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Matanuska-Susitna Borough provides new option for proper disposal of worn U.S. flags

WASHINGTON – In partnership with the National Association of Counties, Alaska Municipal League, and the National Flag Foundation, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has installed a flag retirement box, at no cost to the Borough. The box can be found just inside the main entrance of the Borough Administration Building located at 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. We ask that flags be folded respectfully before they are placed in the box.

The United States Flag Code prescribes flag etiquette — everything from flying it near other flags to instructions on how to raise and lower it. “The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning,” says the code.

Members of AmVets Post 9 in Wasilla have agreed to be responsible for the proper disposal of the worn flags collected at the Borough.

“This drop-off box at the Borough provides convenience to our residents when in the Borough building while respecting our national symbol,” said Borough Manager Mike Brown. “The borough is unified in helping enable our citizens to respect our great nation while disposing of old or worn out flags.”

Said NACo Executive Director Matthew Chase, “We are pleased to provide these flag retirement boxes. Helping residents properly dispose of worn U.S. flags is consistent with our commitment to public service and community engagement.”

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