

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Soldotna Public Safety Communications Center

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President
Members, KPB Assembly

THRU: Peter A. Micciche, Mayor *PKM*

FROM: Tammy Goggia-Cockrell, 911 Emergency Communications Coordinator *TGC*

DATE: March 5, 2026

RE: Ordinance 2026-12__, Amending Borough Code, KPB Chapter 2.60, to Establish the Department of Public Safety Communications and Sunset the Advisory Board under KPB 2.60.040 (Mayor)

The ordinance will amend KPB Code to formally recognize public safety communications as a department within the executive branch and set forth the powers and duties of the department.

In addition, the ordinance includes updates to KPB Chapter 2.60 and sunsets the emergency communications system advisory board (Advisory Board). The Advisory Board was established in the 1980s, when the system and associated technology were still in their infancy, with a system-specific authority to advise on infrastructure needs. That charge was successfully executed and the system eventually matured into a modern fee-for-services arrangement. KPB wholly owns and operates the system. KPB proactively monitors and adopts emerging technologies and evolving industry best practices, ensuring we remain at the forefront of innovation. The Soldotna Public Safety Communication Center (SPSCC) and KPB administration will continue to operate in collaborative partnership with the cities, state, governmental agencies and other entities utilizing public safety communications and dispatch services.

The agencies for which we provide dispatch services may submit requests for modifications or enhancements to SPSCC's operational technology, workflows, or service delivery processes. As appropriate, the Public Safety Communications Director will continue coordinate with technical staff, command personnel, and partner agencies to assess feasibility and implementation timelines, ensuring any approved changes support system integrity, service consistency, and the overall effectiveness of dispatch operations.

Your consideration is appreciated.