)