

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD

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## AGENDA

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Lower Level Conference Room**  
**And Teams**

**Meeting ID: 235 322 904 252**  
**Passcode: Gg7dK2qm**

**March 24, 2025**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
  - A. FEBRUARY 24, 2025
- VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT
  - A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager
- VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Matanuska Valley Moose Range at Jonesville PUA
    - i. No report
  - B. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation
    - i. No report
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
- X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS
- XI. CORRESPONDENCE
- XII. MEMBER COMMENTS
- XIII. NEXT MEETING  
APRIL 28, 2025
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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## MEETING MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING

Lower Level Conference Room  
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Meeting ID: 235 322 904 252

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February 24, 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - A. Called to order at 6:01 pm
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
  - A. Present: James Jones, Ruth Wood, Michael Rovito, Jill Martinson, Maksim Revutskiy, Kenni Psenak, Harry Hillman (at 6:09 pm)
  - B. Absent: Kimberly Waychoff
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
  - A. Mr. Rovito motioned to approve, unanimous consent.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
  - A. Pledge was conducted.
- V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
  - A. NOVEMBER 25, 2024 – Ms. Wood motioned to approve, unanimous consent.
- VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT
  - A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager – Mr. Leslie informed the board about summer positions to be posted next week, Jonesville management agreement to be signed and 2 staff will be going to an NRA Range Management course and initial budgets have been submitted. Updated about the signed purchase agreement for the Big Lake Recreation Center, programming to be available at the outdoor rinks, Adam Madson being promoted to Branch Manager in Rec Services, Wasilla Pool updates and let the board know Jillian was planning on coming to the meeting but had a family emergency. Information regarding the Jim Creek Clean Up on May 10, the new software being implemented for the recreation facilities and campgrounds.
- VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person
  - A. Dewey Bitler – Spoke about the trail that the Meadow Lakes Community Council is building and what the next steps may be.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Mat River Park

- i. Updated the board regarding the master plan for Mat-River Park, when it gets updated with current estimates for upgrade costs we will present it to the board.

B. Matanuska Valley Moose Range at Jonesville PUA

- i. Mr. Leslie spoke about this in the staff report.

C. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation

- i. No report

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. None

X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

A. None – Criteria for Volunteer Nominations was requested

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. None

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

A. James Jones – Mr. Jones reminded everyone about the Rec Services FB page and he will be out of the country after March’s meeting but should be able to attend remotely.

B. Ruth Wood – Ms. Wood reminded everyone about the Oosik Race in Talkeetna, a bike race and an event from Multi-users of Talkeetna Trails. Updated on the state of the trails.

C. Michael Rovito – Mr. Rovito updated on the state of some of the trails at Government Peak and the Butte. Trash was seen on the trails, asked people to not trash the trails.

D. Harry Hillman – Mr. Hillman apologized for being late, asked for the pages to be numbered and have reviewed dates on the bottom.

E. Maksim Revutskiy – Mr. Revutskiy asked for the FB page to include the Jim Creek Clean Up Day and maybe provide “grabbers” for the children to help in the cleanup.

F. Kenni Psenak – Ms. Psenak thanked staff for expeditious processing of the annual parking passes. Hoped for a little more winter than what we’ve had.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

March 24, 2025 – unanimously accepted.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Mr. Hillman motioned for adjournment, Mr. Rovito 2<sup>nd</sup>. 6 aye, 1 no.

Adjourned at 6:51 pm

## **VOLUNTEER NOMINATION FORM**

*Volunteers make a tremendous difference to our community. They offer and bring not only their time, but also their energy, skills, individual perspectives and talents: thereby enhancing our communities, local services and lives. We are recognizing and celebrating their contribution and also the contribution of local organizations.*

### Helpful Tips:

- Be as specific and concise as possible.
- Focus on one program that most exemplifies the nominee's service. Secondly, describe other volunteer work as it ranks in importance.
- Nominations must be sent or delivered to the Board Secretary by the Agenda cut-off date listed on the Meeting Schedule. They can be sent to:

Mat-Su Borough Recreation Services  
350 E Dahlia Ave. Palmer, AK 99645  
or recreational.services@matsugov.us

**Volunteer(s) Name:**

**Affiliated Organization (if applicable):**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**E-mail:**

**NEED:** Briefly describe nominee's volunteer services and the need for these services in the community:

**IMPACT:** Describe the impact or difference the nominee's volunteer service made in the community. Please be specific.

**TIME:** Number of hours of volunteer service.

What has made your association with this volunteer memorable or special (include examples)?

