

By: A. STRAWN
Introduced: March 4, 2024
Public Hearing: March 18, 2024
Action: ADOPTED

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 24-05**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 8.40 REGARDING TRANSFERS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES FROM THE BOROUGH INTO THE CITIES.

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has established complex regulations governing alcoholic beverage licenses, including population-based limitations on the number of licenses within municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has recognized the need to align its local code with the State's regulations to effectively manage and accommodate the transfer of alcoholic beverage licenses within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance would amend borough code to reflect recent amendments in State law, which now allows for increased flexibility in the transfer of various types of alcoholic beverage licenses from the borough to the cities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance seeks to amend Borough Code to permit up to three license transfers per city per decade, thereby aligning with the updated state law and enhancing economic opportunities within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

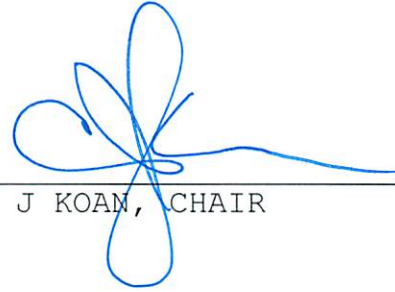
WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance also proposes to expand the types of existing licenses eligible for transfer, including package store licenses, brewery retail licenses, winery retail licenses, in addition to allowing beverage dispensary licenses to be transferred to a restaurant, eating place, hotel, motel, resort, or similar business; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance aims to streamline the licensing process by extending the timeline for processing license transfer applications and taking into account public comments more thoroughly; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance proposes to remove the section on "Assembly hearings of resident objections" from the Borough Code to eliminate confusion between the roles of the Borough Assembly and the Planning Commission, and to direct objections related to licenses not regulated by the Borough directly to the State's Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

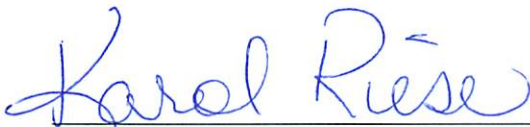
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommends approval of the ordinance, recognizing its potential to align the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Code with State law, facilitate economic development, and enhance the regulatory framework governing alcoholic beverage licenses within the Borough.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission
this 18th day of March, 2024.




C J KOAN, CHAIR

ATTEST



KAROL RIESE
Planning Clerk



(SEAL)

YES: 7 Allen, McCabe, Glenn, Fernandez, Shane, Scoggin, Koan

NO: 0