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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AO NO. 2001-176

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 26.65 REGARDING ENHANCED 911 SYSTEM TO ALLOW FOR A SURCHARGE ON LOCAL WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE AS AUTHORIZED BY RECENT ALASKA STATUTES, AND TO INTEGRATE SELECTED PORTIONS OF ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL OF REGULATIONS CHAPTER 26.65 INTO THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 26.65; AND REPEALING THE REMAINDER OF THE REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the Alaska Legislature has amended AS 29.35.131 to allow the Municipality to impose a \$.50 per month surcharge on wireless telephones customers billed within the Municipality in addition to the comparable surcharge on wireline telephones within the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Code chapter 26.65 is amended to reflect the prior Anchorage Municipal Code of Regulations in Chapter 26.65; now therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

<u>Section 1.</u> Anchorage Municipal Code section 26.65.020 is hereby amended by adding the following definitions: (Other definitions in the referenced section are not affected and therefore not set out.)

26.65.020 Definitions.

<u>Surcharge</u> means an enhanced 911 system surcharge imposed on wireline and wireless telephones for support of the enhanced 911 system.

Wireless telephone company means any telephone company that provides wireless telephone service through cellular, satellite, broadband, radio-based telephone or data transport service, and bills or sells wireless telephone service to a customer with an address within the municipality.

 Wireless telephone means any telephone that is not a wireline telephone that is capable of communication with another device by use of radio waves or satellite signal, which includes cellular, mobile, radio-based, and broadband telephones. Each wireless telephone number is considered a separate wireless telephone for purposes of the surcharge.

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Wireline telephone means any telephone that uses a local exchange access line.

Section 2. Anchorage Municipal Code section 26.65.020 is hereby further amended by adding and amending the following definition from the Anchorage Municipal Code of Regulations subsection 26.65.001B., which is hereby repealed. (Other definitions in the referenced section are not affected and therefore not set out.)

26.65.020 Definitions.

Customer, as used in Anchorage Municipal Code 26.65, means each separately billed account. Each wireless telephone number constitutes a separate customer for purposes of the surcharge.

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(AO No. 93-109, § 1, 7-20-93)

[Clarification of definitions.] 26.65.001

CUSTOMER, AS USED IN ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE 26.65, MEANS [B. EACH SEPARATELY BILLED ACCOUNT.

Section 3. Anchorage Municipal Code section 26.65.020 is hereby further amended by adding and amending the following definitions from the Anchorage Municipal Code of Regulations subsections 26.65.001A. and C., which are hereby repealed. Additionally, the definition of local exchange access line in section 26.65.020 is amended as follows: (Other definitions in the referenced section are not affected and therefore not set out.)

26.65.020 **Definitions.**

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Amounts collected means amounts billed, less amounts written off, plus net recoveries of amounts previously written off. Based on collection experience, this may be initially calculated on an estimated basis with periodic adjustments to reflect actual experience. * * * * * *

Local exchange access line means a telephone line that connects a local exchange service customer to the wireline [LOCAL EXCHANGE] telephone company switching office and has the capability of reaching local public safety agencies, but does not include a line used by a carrier to provide interexchange services. Local exchange access line, as used in Anchorage Municipal Code 26.65, means each line which is assessed a subscriber line charge (SLC) or a universal access surcharge (UAS), and shall also include any wireline

telephone company official line. However, local exchange access lines shall not include public pay phones, inter-office trunks, toll trunks, direct inward dialing trunks or cellular or wireless telephones.

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(AO No. 93-109, § 1, 7-20-93)

26.65.001 [Clarification of definitions.]

[A. AMOUNTS COLLECTED MEANS AMOUNTS BILLED, LESS AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF, PLUS NET RECOVERIES OF AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN OFF. BASED ON COLLECTION EXPERIENCE, THIS MAY BE INITIALLY CALCULATED ON AN ESTIMATED BASIS WITH PERIODIC ADJUSTMENTS TO REFLECT ACTUAL EXPERIENCE.]

