

Introduced by:	Mayor Dymont & Council Member Leinberger
Date:	August 23, 2005 October 11, 2005
Action:	Failed
Vote:	2-5 (Yes: Williams & Trantham)

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #05-32

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASED SURCHARGE IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF BETHEL'S ENHANCED 911 SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel (the "City") previously charged a \$.75 surcharge per local access line to help fund its enhanced 911 emergency service communications system ("E911 System"); and,

WHEREAS, the City operates an E911 System, which requires the use of City resources for its maintenance and operation; and,

WHEREAS, the E911 system is essential to the health and safety of the City's residents; and,

WHEREAS, AS 29.35.131 was recently amended by the Alaska state legislature to permit a municipality operating an E911 System to (1) levy a surcharge up to \$2.00 per month per local access line and to (2) require the local exchange telephone companies to bill for, collect and remit those surcharges through their normal billing processes; and,

WHEREAS, AS 29.35.131(i) requires that the surcharge be used for acquiring, implementing, and/or maintaining (1) public safety answering equipment; (2) salaries for 911 call takers; (3) training for call takers; and (4) maintenance of information systems; and such costs have increased; and,

WHEREAS, the imposition of a \$2.00 per month per line surcharge on local access lines within the City would help defray the increased costs of operation and maintenance of the E911 System;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved By The City Council For The City Of Bethel As Follows:

SECTION 1. Authorization of an Increase in Surcharge Per Local Access Line.

The City Council authorizes an increase in the surcharge per local access line from \$.75 per month to \$2.00 per month. The City Council also requires the local exchange telephone companies to bill for, collect and remit the authorized surcharges.

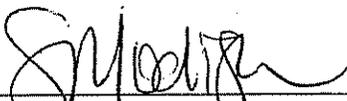
SECTION 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect on September 22, 2005.

RESOLUTION FAILED THIS 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005 BY A VOTE OF 2 IN FAVOR AND 5 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:



Hugh Dymant, Mayor



Sandra Modigh, City Clerk