### **Nominator:**

Name:

Telephone:

Email:

Signature of Nominator:

## **Mat-Su Park and Rec Ordinances – 2024 APRIL DRAFT WORKING COPY**

### **Section 1. PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish rules and regulations for the use of and conduct in public parks, park facilities, and recreation areas under the jurisdiction of the Matanuska Susitna Borough (MSB).

### **Section 2. APPLICABILITY.**

This ordinance shall apply in all parks and recreation areas under the jurisdiction of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, unless expressly exempted. For the issuance of permits, temporary designations, authorizations, granting of approval and other actions the approving governing authority shall be the Director of Community Development or their designee.

### **Section 3. CONSTRUCTION.**

In the interpretation of this and all succeeding park and recreation area ordinances, the provisions shall be construed as follows:

1. Any term in the singular shall include the plural.
2. Any term in the masculine shall include the feminine and neutral.
3. Any requirement or prohibition of any act, shall respectfully extend to and include the causing and procuring, directly or indirectly, of such act.
4. No provision hereof shall make unlawful any act necessarily performed by any officer or employee of the MSB or State of Alaska in the line of duty or work as such, or by any person, their agent or employees, in the proper and necessary execution of the terms of any agreement with the MSB.
5. Any act otherwise prohibited by law or local ordinance shall be lawful if performed, under, by virtue of, and strictly within the provisions of a permit to do so, and to the extent authorized thereby.

### **Section 4. DEFINITIONS**

Agent - means the Community Development Director, Parks, Recreation and Library Services Manager, or other Borough Staff as delegated by the Director or Manager.

Approving Authority – means the MSB Community Development Director or their designee.

"Camping" shall mean the temporary establishment of a lodging or sleeping site for a Person on the ground or in any other manner, or in any sleeping bag, tent, hammock, trailer, vehicle camper, motor vehicle, boat, or in any other conveyance erected, parked, or placed on Matanuska Susitna Borough Property or established campground for overnight or day use.

Crossing – any crossing whether marked by a pavement or otherwise; the extension to any sidewalk space across any intersecting drive, street, or highway.

Curb – any boundary of any street, road, avenue, boulevard, or drive, whether or not marked by a curb.

Designee means the Park Supervisor or other staff member designated by the MSB Community Development Director or their designee.

Director – means the MSB Community Development Director.

Matanuska Susitna Borough - means the MSB Community Development Department and/or MSB Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Library Services Division.

Park attendant – any person employed by the MSB as a parks attendant to perform duties or tasks within the park and recreation areas.

Park Property - means all lands, waters, and property managed by the MSB Community Development Department as park, recreation, and open space areas.

Path – any footpath, walk, or any path maintained for pedestrians.

Pedestrian – means a person afoot.

Permit – any written license issued by or under the authority of the MSB Community Development Director permitting a special event or activity on park facilities.

Person – any natural person, corporation, company, association, joint stock association, firm or co-partnership.

Posting shall mean the display of a sign or other device which is of size, shape, and wording as to convey a clear message to reasonable people.

Soliciting – persons selling goods or services by sample or taking orders for future delivery with or without accepting advance payment for the goods. Persons seeking any form of contributions.

Stopping or standing – when prohibited means any cessation of movement of a vehicle occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with pedestrians or other traffic including horses and bicycles.

Traffic – means pedestrians, ridden or herded animals and vehicles, either singly or together.

Vehicle – any conveyance (except baby carriages) including motor vehicles, trailers of all types, campers, tricycles, bicycles, motorized or not, sleds, sleighs, pushcarts, or vehicles propelled by other than muscular power. Also any horse or horse-drawn conveyance.

Vending – selling or trading any item or service.

Written Permission shall mean a park pass, receipt of payment, campground registration, Borough permit or memo as provided by the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

Written Permission for an exception to the rule may be obtained through the Community Development Offices on a case-by-case basis.

