DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1245

____X____ Closing Lands to Mineral Entry    ______ Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

I. Name of Mineral Order: Windy City Subdivision – ADL 421190

II. Reason for Mineral Order: This Mineral Order is based upon the attached Commissioner’s Administrative Finding, applicable statutes, and the written justification contained in the following:

  Preliminary Decision, Windy City Subdivision – ADL 421190, July 27, 2020 and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision for same

III. Authority: AS 38.05.185 and AS 38.05.300.

IV. Location and Legal Description: That portion of Block 3, of the West Addition, of the North and West Additions to Delta Junction Townsite Subdivision, according to Plat No. 63-7859, filed on November 13, 1963, in the Fairbanks Recording District, lying westerly of the westerly boundary of a 30’ wide private utility easement, ADL No. 420813, according to the Record of Survey recorded as Plat No. 2020-12 on January 29, 2020, in the Fairbanks Recording District, 4th Judicial District, containing 7.5 acres, more or less.

V. Mineral Order: This order is subject to valid existing rights and is issued under the authority granted by AS 38.05.185 – AS 38.05.275 and AS 38.05.300 to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. In accordance with AS 38.05.185(a), I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land described in this mineral order to entry under mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska. The above described lands are hereby closed to entry under the locatable mineral and mining laws of the State of Alaska.

Concur:  
Martin W. Parsons, Director  
Division of Mining, Land and Water  
Department of Natural Resources  

Approved:  
Corri A. Feige, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources
Pursuant to AS 38.05.035, the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water proposes to issue a Final Finding and Decision to convey State-owned land into private ownership within the Windy City project area (ADL 421190). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed Land Offering Windy City Subdivision – ADL 421190, issued July 27, 2020, the project area is within Unit D-36 of the Eastern Tanana Area Plan. DMLW proposes to close the entire project area to mineral entry. The attached mineral order includes the legal description of area to be closed to mineral entry.

The Division of Mining, Land, and Water requests the mineral estate of approximately 7.5 acres, identified in the attached mineral order, be closed to mineral entry and location, in accordance with AS 38.05.300 for a land disposal. Mining activity on the project area would be incompatible with the current and proposed land estate uses. The land does not contain any known mineral deposits and was not selected for mineral values. There are no mining claims on the land.

Public notice of the comment period for the proposed mineral order was conducted in accordance with AS 38.05.945. Review of comments will be addressed in the final document.

In accordance with AS 38.05.185 (a) and AS 38.05.300, I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land to entry under the mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska as described by Mineral Order (Closing) No. 1245.

Concur: ____________________________ Date
Martin W. Parsons, Director
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources

Approved: ____________________________ Date
Corri A. Feige, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources