

Action:

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 26-051**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ENCOURAGING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, COMMUNITY CLEANLINESS, AND THE PRESERVATION OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM OF CHOICE REGARDING THE USE OF OUTDOOR YARD POWER TOOLS, INCLUDING LEAF BLOWERS.

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WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough values clean, safe, and well-maintained neighborhoods that contribute to community pride, property values, and public health; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Borough use a variety of lawful tools and methods to maintain their yards and properties, including rakes, brooms, lawn equipment, and powered outdoor tools such as leaf blowers; and

WHEREAS, Outdoor maintenance practices vary based on property size, physical ability, seasonal conditions, business needs, weather, and individual preference; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recognizes the importance of respecting private property rights and preserving reasonable personal freedoms in the lawful maintenance of residential and commercial properties; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly encourages residents to be considerate neighbors by using outdoor power equipment responsibly, including being mindful of excessive noise, dust, and appropriate hours of operation; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly believes education, courtesy, and voluntary cooperation among neighbors are preferable to unnecessary restrictions on lawful outdoor maintenance equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly encourages all residents, businesses, and property owners to maintain clean and orderly yards and outdoor spaces for the benefit of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly supports the freedom of residents and businesses to choose the lawful outdoor yard maintenance tools that best suit their needs, including gas-powered, battery-powered, and electric leaf blowers and similar equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assembly encourages the responsible and courteous use of outdoor power equipment, including reasonable consideration for neighboring properties and appropriate operating times; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution expresses the Borough's support for personal responsibility, neighborly cooperation, and practical property maintenance without imposing additional unnecessary restrictions on lawful yard care equipment.

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

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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