**Section 5. Rules of Conduct.** It shall be unlawful for any person in a public park or recreation area to:

1. Mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with or displace or remove any buildings, bridges, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, pavings or paving materials, water lines or other public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof, signs, notices or placards, whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts, or other boundary markers, or other structures or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.

2. Fail to cooperate in maintaining restrooms and washrooms in a neat and sanitary condition.
3. Dig or remove any soil, rock, sand, stones, trees, shrubs or plants or other wood or materials, or make any excavation by tool, equipment, blasting or other means or agency.
4. Construct or erect any building or structure of whatever kind, whether permanent or temporary, or run or string any public service utility into, upon, or across such lands, except on special written permit issued hereunder.
5. Damage, cut, carve, mark, transplant or remove any plant, or injure the bark, of any tree or plant, dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas, or in any other way injure the natural beauty or usefulness of any area.
6. Walk, climb, or stand or sit upon monuments, vases, planters, fountains, railings, fences or upon any other property not designated or customarily used for such purpose.
7. Attach any rope or cable or other contrivance to any tree, fence, railing, bridge, bench, or other structure.
8. Throw, discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountains, pond, lake, river, stream, or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or any tributary, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such water, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said water.
9. Take into, carry through, or put into any park, any rubbish, refuse, garbage or other material. Such refuse and rubbish shall be deposited in receptacles so provided. Where receptacles are not provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence, and properly disposed elsewhere.
10. Bring any glass container into any park or recreation area.
11. Cause or permit to loose any animal.
12. Tie or hitch an animal to any tree or plant.
13. Hunt, molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, pursue, chase, tease, shoot or throw missiles at any animal, wildlife, or bird; nor shall any person remove or have in their possession the young of any wild animal, or the eggs or nest, or the young of any bird.
14. Walk a dog without a leash, said leash to be no longer than six feet.



15. Ride a horse except on designated bridle trails; horses shall be thoroughly broken and properly restrained, and ridden with due care, and shall not be allowed to graze or go unattended.
16. Walk a domestic animal without a leash, said leash to be no longer than six feet. Further, the owner or person having custody of said domestic animal shall be responsible for removal of any animal solid waste.

**SECTION 6. VEHICLES.** It shall be unlawful for any person in a public park or recreation area:

1. Drive any vehicle on any area except the paved or gravel park roads or parking areas or such areas as may on occasion be specifically designated as temporary areas.
2. Park a vehicle anywhere exception on a designated parking area.
3. Leave a vehicle standing or parked in established parking areas or elsewhere in the park and recreation areas during hours when the park and recreation area is closed.
4. Leave a bicycle in a place other than a bicycle rack when such is provided and there is space available.
5. Ride a bicycle without reasonable regard to the safety of others.
6. Leave a bicycle lying on the ground or paving or set against trees, or in any place or position where other persons may trip over or be injured by them.
7. Wash any vehicle.
8. Drive or operate with the parks any bus or vehicle adapted for more than twelve passengers; any hearse, truck, or tractor, or vehicle used for advertising provided that taxis, buses, and trucks may be used to carry visitors to the parks and recreation areas.
9. Use the parks, park drives, parking places, or parkways for the purpose of demonstrating any vehicles, or for the purpose of instructing another to drive or operate any vehicle, nor shall any person use any park area, including parking spaces, for the repairing or cleaning of any vehicle except in an emergency.
10. Cause or permit a vehicle in tow of another vehicle to enter the parks or proceed therein, except that in case of a breakdown a disabled vehicle

may be towed to the nearest exit; or operate or drive a vehicle containing any person or object projecting or hanging outside of or beyond the side or the rear thereof.

**Section 7. EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS.** It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Have in their possession or set off any fireworks. Permits may be given for conducting properly supervised fireworks in designated park areas.

