

By: Assemblymember Sykes  
Amended: 01/20/15  
Adopted: 01/20/15

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 15-007**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
ESTABLISHING A MARIJUANA ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, Ballot Measure 2 was approved statewide by the voters; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure 2 generally legalizes marijuana and adopts a new chapter in the Alaska Statutes found at Alaska Statute 17.38; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure 2 provides the framework for legalization of marijuana but there are many laws and regulations that remain to be addressed by the state of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure 2 also allows for the Borough to prohibit and/or implement regulations governing the number, time, place and manner of marijuana cultivation facilities, manufacturing facilities, retail stores and testing facilities; and

WHEREAS, there is uncertainty about what regulations or laws the state of Alaska may pass; and

WHEREAS, the Borough needs to consider possible comments to the State Legislature as well as the control committee regarding laws and regulations governing marijuana; and

WHEREAS, there are many issues and factors to be considered by the Borough in deciding all the local issues associated with the legalization of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly is creating an advisory committee, known as the Marijuana Advisory Committee, to advise the Assembly and Administration on any and all aspects, impacts and concerns related to the legalization of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this resolution that the scope of review by the advisory board include, but not be limited to, considering input from the public, research on aspects of marijuana legalization faced by other municipalities, such as land use, regulatory compliance, law enforcement, taxes and revenue, health, education, cultivation, transportation, testing, and retail sales, become aware of legislative developments and those of other Alaska municipalities and states where marijuana is legal, and offer advice and recommendations to the Assembly and administration on both the upsides and downsides of any issue related to or impacted by the legalization of marijuana deems necessary to consider; and

WHEREAS, the board has no authority to act on behalf of the Borough or communicate on the Borough's behalf other than to make recommendations to the Assembly and Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly hereby establishes the Marijuana Advisory Committee to be provided

secretarial and staff support principally from the Clerk's department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Marijuana Advisory Committee will advise the Assembly and Administration on any and all impacts of the legalization of marijuana and any issues to consider including, but not limited to, impacts on commerce, law, health, safety, education, planning, land use, and implementation of Alaska Statute 17.38.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marijuana Advisory Committee shall include, but not be limited to, research on aspects of marijuana legalization faced by other municipalities, such as land use, regulatory compliance, law enforcement, taxes and revenue, health, education, cultivation, transportation, testing, and retail sales, become aware of Alaska legislative developments and those of other Alaska municipalities and states where marijuana is legal, and offer advice and recommendations to the Assembly and administration on both the upsides and downsides of any issue related to or impacted by the legalization of marijuana the board deems necessary to consider; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Marijuana Advisory Committee will advise and recommend how the Borough Assembly and/or Administration should comment to the state of Alaska regarding

the implementation of Alaska Statute 17.38, and report at least quarterly to the Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Marijuana Advisory Committee will advise and recommend how the Assembly and/or Administration should implement Alaska Statute 17.38 at the local level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Marijuana Advisory Committee may advise and recommend how the Assembly and/or Administration should act with regards to any issue or matter affected or impacted or related to marijuana and the implementation of Alaska Statute 17.38,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in order to gather input and consider all sides of all issues, the Marijuana Advisory Committee will be comprised of 17 members who, as feasible, shall be drawn from the following broad categories:

- One from a potentially interested marijuana grower
- One from non marijuana farming operation
- One from a potentially interested marijuana retailer
- One from financial community
- One from a local business organization, (i.e. Chamber of Commerce)
- One from law enforcement
- One from health community
- One from education community


- One from planning and zoning type experience
- One from sales/marketing advertising
- Three citizens of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough who do not live in city limits
- One member representing the city government of Houston
- One member representing the city government of Palmer
- One member representing the city government of Wasilla
- One member representing the Matanuska-Susitna Borough at the Department Director or equivalent level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Marijuana Advisory Committee will exist until June 30, 2018.

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)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, Beck, Arvin, Colligan, Mayfield, and Halter