Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department – Land Management Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Hibbert, Assembly President Pro Tem

Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor

Melanie Aeschliman, Planning Director

FROM: Marcus Mueller, Land Management Officer — M & M

DATE: November 10, 2020

RE: Ordinance 2020 48, Authorizing a Communications Site Lease

Agreement at Nikiski Fire Station 3 with SPITwSPOTS, Inc. (Mayor)

SPITwSPOTS, Inc. is a peninsula based commercial wireless communications provider focusing services on high speed internet. SPITwSPOTS, Inc. has requested to enter into a lease for new communication tower site on borough land at the new Nikiski Station 3 site. This land was acquired by the Nikiski Fire Service Area pursuant to Ordinance 2003-13.

SPITwSPOTS, Inc. is being considered for award of a Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) grant to make rural communications improvements in the Nikiski area. SPITwSPOTS infrastructure projects are on an accelerated construction timetable to meet the grant requirements.

The Communications Site Lease Agreement is being negotiated using standard practices and in consultation with the Nikiski Fire Service Area. The lease rent revenue will go to the service area.

This ordinance will be considered by the Nikiski Fire Service Area board at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 11, 2020. The planning commission will hold a public hearing on this item at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 30, 2020.

Your consideration of this ordinance is appreciated.