**Section 8. ADVERTISING, ASSEMBLAGES, ENTERTAINMENT.**

- A. No person shall post, paint, affix, distribute, deliver, place, cast or leave about, any bill, billboard, placard, ticket, handbill, circular, or advertisement.
- B. No person shall do any of the following without a permit, provided that no permit shall be required for any action or event sponsored by the Borough.
  - 1. Display any advertising signs or other advertising matter, provided that a sign attached to a vehicle to identify the vehicle, or a sign lawfully on a taxi or bus, is not prohibited.
  - 2. Operate for advertising purposes any musical instrument, soundtrack or drum.
  - 3. Hold public assemblages.
  - 4. Conduct exhibitions.
  - 5. Hold a parade.

**Section 9. MERCHANDISE, SALE PROHIBITED.** No person shall expose or offer for sale any article in any park or recreation area, without a license as a concessionaire.

**Section 10. IGNITABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS.** No person shall kindle, build, maintain or use a fire except in places provided for such purposes. Any fire shall be continuously under the care and direction of a competent person from the time it is kindled until it is extinguished. No person shall throw away or discard any lighted match, cigarette, tobacco, paper or other material within or against any building, boat or vehicle, or under any tree or in underbrush.

**Section 11. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES, ALMS.** While in a public park or recreation area, all persons shall conduct themselves in a proper and orderly manner, and in particular, no person shall:

1. Bring alcoholic beverages, controlled dangerous substances, drink or use the same at any time nor shall any person be under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled dangerous substance in a park or recreation area.
2. Solicit alms or contributions for any purpose, whether public or private.
3. Play any game of chance or have possession of any instrument or device for gambling.
4. Play, engage or take part in any game or competitive sport for money, or other valuable thing, without a written permit.

**Section 12. MISCELLANEOUS CONDUCT.** It shall be unlawful for any person in a park or recreation area to: **Need examples**

**Section 13. PARK HOURS AND PUBLIC USE.**

13.1 No member of the public shall:

(a) Enter or remain within an established Matanuska Susitna Borough campground, park, or facility except during park hours. Park hours are 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. from March 1 through October 15; 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. from October 16 through the last day of February, or as posted.

(b) Re-enter Park Property once expelled for reason of rule violation for a period of time determined by the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

(c) Enter or use a Matanuska Susitna Borough Park or portion thereof which has been closed by the Matanuska Susitna Borough and posted as such. Signs indicating the daily operating hours and seasonal restrictions, if applicable, are posted on all developed park properties and trails.

(d) Enter or use a Matanuska-Susitna Park or portion thereof which has been closed to the public by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and posted as such.

13.2 Occupy Specific areas or facilities within Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property where a permit is required for use without applying for and obtaining

the appropriate permit. Permit facilities and areas have signs which convey the necessity for obtaining a MSB permit.

**Section 14. FEES AND CHARGES.**

14.1 No member of the public shall:

(a) Use any facility, land, area, or service for which a fee or charge has been established by the Matanuska Susitna Borough without payment of such fee or charge per Matanuska Susitna Borough procedures.

(b) Fail to display or affix a valid permit in the manner established by the Matanuska Susitna Borough when entering or using a Matanuska Susitna Borough Park, trails, campground requiring such a permit.

**Section 15. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.**

15.1 No person, while on Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property, shall:

(a) Deposit or abandon any garbage, refuse, trash, waste, or other obnoxious materials except in receptacles specifically provided for such purposes.

(b) Deposit or abandon in any way, any household or commercial garbage, refuse, yard waste, trash, waste, or other obnoxious materials originating outside the Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property.

(c) Use a park facility or area which requires a permit without applying for and obtaining the applicable permit.

(d) Use a park area, structure, play area, or amenity for a use other than its intended or designed use or purpose.

(e) Conduct any activity, including an authorized use, in a manner that unduly threatens the safety of any individual or threatens to damage or harm Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property or the natural resources therein.

(f) Occupy or use a reserved facility when that facility is reserved by another person per established Matanuska Susitna Borough procedures.

(g) Hinder, interrupt, or interfere with any authorized use or any use for which a permit has been granted, including a permit that allows the use of Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property to the exclusion of others.

(h) Build fires except in grills, fireplaces, fire rings, or other areas specifically provided and identified for that purpose and only if no fire ban is in place.

(i) Build a fire in a pedestal grill for any purpose other than cooking or use any fuel other than charcoal and lighter fluid in said grill.