[C. LOCAL EXCHANGE ACCESS LINE, AS USED IN ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE 26.65, MEANS EACH LINE WHICH IS ASSESSED A SUBSCRIBER LINE CHARGE (SLC) OR A UNIVERSAL ACCESS SURCHARGE (UAS), AND SHALL ALSO INCLUDE ANY LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANY OFFICIAL LINE. HOWEVER, LOCAL EXCHANGE ACCESS LINES SHALL NOT INCLUDE PUBLIC PAY PHONES, INTER-OFFICE TRUNKS, TOLL TRUNKS, DIRECT INWARD DIALING TRUNKS OR CELLULAR OR WIRELESS TELEPHONES.]

Section 4. Anchorage Municipal Code section 26.65.020 is hereby further amended to read as follows: (Other definitions in the referenced section are not affected and therefore not set out.)

26.65.020 Definitions.

Local exchange telephone company or wireline telephone company means [THE ANCHORAGE TELEPHONE UTILITY, THE MATANUSKA TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION OR] any [OTHER] telephone utility certified to provide local exchange service or wireline telephone service in the municipality by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska [STATE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION].

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Section 5. Anchorage Municipal Code subsection 26.65.010A. is hereby amended to read as follows: (The remainder of this section is not affected by this ordinance and is therefore not set out.)

26.65.010 Establishment; service area.

Α Pursuant to AS 29.35.131--29.35.137, any wireline or wireless telephone company [LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANY] providing service within the municipality shall, together with the police department, fire department and other emergency service providers using the system, cooperate in the establishment of an enhanced 911 emergency reporting system to serve the entire municipality.

(AO No. 93-109, § , 7-20-93)

Section 6. Anchorage Municipal Code section 26.65.030 is hereby amended by incorporating and renumbering Anchorage Municipal Code of Regulations subsection 26.65.005A. and B. as subsections B. and C. Anchorage Municipal Code of Regulations section 26.65.005 is hereby repealed.

26.65.030 Confidentiality of information.

- The use of information including address information and telephone number <u>A.</u> generated by an enhanced 911 system does not constitute a release of information in violation of chapter 3.90. Further, for the purposes of section 3.90.040.C, such information shall be considered to constitute police investigation files protected from subsequent release under chapter 3.90.
- B[A] Information such as subscriber name, service address and telephone number and tape recording of any E 911 call which comes into possession of APD in the course of responding to an E 911 call does not, by virtue or its disclosure to APD, become public information. This section shall not be interpreted to render information which is otherwise available as a public record under Anchorage Municipal Code 3.90, exempt from disclosure.
- C[B]. Preservation of confidentiality of the name, address, telephone number and any tape recording of an E 911 call does not preclude normal access to account information for audit purposes.

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26.65.005 [CONFIDENTIALITY.]

- [A INFORMATION SUCH AS SUBSCRIBER NAME, SERVICE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AND TAPE RECORDING OF ANY E 911 CALL WHICH COMES INTO POSSESSION OF APD IN THE COURSE OF RESPONDING TO AN E 911 CALL DOES NOT, BY VIRTUE OR ITS DISCLOSURE TO APD, BECOME PUBLIC INFORMATION. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE INTERPRETED TO RENDER INFORMATION WHICH IS OTHERWISE AVAILABLE AS A PUBLIC RECORD UNDER ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE 3.90, EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE.]
- [B PRESERVATION OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ANY TAPE RECORDING OF AN E 911 CALL DOES NOT PRECLUDE NORMAL ACCESS TO ACCOUNT INFORMATION FOR AUDIT PURPOSES.]

Section 7. Anchorage Municipal Code subsection 26.65.040A. is hereby amended to read as follows: (The remainder of this section is not affected by this ordinance and is therefore not set out.)

26.65.040 Acquisition of equipment and services.

A The municipality may purchase, lease or contract for any enhanced 911 equipment or services required to establish, maintain, or upgrade an enhanced 911 system at public safety answering points from a wireline telephone company, wireless telephone company, [EITHER A LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANY] or other qualified vendor of an enhanced 911 system.

