

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 04/21/15
Hearing: 05/19/15
Action: Enacted
Vote: 6 Yes, 3 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2015-10**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KPB 2.60.030 AND 2.60.035 AUTHORIZING AN
INCREASE IN THE E911 SURCHARGE FROM \$1.80 TO \$2.00 PER MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Borough currently operates an enhanced 911 system and the estimated cost for operating the program for FY2016 is estimated to be approximately \$2,279,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough may cover the cost of operating an enhanced 911 system identified in AS 29.35.131 through imposing a surcharge; and

WHEREAS, KPB 2.60.030 and 2.60.035 currently allows a surcharge in the amount of \$1.80, which shall be utilized solely for funding of the enhanced 911 system to the extent authorized by AS 29.35.131; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's current surcharge of \$1.80 per month, generates approximately \$1,440,000 in revenues or an amount equal to approximately 67 percent of the cost of operating the enhanced 911 system; and

WHEREAS, fees charged to Central Emergency Services, Nikiski Fire Service Area, Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Service Area, Kachemak Emergency Service Area and the City of Soldotna generate an additional \$382,000 in 911 revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's General Fund is budgeted to provide funding in the amount of \$265,826 for FY2016; and

WHEREAS, increasing the monthly surcharge from \$1.80 to \$2.00 would provide the additional funding necessary to cover the cost of operating the enhanced 911 system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That KPB 2.60.030 is hereby amended as follows:

2.60.030. Surcharge on local access telephone lines.

A surcharge, in the amount of [~~\$1.80~~] \$2.00 per month, shall be levied on each local exchange access telephone line within the Borough, and shall be billed, collected and remitted by each local exchange telephone company. All proceeds shall be utilized solely for funding of the E911 system. This surcharge shall be administered, applied and collected in strict compliance with all terms and requirements of AS 29.35.131.

SECTION 2. That KPB 2.60.035 is hereby amended as follows:

2.60.035. Surcharge on local exchange wireless telephone numbers.

In addition to other surcharges authorized by law, a surcharge in the amount of [~~\$1.80~~] \$2.00 per month shall be levied on each wireless telephone number that is billed to an address within the borough, and shall be billed, collected and remitted by each wireless telephone service provider. All proceeds shall be utilized solely for funding of the E911 system. This surcharge shall be administered, applied, and collected in strict compliance with all terms and requirements of AS 29.35.131.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY, 2015.

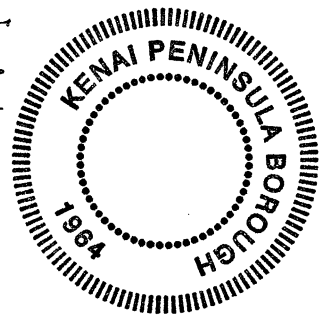


Dale Bagley, Assembly President

ATTEST:



John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



- Yes: Cooper, Haggerty, Gilman, Johnson, McClure, Bagley
- No: Ogle, Welles, Wolf
- Absent: None