(j) Engage in the activity of Camping, anywhere other than designated campsites.

(k) Peddle or solicit business of any nature whatever; distribute handbills or other advertising matter; post unauthorized signs on any lands, waters, structures, or other Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property; or use Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property for the purpose of commercial operations unless prior written permission/permit is obtained from the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

(l) Make use of any sound amplification device, loudspeakers, audio devices, or car stereos which produce sound at a level which can be heard clearly 20 feet from the source, bothers or annoys other park users, park neighbors, or in any other way disturbs the peace and order of a park area unless prior written permission is obtained from the Matanuska Susitna Borough as a part of or separately from a facility reservation.

(m) Possess or discharge fireworks unless prior written permission is obtained from the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

(n) Be allowed to bring any glass bottle or container into a designated swimming beach, or sunbathing area.

(o) Fish from a swimming beach or be in possession of any fishing hooks or tackle while in a designated swimming beach area.

(p) Trespass onto adjacent private property.

(q) Smoke or use a tobacco product, e-cigarette, Cannabis or similar device or substance in any beach area, including sand areas, grass areas, decks, overlooks and other structures; or adjoining areas, as designated by signing.

(r) Dispose of smoking waste or tobacco product waste in any beach area, including sand areas, grass areas, decks, overlooks, and other structures; or adjoining areas, as designated by signing.

(s) Be in possession of paint or a paint container unless also in possession of a canvas, or other related painting support media, unless said person is a Matanuska Susitna Borough working on official business.

(t) Hang a hammock in any manner that could cause damage to a tree, off-trail area, or manmade structure, or in areas where the trail is either boardwalk or stairs. Hammock may be hung using wide straps on trees over 6 inches in diameter within 10 feet of an established natural surface, gravel, or asphalt trail only.

(u) Hang or use a slack line, tight rope, or clothesline unless prior written permission is obtained from the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

(v) Erect a tent or similar structure unless said structure is less than 150 feet from a beach, on a beach, and open on at least one side; OR in a designated camping area; OR with written permission as part of or separately from a facility reservation.

(w) Engage in the activities of sledding, skating, skiing, or other similar activities except in areas designated by the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

## **Section 16. PUBLIC CONDUCT.**

16.1 No person, while on Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property, shall:

(a) Commit, make or engage in noisy, boisterous, disorderly, lewd, lascivious, or indecent conduct.

(b) In any manner disturb the peace and quiet or good order of a park area; disturb another person or park neighbor.

(c) Enter into a restroom intended for the opposite gender or enter into or remain in any restroom or on any Matanuska Susitna Borough property for the purpose of committing any sexual act.

(d) Be present on any Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property with completely or partially exposed or visible genitals, pubic region, buttock, or completely exposed female breast.

(e) Be allowed to remain on Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property with a blood alcohol level that exceeds the legal limit; or when under the influence of illegal drugs or controlled substances.

(f) Be allowed to conduct or participate in any form of gambling or games of chance.

(g) Resist, obstruct, be abusive, or address in a profane or obscene manner any Matanuska Susitna Borough or Designee.

(h) Allow any Person under eight years of age to use, enter, or be in a playground or swimming beach area without the supervision of an adult.

(i) Travel on paths, trails, driveways, or other areas on a horse, bicycle, or any other conveyance at a speed that endangers any park visitor or may cause damage to Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property.

## **Section 17. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

17.1 No person, while on Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property, shall possess any alcoholic beverage of any kind except at specific locations and at specific times by making application per established Matanuska Susitna Borough procedures; and being granted a permit by the Matanuska Susitna Borough or its Agent.

(a) Alcoholic Beverages are allowed within a rented campsite at Jim Creek Campground, Matanuska River Park Campground, Talkeetna Village Campground and Sunshine Creek Campground.

## **Section 18. ANIMALS.**

18.1 No person, while on Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property, shall:

(a) Bring into, have, or keep any animal other than a dog or horse without prior written permission from the Matanuska Susitna Borough or its designee.

(b) Bring into, have, or keep any dog in an area which has been designated or signed to prohibit dogs except for disability service dogs or on duty Police K9's.

