

CODE ORDINANCE Sponsored by: Assemblymembers Nowers and Mckee
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 Public Hearing:
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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 26-036**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY CHANGING THE EXEMPTION TO WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON BOROUGH ROADS FOR EMERGENCIES SITUATIONS ONLY.

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 11.08.010 is hereby amended as follows:

(A) The Manager is authorized to restrict use of or close any road, street or other public way maintained by the borough, including those maintained through service areas, whenever the manager considers such closures or restriction of use necessary for the protection of the public, or for the protection of the road or street from damage during storms, floods, thawing conditions or during construction or maintenance operations.

(B) When the Manager has restricted the use of public rights-of-way, the Manager may authorize a vehicle operator to exceed weight limit restrictions one

round trip per day upon payment of a fee. The fee for

the exemption shall be set by the Assembly.

(C) Exemptions shall be issued only where a specific property, household, business, or public facility is experiencing emergency life, health or safety conditions that cannot reasonably be addressed by a vehicle within posted weight limits, or addressed at a later time when weight restrictions are no longer in place. Permits shall not be issued for economic convenience.

(D) Exemptions must be made in writing by the Manager or their designee, in consultation with the operation and maintenance division, and the road service area chair for the affected area shall be notified of any granted exemptions.

Section 3. Amendment of section. MSB 11.08.025 is hereby amended as follows:

11.08.025 Road Weight Restrictions

(A) This section establishes a process to allow limited exemptions from road weight restrictions for the transportation of non-divisible equipment.

(B) An application for exemption from the road weight restrictions shall be filed on a form provided by the Borough. The application shall include:

(1) appropriate filing fee as established by the assembly;

(2) date of travel, route, and starting point and ending point [WHERE TRAVELING TO].

(3) information identifying the subject vehicle, including the make, model, color, and license plate number; [AND]

(4) information identifying the vehicle, load, or equipment which is non-divisible; and

(5) identify the specific address or parcel involved; and

(6) state the nature of the emergency and reason(s) why no other option to address the situation is available.

Section 4. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 17 day of February, 2026.

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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