

CODE ORDINANCE

Sponsored by: Mayor Halter and
Assemblymembers Leonard and Sumner
Introduced: 11/17/20
Public Hearing: 12/01/20
Adopted: 12/01/20

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 20-105**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REPEALING MSB 2.45, CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT AND AMENDING MSB 2.44, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; AND AMENDING MSB 4.27.020, MEMBERSHIP, TO REMOVE A CAPITAL PROJECTS SEAT AND REPLACE IT WITH A PUBLIC WORKS SEAT, ON THE BOROUGH AREA SCHOOLS SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the reasoning and rationale for the enactment of this ordinance are found in IM No. 20-222 accompanying this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Projects Department was split from the Public Works Department by Ordinance Serial No. 13-162, to facilitate execution of a large backlog in multimillion dollar school, fire station and road bond projects; and

WHEREAS, the backlog of large capital projects has been exhausted; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in state of Alaska oil revenue is driving a reduction in State matching funds for capital construction projects and reduced payment support for existing capital construction debt; and

WHEREAS, a significant increase in demand for large capital construction projects is not expected in the near future; and

WHEREAS, an open director position in the Capital Projects

Department allows for recombining the two departments without adversely impacting staff; and

WHEREAS, important capital projects like Houston Middle School, Shirley Towne Drive Bridge, and other current projects will be unaffected by combining the departments; and

WHEREAS, combining the departments would result in an immediate cost savings of \$230,000 per year or more than \$2,300,000 over the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, combining the departments would result in a more uniform standardized delivery and administration of all Borough construction projects; and

WHEREAS, returning to a single department overseeing design, construction, and maintenance of Borough facilities will provide opportunities for improved efficiencies and cost savings; and

WHEREAS, combining the departments may provide other opportunities to develop efficiencies with additional cost savings.

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Borough Code.

Section 2. Amendment of section. MSB 2.45 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. Amendment of section. MSB 2.44 is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2.44: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Sections

2.44.010 Established

2.44.020 Functions

2.44.030 Supervision

2.44.010 ESTABLISHED.

There is established a Public Works Department.

2.44.020 FUNCTIONS.

(A) The functions of the public works department shall include:

(1) designing of projects associated with the construction, upgrade, maintenance and operation of public facilities and infrastructure including but not limited to buildings, roads, paved pathways, landfills, sewage, water and septage systems, and storm water drainage systems.

(2) inspecting, monitoring, implementation and contractor supervision during project execution for projects outlined in subsection (A)(1) of this section.

(3) surveying to determine borough property limits; rights-of-way; facilities, infrastructure or utility locations as required to support facilities or

infrastructure construction, upgrades, maintenance, and operation.

(4) cost estimation, budget analysis and legislation development to support construction, facilities or infrastructure upgrades, maintenance, and operation.

(5) supervising contractors performing construction, sanitary fill, grounds excavation, road service area and special service area operations and maintenance and other operations and maintenance work for the borough.

(6) review and modification recommendation for plans and specifications associated with construction, facilities or infrastructure upgrades, maintenance, and operation.

(7) inspecting borough infrastructure and facilities to ensure compliance with maintenance and construction standards, compliance with contractual agreements and to identify and mitigate risks to public health and safety.

(8) reviewing of proposed subdivision improvement plans to assure compliance with borough ordinances and regulations.

(9) constructing and maintaining of roads, ditches, sidewalks, sewer and water infrastructure, and related drainage facilities as needed for roads, ditches, sidewalks, sewer and water infrastructure.

(10) Repealed by Ord. 13-162, § 4, 2014.

(11) other related functions and duties as may be assigned by the manager.

(12) maintenance, custodial services, repair, [MINOR] construction, renovation and upkeep of all rolling stock and buildings including, but not limited to, borough offices, community centers, gyms, and any other structure or building for which the borough has responsibility for care and administration.

(13) Acquiring real property for roads and rights-of-way for any transportation purposes, and acquiring real property for associated project purposes such as trails, public facilities, utilities, transportation enhancement activities, and environmental mitigation.

(14) Providing planning, rights-of-way acquisition, and engineering support to other borough departments to include assisting in the development of capital improvement plans and road and development plans.

(15) Providing environmental engineering review of all projects.

(16) Collection and analysis of traffic data: review and approve temporary traffic control plans.

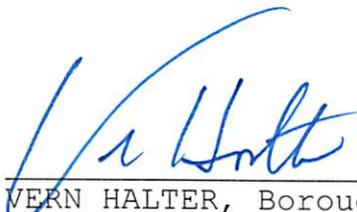
Section 4. Amendment of section. MSB 4.27.020(D) is hereby amended to read as follows:

4.27.020 MEMBERSHIP

(D) The committee shall be staffed by representatives from the department of planning and land use, with assistance from the departments of [CAPITAL PROJECTS] public works and community development, and the school district.

Section 5. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 1 day of December, 2020.


VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Yundt, Tew, Sumner, and Boeve