

Introduced by: Mayor  
Date: 09/15/20  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2020-065**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE NEW DISPATCHER I POSITION IN THE  
SOLDOTNA PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

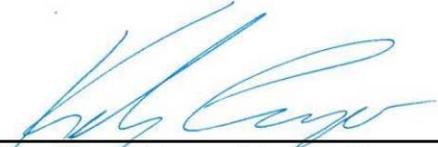
- WHEREAS,** for many years the Kenai Peninsula Borough (Borough) has partnered with the Alaska Department of Public Safety (DPS) to provide 911 call-taking and dispatch services in the borough at the Soldotna Public Safety Communications Center (“SPSCC”); and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska Department of Public Safety (DPS) is in the process of attempting to consolidate emergency dispatch services for Alaska State Troopers in a new center currently proposed to be located in Palmer; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough gave notice of intent to terminate the current contract between the DPS and the borough effective July 1, 2021 and has been in discussions regarding this transition; and
- WHEREAS,** under our current agreement the state is required to provide seven dispatchers and at least one shift supervisor and the borough is to provide six dispatchers, three shift supervisors, the dispatch center manager and one 911 IT specialist; and
- WHEREAS,** on Friday, August 21, 2020, one state dispatcher at the SPSCC departed from their employment by the state; and
- WHEREAS,** the state has notified the borough that it does not intend to fill this position until Governor Dunleavy’s Working Group established under Administrative Order 318 has concluded; and
- WHEREAS,** this vacancy has resulted in a shortage of five personnel at the SPSCC and this vacancy needs to be filled promptly; and
- WHEREAS,** the borough’s best interests would be served by filling this position and funds are being requested in ordinance 2020-19-06; and
- WHEREAS,** based on correspondence with the DPS, the borough expects to receive full reimbursement under our agreement for the cost of the dispatcher through June 30, 2021 to replenish the fund balance;

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

**SECTION 1.** The assembly hereby authorizes the addition of one new dispatcher position at a range M to the SPSCC which is a classified position and hereby authorized in 911 Communications.

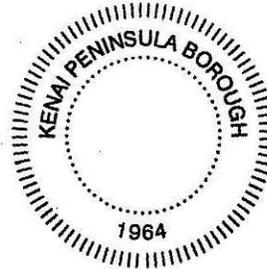
**SECTION 2.** That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.**

  
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Kelly Cooper, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bjorkman, Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, Cooper  
No: None  
Absent: Blakeley