

CITY OF BETHEL

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Introduced by: Council Member McComas

Date: June 11, 1996

Action: Passed

Vote: Unanimous

RESOLUTION # 96-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION OF A TELEPHONE SURCHARGE TO FUND AN ENHANCED 911 SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel currently does not have a 911 system which displays the telephone number and address of the caller to the dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, when a caller to the Police Department is unable to communicate with the dispatcher, the dispatcher must call the local telephone company to have the call traced, resulting in delays of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, an enhanced 911 system would automatically display the caller's telephone number and address, possibly saving lives with faster response times; and

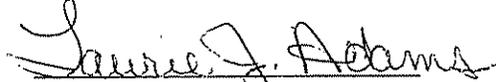
WHEREAS, Alaska Statutes 29 35.131 allows municipalities to collect the cost of an enhanced 911 system from residents through a surcharge of no more than seventy-five cents per month per local exchange access line added to telephone bills, and to annually evaluate the surcharge to determine if the current level is sufficient to meet anticipated enhanced 911 systems needs

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: The City Council of Bethel requests the local telephone exchange company to charge and collect a seventy-five cent surcharge per month per local exchange access line, such charges to be collected and remitted to the City of Bethel in accordance with AS 29 35.131.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs the City Manager to issue a Request for Proposals for an enhanced 911 system to serve the City of Bethel, and upon opening of said proposals, to make a recommendation for award to the City Council

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF JUNE, 1996.

ATTEST:


Laurie J. Adams, Acting City Clerk


Ruth M. Richardson, Mayor