(c) Bring into, have, or keep any dog not on a physical leash ten feet or less in length (unless within a designated off-leash area or dog park) and under the immediate control of a competent person who shall remove and properly dispose of any waste produced by the animal immediately and completely.

(d) Bring onto Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property or be in possession of any animal that is vicious, dangerous, aggressive to park visitors or other animals.

(e) Ride horses or other riding animals other than on multi-use trails. Horses and other riding animals are prohibited on all other trails unless noted.

## **Section 19. PRESERVATION OF PARK PROPERTY AND NATURAL FEATURES.**

19.1 No person, while on Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property, shall:

(a) Destroy, injure, deface, disturb, remove, or befoul any part of a park area, building, sign, equipment, or other property therein; nor shall any tree, turf, grass, flower, shrub, or any other plant, rock, or any other mineral, be removed, injured, or destroyed.

(b) Mark, paint, chalk, or in any way leave a permanent or temporary mark on any surface within Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property, including but not limited to trees, buildings, pavement, steps, railings, railings, rocks, soil, or signs unless prior written permission is obtained from the Matanuska Susitna Borough or its Agent.

(c) No person shall release animals, fish, pets, or dispose of plants, yard debris, branches in a Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property is prohibited.

(d) Fail to obey the printed or posted rules of any borough facility, trail park.



19.2 The use of a metal detector is allowed during regular park hours. Holes created as part of the act of metal detecting must be promptly filled in.

**Section 20. HUNTING, FISHING & TRAPPING.**

20.1 No person, while on Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property, shall remove, hunt, trap, wound, kill, molest, or in any other way harm any living thing, unless prior written permission is obtained from the Matanuska Susitna Borough or its Agent. (Exceptions are insects or in defense of life and property) Hunting and fishing is allowed on most Borough lands under generally allowed uses and shall follow the laws of The State of Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

20.2 Fishing on Matanuska-Susitna Borough Park Property shall be permitted in accordance with Matanuska Susitna Borough guidelines and the laws of The State of Alaska Department of Fish & Game in such areas designated by the Matanuska Susitna Borough for such purposes.

**Section 22. FIREARMS AND WEAPONS.**

22.1 No person, while on designated Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property, as listed under 22.1b, shall:

(a) Discharge or set off a pistol, rifle, shotgun, slingshot, or any other instrument which discharges a projectile by air, explosion, or any other force except for any police officer, or other duly appointed law enforcement officer carrying out the duties and responsibilities of their position or by a person carrying a weapon in accordance with Alaska law and in the legal defense of human life unless prior written permission is obtained from the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

(b) Designated Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property sites include; Alcantra Sports Complex, Matanuska River Park Campground, Talkeetna Village Playground, West Butte and Settlers Bay Coastal Park.

22.2. FIREARM USAGE.

(a) Except for purposes of lawful hunting or trapping, a person may not discharge a firearm on or within the boundary of a borough park, trailhead, lake access or recreational area that is not specifically designated as a shooting area or facility.

(b) The use of exploding targets, such as Tannerite, are prohibited in all borough parks, recreational areas and shooting facilities.

### **Section 23. MOTOR VEHICLES.**

23.1 No person, while on Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property, shall:

(a) Operate a highway or passenger motor vehicle unless the vehicle is duly authorized and licensed for operation on public roads and operated by a licensed driver.

(b) Operate a motor vehicle except on roads, parking lots, and other areas expressly designed and designated by the Matanuska Susitna Borough for that purpose.

(c) Operate a motor vehicle in any way which does not give right-of-way to pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians; or endangers the safety of people or property.

(d) Park or leave unattended any automobile, truck, bus, motor home, trailer, or any other similar device except in designated parking spaces or spaces assigned by a Matanuska Susitna Borough Designee and during regular park hours.

(e) Park or leave unattended any motor vehicle in a manner that blocks in another parked vehicle; blocks, restricts, or impedes the normal flow of traffic; where parking is prohibited; on or in a turf area, wetland, meadow, prairie, marsh, field woodland; for the purpose of washing or making any repairs or alterations except those of an emergency nature; or in such a way as to occupy more than one provided parking space.

(f) Use a motor vehicle or any other motorized device to continuously cruise into, out of, or through any area, roadway, or parking lot.

