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Subject: Ordinance #2024-04 allowing firearm discharge in Federick Point East subdivision

To All,

We have recently learned about the proposed change in Ordinance #2024-04 allowing firearm discharge in Federick Point East subdivision.

Some of the conversations at the Borough meeting raised concerns. As long-time private property owners in Frederick Point East, we are concerned that non-property owners may think they are free to use the "prime hunting land". We assume and want to clarify that private property rights, Alaska Trespass laws and Alaska Hunting regulations pertaining to private land are in effect. We believe this should be stated explicitly in the ordinance and we ask that language to this effect is included before passage.

Alaska is rich in public lands for hunting, and we think that some comments that were made indicate people think that they can hunt freely in the subdivision. As we know from other states, land owners and uninformed or unethical hunters will clash, and being so remote, it is difficult to get the situations remedied that will inevitably arise. A reminder for non-property owners who want to hunt on private land need to gain permission from the property owner. Making this clear in the Borough ordinance is a small step to reducing this conflict.

Respectfully,

Dan and Darcie Ewert