

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Planning Department – Land Management Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*
Marcus Mueller, Acting Planning Director *mm*

FROM: Marcus Mueller, Land Management Officer *mm*

DATE: September 15, 2020

RE: Ordinance 2020-41, Authorizing Five Communications Site Lease Agreements at Certain Locations with SPITwSPOTS, Inc. *(Mayor)*

SPITwSPOTS, Inc. (SPITwSPOTS) is a peninsula based commercial wireless communications provider focusing services on high speed internet. SPITwSPOTS has requested to enter into leases for new communication tower sites on certain borough land in Nikolaevsk, Ninilchik, Cohoe, Bear Creek and the Tebughna School in Tyonek.

SPITwSPOTS was awarded a Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act grant to make rural communications improvements. SPITwSPOTS infrastructure projects are on an accelerated construction timetable to meet the grant requirements.

The communication site leases have been negotiated using standard practices. Two of the locations were acquired by and operated by service areas. The two service areas have been consulting in the agreement process and the benefits of the respective leases would go to the service area.

The planning commission will hold a public hearing on this item at its regularly scheduling meeting on September 28, 2020.

Your consideration of this ordinance is appreciated.