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Submitted by: Assemblymember ABNEY  
Prepared by: Assembly Office  
For reading: April 27, 1999

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR NO. 99- 84

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 10  
RELATING TO THE UNDERGROUNDING OF UTILITIES

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WHEREAS, SB 10, sponsored by State Senator Donley, has been introduced before the State  
Legislature; and

WHEREAS, SB 10 provides that

A municipality with a population over 100,000 must spend at least one percent (1%) of  
the utility's annual gross revenue from customers within the municipality to place existing  
overhead utility distribution lines underground; and

A utility that is implementing a program to place existing overhead utility distribution lines  
underground may amend its rates for service to enable the utility to recover the full actual  
cost of placing the lines underground.

WHEREAS, within the guidelines of AMC Title 21, the Municipality currently undergrounds new  
projects, and the recent changes to AMC Title 24, which reimburses utilities for relocation projects when a  
road or alley is being upgraded, will facilitate undergrounding within the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, though the Municipality is taking positive steps to underground existing utilities, SB  
10 will even further facilitate undergrounding within the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Section 1: That the Assembly supports Senate Bill 10.

Section 2: That, upon passage, a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Municipal  
Clerk to the State Legislature.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this       day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk

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**CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 10(L&C)****IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA****TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION****BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE****Offered: 3/24/99  
Referred: Finance****Sponsor(s): SENATOR DONLEY****A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act requiring a utility that provides services in a municipality with a  
2 population of more than 100,000 to have an ongoing program of placing existing  
3 overhead utility distribution lines underground; and relating to rates for recovering  
4 the cost of placing existing overhead utility distribution lines underground."

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 \* Section 1. AS 42.05.381 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

7 (h) A utility that has overhead utility distribution lines and that provides  
8 services in a municipality with a population of more than 100,000 must spend at least  
9 one percent of the utility's annual gross revenue from customers in that municipality  
10 to place existing overhead utility distribution lines in that municipality underground.  
11 In determining the annual gross revenue under this subsection, only revenue derived  
12 from the utility's distribution lines in the municipality shall be considered.

13 (i) A utility that is implementing a program to place existing overhead utility  
14 distribution lines located in a municipality underground may amend its rates for

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1 services provided to customers in the municipality to enable the utility to recover the  
2 full actual cost of placing the lines underground. Notwithstanding AS 42.05.411 -  
3 42.05.431, an amendment to a utility's rates under this subsection is not subject to  
4 commission review or approval. A utility amending its rates under this subsection  
5 shall notify the commission of the amendment. This subsection applies only to an  
6 undergrounding program whose costs do not exceed five percent of the utility's annual  
7 gross revenue.

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