(g) Exceed 10 mph or posted speed limits or exceed a reasonable speed for given traffic conditions and special hazards, such as trail crossings, entrances to parking areas, hills, or curves.

(h) Commit an act of property destruction with a motor vehicle or any other motorized device.

(i) Operate a snowmobile, off-road vehicle, any motor-driven vehicle or any motorized device in any park area or trail unless specifically designated for such purpose.

(j) Park any vehicle within Matanuska Susitna Borough administered parking lot or space for a period exceeding the designated time limit as determined by the Matanuska Susitna Borough and identified by posted signs noting the applicable time limitation.

(k) Fail to obey a traffic control device or the direction of a Matanuska Susitna Borough Designee that is directing traffic.

(l) Park at a designated trailhead without purchasing and correctly displaying the appropriate parking permit. MSB 2.85.015 (C) 1 or 2.

#### **Section 24. WATERCRAFT.**

24.1 No person, while on Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property, shall:

(a) Launch, navigate, or use any watercraft, floatplane or other similar device upon any lake, pond, or watercourse except at such times and places provided by and designated for such purpose by the Matanuska Susitna Borough .

(b) Enter a posted swim area with any boat, canoe, jet ski, sailboard, float plane, paddleboard, surfboard, or other similar device.

#### **Section 25. BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS, ROLLER-SKATES, OTHER DEVICES.**

25.1 No person, while on Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property shall:

(a) Use a bicycle, tricycle, skateboards, roller-skates, or other similar conveyance except upon roadways, parking areas, and designated paths or trails.

(b) At any time obstruct vehicle or pedestrian traffic into, out of, or through Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property by the use of a bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, roller-skates, or similar devices.

(c) At any time use a bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, roller-skates, or similar device in a careless manner which may result in injury to a person or damage to property.

## **Section 26. SPORTS, GAMES, AND HOBBIES.**

16.1 No person, while on Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property, shall:

(a) Engage in any sport, game, or similar activity while on Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property which unreasonably interferes, annoys, or bothers the use and enjoyment of an area by others.

(b) Use or operate any remote-controlled airplane, helicopter, drone, car, boat, or similar device unless prior written permission is obtained from the Matanuska Susitna Borough or its Agent.

(c) Launch, land, operate, or otherwise engage in the use of hot air balloons, parachutes, hang gliders, or other similar conveyances without obtaining prior written permission from the Matanuska Susitna Borough or its Agent.

## **Section 27. PENALTIES.**

27.1 Any person who violates the Rules and Ordinances of the Matanuska Susitna Borough may be expelled from Matanuska Susitna Borough Property and be responsible for borough code violations punishable by a municipal civil infraction penalty not to exceed \$500.

## **Section 28. ENFORCEMENT.**

## 28.1 Notice To Appear.

(a) Any Designee of the Matanuska Susitna Borough Community Development Director is authorized to issue and serve municipal civil infraction citations with respect to municipal civil infraction violations if the Designee has probable cause to believe that a person has committed a municipal civil infraction violation of this Chapter.

## 28.2 Nothing in these ordinances shall:

(a) Prohibit or hinder any Matanuska Susitna Borough employee, agent, or designee from performing their official duties.

(b) Prohibit the Matanuska Susitna Borough, from establishing any emergency rules required to protect the health, welfare, and safety of park visitors; to protect Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Property; or to maintain order.

(c) Prevent other officers from carrying out their sworn duties within the Matanuska Susitna Borough Park Properties or facilities as defined by the applicable laws of the State of Alaska and the United States or by the ordinances, resolutions, and policies of The Matanuska Susitna Borough, or in accord with any policing agreement approved by the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

## **Section 29. CONFLICT WITH CRIMINAL LAWS.**

Nothing in this Section shall be construed to conflict, contravene, enlarge or reduce any criminal liability or responsibility, including fines imposed by a judge for any criminal offense under Alaska law.

## **Section 30. SEVERABILITY.**

The phrases, sentences, sections, and provisions of this Section are severable and the finding that any portion hereof is unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable shall not detract from or affect the enforceability of the remainder of this Ordinance.

## **Section 31. Approval.**

This Ordinance was approved and adopted by the XXXXXXXX