

SUBJECT: REAPPROPRIATING \$400,000 FROM CENTRAL MAT-SU FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE TO THE CENTRAL MAT-SU FSA FACILITIES AND VEHICLES PROJECT AND APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR PERFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) MITIGATION AND REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES

AGENDA OF: July 21, 2026

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Introduce and set for public hearing.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	6 / 11 / 2026 X Pamela Graham Signed by: Pamela Graham
Department/Finance Director	Recoverable Signature X Cheyenne Heindel Signed by: Cheyenne Heindel
Borough Attorney	6 / 16 / 2026 X Nicholas Spiropoulos Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos
Borough Manager	6 / 16 / 2026 X Michael Brown Signed by: Mike Brown
Borough Clerk	7 / 2 / 2026 X Lonnie M c K e . . . Signed by: Lonnie McKee

ATTACHMENT (S) : Fiscal Note(1 p)
Ordinance Serial No. 26-074 (2 pp)
Resolution Serial No.26-059 (2 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: As part of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Emerging Contaminants grant, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) began sampling of Community Water Systems (CWS) and Non-Transient Non-Community (NTNC) water systems across the State of Alaska to conduct initial monitoring in accordance with new EPA PFAS rules that came into effect in April of 2024. The sampling is specifically looking for compounds known as Perfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). In late March of this year, DEC notified the Mat-Su Borough and School District that PFAS were detected in the groundwater near Cottonwood Creek Elementary School. The School District is taking appropriate measures based

on DEC recommendations and has communicated with the Cottonwood Creek School community.

PFAS are synthetic chemicals that resist heat, water, and stains. These substances are commonly found in everyday items such as cosmetics, electronics, rain gear, non-stick cookware, and stain-resistant fabrics. Certain types of firefighting foam, including aqueous film-forming foams (AFFF), are among several materials that have historically been associated with PFAS in the environment. AFFF has historically been used for fuel and chemical fire suppression at airports, military locations, industrial sites, and fire training centers. The identification of PFAS at a site does not, by itself, establish the source, timing, or pathway by which it got there.

While the State of Alaska restricted the use of AFFFs containing PFAS effective January 1, 2025, the Borough fire service areas have not used or stored AFFF since 2017. When AFFF was in use by the Borough, it was used in accordance with regulations and manufacturer guidelines at that time. The Borough, along with DEC, are working together to investigate.

This ordinance provides funding to cover testing, and to implement mitigation and remediation measures as needed. The objective is to reduce contaminant concentrations to meet applicable regulatory standards, protect public health and environmental resources, and establish a long-term monitoring and management framework.

In 2024, the US EPA finalized the PFAS Rule which set minimum contaminant levels (MCLs) for PFOS and PFOA of 4.0 parts per trillion (ppt). MCLs apply to community and non-transient non-community public water systems (not private wells). Systems that exceed the MCL for PFOA and/or PFOS will have until 2029 to install treatment or find a new source that does not contain PFAS. Compliance with MCLs is overseen by the DEC Drinking Water Program. Above 70 ppt, DEC Contaminated Sites Program requires a responsible party to provide an alternate drinking water source.

Samples from Cottonwood Creek Elementary contained PFOS up to 110 ppt and PFOA up to 8.1 ppt. Bottled water is being provided and the Borough is working to install a treatment system. The DEC Drinking Water Program will be working with other public water system owners to install treatment where PFOS or PFOA are above 4 ppt. DEC Contaminated Sites Program is working with MSB to evaluate wells in the area for sampling.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Approve legislation as presented

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FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT YES NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED \$400,000	FUNDING SOURCE Central Mat-Su FSA Operating Budget
FROM ACCOUNT # 250.000.000 4xx.xxx	PROJECT
TO ACCOUNT: 405.000.000 3xx.xxx	PROJECT # 45076
VERIFIED BY: X <u>L i e s e l Z a n t o</u> S i g n e d b y : L i e s e l Z a n t o	

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING						

CAPITAL	400.0					
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund						
State/Federal Funds						
Other	400.0					
TOTAL	400.0					

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

APPROVED BY:	 Recoverable Signature X <u>C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l</u> S i g n e d b y : C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l
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