

By: Mayor DeVilbiss
Amended: 01/20/15
Adopted: 01/20/15

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 15-006**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY TO
REQUEST CLARIFICATION FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA ON BALLOT
MEASURE 2, THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA.

WHEREAS, in the primary election, registered Alaskan voters
voted in favor of Ballot Measure 2, *An Act to tax and regulate
the production, sale, and use of marijuana*; and

WHEREAS, some clarification is needed to properly evaluate
the regulations to put in place; and

WHEREAS, clarification is needed regarding the powers
granted to borough's and the cities within those boroughs; and

WHEREAS, clarification is needed on the "one-ounce" for
personal and recreational use and if it will include the liquid
concentrate; and

WHEREAS, international transport and shipping is illegal,
the State must consider prohibiting non-Alaskan produced
marijuana to curb the black market sales and support Alaskan
agriculture and business; and

WHEREAS, it is not clear if the per person rules are for
each adult over the age of 21, or if that the maximum limit is
per household; and

WHEREAS, we also request to restrict certain packaging that is enticing to minors; and

WHEREAS, a large number of people were concerned about access to medicinal cannabis, there is currently no differentiation between recreational marijuana high in Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), medicinal cannabis high in Cannabinoids (CBD), and Industrial hemp or the State should consider differentiation by both definition and distinct regulations; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no control of contaminants or potency in marijuana products, minimum standards need to be established and appropriate labeling required to include both THC and CBD levels; and

WHEREAS, please clarify by law whether a passenger vehicle is considered a non-public place and whether "public" for purposes of the prohibition on consumption of marijuana in "public" include things such as private baseball fields, smoking clubs or standing on the edge of your private property; and

WHEREAS, will there be an agricultural farm use tax exemption for locally produced marijuana; and

WHEREAS, it is suggested that a percentage of the marijuana initiative authorized taxation be put toward prevention, treatment, testing, enforcement, and security; and

WHEREAS, one possibility for the control of marijuana has been using the Alcohol Control Board we recommend, based on corroborating testimony, the State should set up a separate board for the regulation of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, unanswered questions have arisen pertaining to marijuana production, processing and sales outside municipalities in the unorganized borough and the State should address these issues; and

WHEREAS, other states have found infused edible products to be problematic and their regulation should be addressed very clearly in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, licensing for commercial production, processing, and sales should not disallow or limit the number of small (which needs to be defined) local, vertically integrated operations that are suitable for many other of Alaska's agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska landlord/tenant act needs to be clear on what rights both the landlord and tenant have, with respect to personal marijuana use, production and the right to evict; and

WHEREAS, whether any public advertising for marijuana and related products should be prohibited; and

WHEREAS, the State should consider regulation of business hours; and


WHEREAS, the State should consider allowing permits for cultivation facilities three to four months before retail sales and consider how people would obtain seeds and original cuttings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly approves of this draft for legislative and regulatory issues.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 20 day of January, 2015.


LARRY DEVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk
(SEAL)

YES: Sykes, Beck, Arvin, Colligan, Mayfield

NO: Halter