By: Assemblymember Kvalheim
Public Hearing: 05/18/06
Adopted: 05/18/06

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH**
**RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 06-054**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A FIRE CODE DEFERMENT FROM THE ALASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE FOR THE WASILLA-LAKES FSA No. 130, INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF TWO REGULAR FULL-TIME FIRE CODE OFFICIALS FUNDED THROUGH THE WASILLA-LAKES OPERATING BUDGET, FUND 250.

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WHEREAS, the Wasilla-Lakes Fire Service Area (FSA) Board of Supervisors has been fully informed and supports the proposed Fire Code Deferment Plan; and

WHEREAS, drastic growth in the Wasilla-Lakes FSA has placed a burden and a duplication of service from both the Wasilla-Lakes FSA fire chief and Alaska State Fire Marshal's Office; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a fire code deferment will have a positive impact on the Insurance Services Office rating for the Wasilla-Lakes FSA; and

WHEREAS, a fire code deferment will reduce the redundancy of government and costs, increase local control, increase accessibility, provide better customer service, safer buildings, and better local control; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing amount of work being submitted to the Alaska State Fire Marshal's Office within the core-area; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Fire Marshal's Office does not have the staff ability to handle such an increase and provide effective plan-review and full inspection services to the Wasilla-Lakes FSA; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Fire Marshal has recommended a fire code deferment to the Wasilla-Lakes FSA; and

WHEREAS, any revenue generated through the fire code plan reviews, citation, and inspections will go directly to the Wasilla-Lakes FSA, fund 250 *(see IM No. 06-124 for the Fire Code Deferment Plan);* and

WHEREAS, these revenues will support the program and two regular full-time Fire Code Official positions, which will be funded through the Wasilla-Lakes operating budget, fund 250; and

WHEREAS, these two regular full-time Fire Code Official positions are necessary in order to implement the Fire Code Deferment plan; and

WHEREAS, a research paper compiled by Taunnie Boothby concluded that the transfer of authority to the local community through the deferral process is clearly a positive event for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly accepts a fire code deferment from the Alaska State Fire Marshal's Office for the Wasilla-Lakes FSA No. 130 and the adoption of all current and future Alaska State Fire and Life Safety regulations and related plan review fee schedules.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly authorized the inclusion of a technical amendment to the fiscal year 2007 Manager's proposed budget to add the revenues ($270,000), the two regular full-time Fire Code Official positions and related expenditures thus totaling $240,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLED, that the fire code deferment shall take effect on July 1, 2006, following adoption by the Assembly.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 18 day of May, 2006.

/S/
TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

/S/
MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Woods, Allen, Colberg, Kvalheim, Bettine, Colver, and Vehrs