

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **RESOLUTION # 08-09**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL APPROVING CHANGES IN THE E-911 SURCHARGE**

- WHEREAS,** to assist in the costs of the Enhanced 911 System the City of Bethel, in 1996 established an E-911 surcharge, which is placed on each local exchange line within the city limits at twenty-five cents per month, under the authority of AS 29.35.131; and
- WHEREAS,** the surcharge has not been adjusted since the passage of Resolution 96-23 and the daily operation and maintenance of the system greatly outweighs the revenue received from the current surcharge, meaning the remaining costs are funded by general tax dollars; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2001, the State of Alaska permitted municipalities who provided services under an enhanced 911 system to include the surcharge on any wireless telephone numbers that are billed to an address within the enhanced 911 service area; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2005, the State of Alaska increased the enhanced 911 surcharge cap amount to \$2.00 per month for every wireless telephone number and each local exchange access line; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Bethel will need the addition funds to make the necessary upgrades to the enhanced 911 system to obtain compliance of the Federal Communications Commission's 911 Act of 1999; and
- WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the community, as a whole to provide the most efficient public safety response, with the E-911 system and the upcoming upgrades the dispatcher is able to read the location and phone number of every call coming in on that system, which greatly decreases the response time; and
- WHEREAS,** the Federal Communications Commission ((FCC) adopted and Order to implement the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 (911 Act), the upgrades to the E-911 system will be necessary to obtain compliance with this act which only recently become a factor; and
- WHEREAS,** a local exchange telephone company or wireless telephone company that has collected the enhanced 911 surcharge shall remit the amount collected to the municipal no later than 60 days after the end of the month in which the amount was collected; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Bethel City Council hereby request all telephone companies within the E-911 service area to charge and collect this newly adopted E-911 surcharge of \$2.00.

**ENACTED THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2008 BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 2 OPPOSED.**

  
Eric Middlebrook, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Lori Strickler, City Clerk