

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. HPC19-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMENDING AMENDMENTS TO MSB 4.46 HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2017 the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly directed the offices of the Manager, Clerk, and Planning to bring forward draft ordinance what would make changes to the tasks, duties, make-up, and meeting frequency of boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, these changes are to clarify responsibilities and expectations to make the boards function more efficiently and further the goals of the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, planning staff has asked for the input of the Historic Preservation Commission in the drafting of this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission recommends that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly amend MSB 4.46 as follows:

Section

- 4.46.010 [ESTABLISHED] **Establishment and purpose**
- 4.46.020 Functions
- 4.46.030 Composition
- 4.46.035 **Meetings**
- 4.46.040 Term of members
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4.46.010 [ESTABLISHED] ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.

[THERE IS] In order to comply with the Certified Local Government Program of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has established a historical preservation commission. The purpose of the commission is to encourage, participate, and coordinate historic preservation activities within the borough, to provide local government involvement in regional and state-wide historic preservation efforts, and to advise and report to the Aassembly as outlined in the functions listed below.

4.46.020 FUNCTIONS.

(A) The commission shall:

- (1) advise the assembly in [THE IDENTIFICATION OF BUILDINGS, SITES AND LANDMARKS AND WRITINGS AND OBJECTS] identifying, protecting, preserving and interpreting cultural resources within the borough that are of archaeological, historic, cultural, scientific, or geographic importance;
- (2) develop and maintain an inventory of [LANDMARKS, HISTORICAL BUILDINGS AND SITES AND WRITINGS AND OBJECTS] cultural resources within the borough;
- (3) [ADVISE THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON PLANNING IN CONNECTION WITH HISTORIC PRESERVATION]
- (4) [ADVISE THE BOROUGH AND PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS ON RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS, SITES AND LANDMARKS AND WRITINGS AND OBJECTS]
- (5) [COORDINATE, ASSIST AND AID IN THE PLANNING OF HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION PROJECTS IN THE BOROUGH]

(6) [RECOMMEND TO THE ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS, SITES AND LANDMARKS AND WRITINGS AND OBJECTS OF HISTORICAL, CULTURAL OR GEOGRAPHIC SIGNIFICANCE IN THE BOROUGH ELIGIBLE FOR LISTING ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES BY THE UNITED STATES OR STATE GOVERNMENTS, AND SEEK APPROVAL FROM CITY COUNCILS ON RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING HISTORIC PLACES WITHIN CITIES; AND]

(7) [RECOMMEND TO THE ASSEMBLY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION PROGRAMS AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY OR SUPPORTED BY THE BOROUGH.]

(8) develop a local historic preservation plan providing for the identification, protection, management, and interpretation of cultural resources within the borough;

(a) The preservation plan shall be compatible with the Alaska Historic Preservation Plan.

(b) The preservation plan will be reviewed by the commission annually, and updated every 5-10 years to reflect newly identified cultural resources, changes to local, state, and/or federal laws that affect cultural resources within the borough, and any other relevant information regarding cultural resources within the borough.

(9) review and make recommendations on construction and development projects within the borough that have the potential to adversely affect cultural resources within the MSB;

(a) The commission will work with staff to develop a "high potential map for cultural resources" to be used in development permit reviews. Developments located in areas with high potential will be referred to a

cultural resources professional for a voluntary cultural resource survey. The purpose of developing a high potential map is to ensure that developers of parcels identified as high potential shall receive verbal and written information about this during their pre-development conference.

(10) receive and review nominations for listing borough cultural resources on the National Register of Historic Places from the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office, National Park Service, a tribe, academic institution, or from the borough community; and

(11) review and make recommendations on Certified Local Government grant applications and/or grant applications from the Matanuska-Susitna community.

4.46.030 COMPOSITION.

(A) The commission shall consist of [NINE] seven citizens of the borough who have demonstrated an interest, competence, or knowledge in the historical and cultural foundations of the borough and the state, which includes Alaska Native traditional knowledge bearers who are members of federally-recognized tribes within the borough. To the extent available in the borough, the mayor shall appoint[PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS FROM] , subject to confirmation by the assembly, citizens with professional expertise in the disciplines of architecture, history, architectural history, planning, archaeology, or other historic preservation related disciplines, such as urban planning, American studies, American civilization, cultural geography, or cultural anthropology.

4.46.035 MEETINGS.

The commission shall meet at least quarterly, or as requested by the administration, Historical Preservation Commission chair, or assembly.

4.46.040 TERM OF MEMBERS.

(A) Irrespective of the limits specified in MSB [4.05.040](#), a board member may serve more than two consecutive three-year terms.

4.46.050 COMPENSATION.

Commission members shall be reimbursed for mileage incurred in connection with meetings of the board in the same manner as borough employees are compensated for mileage expenses upon presentation of supporting documentation satisfactory to the appropriate director.

4.46.060 Definitions.

Within this section, the following definitions are used:

- "Cultural Resources" includes, but is not limited to, historic buildings, archaeological sites, important landmarks, historic objects, traditional use areas, cultural landscapes, structures, and historic districts.
- "Adverse affect" means any change to the qualities or characteristics of a cultural resource that may diminish its ability to convey its historic or cultural importance. Examples of adverse effects may include the demolition, relocation, or alteration of historic buildings or structures, the destruction of archaeological or cultural sites, or the introduction of intrusive elements into a historic district.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical
Preservation Commission this 5th day of December, 2019.



Fran Seager-Boss, Chair

ATTEST:


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