

CODE ORDINANCE

Sponsored by: Borough Mayor
Introduced: 02/16/16
Public Hearing: 03/01/16
Adopted: 03/01/16

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 16-011**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING MSB 19.04 AND MSB 25.15 TO IMPLEMENT THE 2015 INITIATIVE PROPOSITION B-1 APPROVED BY THE VOTERS TO REQUIRE THAT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS BE ELECTED BY DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, the intent and rationale of this ordinance are contained in the enacting clauses and the informational memorandum accompanying this ordinance.

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. Repeal of section. MSB 19.04.020 is hereby repealed as per the initiative petition approved by the voters at the October 6, 2015, regular Borough election as follows:

[19.04.020 SCHOOL BOARD SEATS.

(A) EACH SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE, BUT SHALL FILE FOR AND BE ELECTED TO A DESIGNATED SEAT ON THE BOARD. THE TERM SHALL BE FOR THREE YEARS AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR TAKES OFFICE.

(B) SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED TO SEATS, DESIGNATED A, B, C, D, AND E, AT REGULAR BOROUGH ELECTIONS AS

FOLLOWS:

- (1) SEAT A: BEGINNING OCTOBER 1982;
- (2) SEAT B: BEGINNING OCTOBER 1982;
- (3) SEAT C: BEGINNING OCTOBER 1983;
- (4) SEAT D: BEGINNING OCTOBER 1984;
- (5) SEAT E: BEGINNING OCTOBER 1984;

ELECTION TO EACH SEAT SHALL BE EVERY THREE YEARS THEREAFTER, TO MAINTAIN THE STAGGERED PATTERN OF TERMS.

(C) UPON INCREASE OF THE SIZE OF THE BOARD FROM FIVE TO SEVEN MEMBERS, TERMS FOR NEW SEATS F AND G SHALL BE DETERMINED BY LOT SO THAT WHEN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE TWO NEW MEMBERS ARE ASSIGNED, THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE ENTIRE SEVEN-PERSON BOARD SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: THREE MEMBERS HAVE A THREE-YEAR TERM REMAINING, TWO MEMBERS HAVE A TWO-YEAR TERM REMAINING, AND TWO MEMBERS HAVE A ONE-YEAR TERM REMAINING FOLLOWING THE FIRST ELECTION OF SEVEN MEMBERS TO THE BOARD. ALL TERMS THEREAFTER SHALL BE FOR THREE YEARS.]

Section 3. Adoption of new section. MSB 19.04.022 is adopted as per an initiative petition approved by the voters at the October 6, 2015, regular Borough election to read:

MSB 19.04.022 SCHOOL BOARD SEATS

(A) Each School Board member shall file and be elected to a designated Borough Assembly district board seat. The board shall consist of a total of seven (7) members, one to be elected from

each of the seven Borough Assembly districts. The term shall be for three years and until a successor takes office.

(B) Terms shall be staggered.

(C) Each District School Board member shall be a resident of the district the member represents.

(D) If an elected member ceases to reside within the district from which the member was elected, but remains a resident of the Borough, the member may serve only until the next regular election.

Section 4. Adoption of new section. MSB 19.04.025 is adopted to implement the initiative approved by the voters at the October 6, 2015, regular Borough election to read:

MSB 19.04.025 SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT DESIGNATIONS AND TERMS

School board district seats shall follow Assembly District seats in the following manner with initial terms as specified:

• School Board District G is re-designated as School Board District 2 and shall have the same boundaries as Assembly District 2 with an initial term beginning in 2016;

• School Board District F is re-designated as School Board District 7 and shall have the same boundaries as Assembly District 7 with an initial term beginning in 2016;

• School Board District C is re-designated as School Board District 5 and shall have the same boundaries as Assembly District 5 with an initial term beginning in 2016;

• School Board District D is re-designated as School Board District 3 and shall have the same boundaries as Assembly District 3 with an initial term beginning in 2017;

• School Board District E is re-designated as School Board District 6 and shall have the same boundaries as Assembly District 6 with an initial term beginning in 2017;

• School Board District A is re-designated as School Board District 1 and shall have the same boundaries as Assembly District 1 with an initial term beginning in 2018;

• School Board District B is re-designated as School Board District 4 and shall have the same boundaries as Assembly District 4 with an initial term beginning in 2018.

Section 5. Amendment of Section. MSB 25.15.010 is amended to implement the initiative as approved by the voters at the October 6, 2015, regular Borough election to read:

(A) Any person is eligible for Borough office if the person is a qualified voter of the Borough and meets State and Borough requirements for the office.

(1) Candidates for Assembly seats shall reside in the Borough and in the Assembly District for which they file and meet the requirements of MSB 2.12.030.

(2) Any Borough resident is eligible to run for the office of Mayor.

(3) [ANY BOROUGH RESIDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO RUN FOR A SEAT ON THE SCHOOL BOARD.] Candidates for School Board shall reside in the Borough and in the School Board District for which they file.

(4) Candidates shall provide proof that they are eligible, or shall be eligible by the date of the election, to be recognized as a candidate for any election.

Section 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 1 day of March, 2016.


VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, Beck, McKee, Colligan, Mayfield, Doty, and Kowalke.