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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
COMMISSION ON SALARIES AND EMOLUMENTS
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 21-001**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH COMMISSION ON SALARIES AND EMOLUMENTS RECOMMENDING COMPENSATION FOR THE PLATTING BOARD, THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THE SCHOOL BOARD, THE ASSEMBLY, THE DEPUTY MAYOR, AND THE MAYOR.

WHEREAS, the current level of compensation for the Platting Board is currently \$50 per meeting, the Commission recommends an increase to \$100 per meeting; and

WHEREAS, the current level of compensation for the Planning Commission is currently \$50 per meeting, the Commission recommends an increase to \$100 per meeting; and

WHEREAS, the current level of compensation for School Board Members is \$275 per month, the Commission recommends an increase to \$350 per month, with retention of current emoluments; and

WHEREAS, the current level of compensation for School Board President is \$300 per month, the Commission recommends an increase to \$400 per month, with retention of current emoluments; and

WHEREAS, the current level of compensation for Assembly Members is \$13,300 annually, the Commission recommends an increase to \$20,000 annually, with retention of current emoluments; and

WHEREAS, the current level of compensation for the Deputy Mayor is \$15,100 annually, the Commission recommends an increase to \$23,000 annually, with retention of current emoluments; and

WHEREAS, the current level of compensation for the Mayor's salary is \$29,975 annually; and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment proposed by Assemblymember Yundt, increased the Mayor's annual salary to \$73,157, effective July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Ordinance Serial No. 21-040, proposes to increase the Mayor's annual salary to \$50,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission recommends an increase to \$65,000 annually and retention of current emoluments for the Mayor.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Commission on
Salaries and Emoluments this 22 day of October, 2021.

Patricia Fisher

PATRICIA FISHER
Salaries and Emoluments Chair

ATTEST:

Brenda J. Henry

BRENDA J. HENRY, CMC
Assistant Borough Clerk

YES: Obremski, Boyle, Viera, and Fisher

NO: Conover

OR 21-040
IM 21-077

Commission on Salaries and Emoluments
Mayor's Salary Dissenting Vote Report

To: Mayor Vern Halter and Mat-Su Borough Assembly Members:

Date: 10/22/2021

The Commission on Salaries and Emoluments were diligent in their efforts to provide you with their recommendations and I hope you will accept the attached recommendations with the exception of the Mayor's salary. I was the dissenting vote to that part of the resolution for the following reasons.

The current mayor recommended a salary for Mayor of between \$50,000 and \$60,000. He probably knows best what duties are required and the time it takes to fulfill the job. I feel a \$60,000 salary should be a maximum salary. Based on the growth of our Borough and the duties stated in Borough code, doubling the current Mayor salary seems warranted, but not more.

We are a manager, not a strong mayor, form of government with limited Borough revenue resources. The stated duties of the mayor per code are to preside at assembly meetings, act as ceremonial head of the borough, sign documents on behalf of the borough and appoint members to boards and commissions.

No more than \$60,000 should be considered, especially when you factor in the addition health insurance, life insurance, and retirement unless a waiver is executed.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter before you.

Linda Conover

Commission on Salaries and Emoluments