(AO No. 93-109, § 1, 7-20-93)

Section 8. Anchorage Municipal Code section 26.65.050 is hereby amended and also incorporates into subsection D. a portion of Anchorage Municipal Code of Regulations section 26.65.006, which is hereby repealed.

26.65.050 Customer surcharge.

A. A surcharge of 50 cents per month per local access line and for each wireless telephone number that is billed or sold to customer with an address within the municipality shall be collected to fund the enhanced 911 system. This surcharge shall be reviewed annually to determine whether the level of surcharge is adequate, excessive or insufficient to meet the anticipated enhanced 911 system needs. A wireline telephone [LOCAL EXCHANGE] or wireless telephone customer may not

be subject to more than one surcharge per local access line <u>or wireless telephone</u> number. A customer that has more than 100 local exchange access lines from a <u>wireline</u> [LOCAL EXCHANGE] telephone company in the municipality is liable for the [911] surcharge only on 100 local exchange access lines.

- B The <u>telephone companies</u> [LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANY] shall bill and collect the [911] surcharge from its <u>wireline and wireless telephone</u> [local exchange service] customers. Funds collected shall be accounted separately from other utility revenues.
- C. The telephone companies [LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANY] shall remit that portion of the surcharge receipts allocable to public safety answering point costs no later than 60 days after the end of the month in which the amount was collected. From each remittance made in a timely manner, each telephone company [LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANY] is entitled to deduct the greater of one percent of the amount collected or a total of \$150.00 per month as the cost of administration for collecting the [911] surcharge. The telephone company shall annually furnish a complete list of amounts due for nonpayment of surcharges, together with the names and addresses of those customers who carry a balance what can be determined by the company to be for nonpayment of the surcharge.
- D. The Municipality may, at its own expense, require an annual audit of a [LOCAL EXCHANGE] telephone company's books and records concerning <u>billing</u>, collection and remittance of the surcharge [USER FEE].
- E. A <u>wireless or wireline telephone</u> [LOCAL EXCHANGE] customer is liable for payment of the [ENHANCED 911] surcharge in the amounts billed by the [LOCAL EXCHANGE] telephone company until the amounts have been paid to the telephone company.

(AO No. 93-109, § 1, 7-20-93)

26.65.006 [AUDIT.]

[THE MUNICIPALITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AUDIT THE RECORDS OF THE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANY RELATING TO THE BILLING, COLLECTION AND REMITTANCE OF THE EMERGENCY 911 RESPONSE SYSTEM SURCHARGE AS PROVIDED BY ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE 26.65.050.]

Section 9. Anchorage Municipal Code section 26.65 is hereby amended by incorporating, renumbering, and amending Anchorage Municipal Code of Regulation section 26.65.003, which is hereby repealed.

26.65.053 Remittance.

- A. On or before 60 days following the end of the month in which the [E 911 SYSTEM] surcharges were billed, the [LOCAL EXCHANGE] telephone company shall submit to the municipal treasurer a return, upon forms provided by the municipal treasurer, and submit payment for the surcharges due the municipality.
- B. The return shall be signed upon oath executed by the agent of the [LOCAL EXCHANGE] telephone company preparing the return and must include:

The name and address of the [LOCAL EXCHANGE] telephone company;

- 2. The name and title of the person preparing the return;
- 3. The month being reported for which the [E 911 SYSTEM] surcharges were billed:
- 4. The amount of gross [E 911 SYSTEM] surcharges billed for the month;
- 5. The amount of deduction claimed for [E 911 SYSTEM] surcharges previously billed and remitted to the municipal treasurer, but charged off as uncollectible during the month being reported or estimated charge-offs [IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 26.65.001.A OF THESE REGULATIONS];
- 6. The prorated recoveries [AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 26.65.004 OF THESE REGULATIONS], representing the month's collection of [E 911 SYSTEM] surcharges previously written off as uncollectible;
- 7. The amount of deduction claimed for the [LOCAL EXCHANGE] telephone company's administrative costs to collect the surcharges, which may be the greater of \$150.00 or one percent of amounts collected [AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26.65.001.A OF THESE REGULATIONS];
- 8. The net amount of remittance due to the municipal treasurer;
- 9. Other information and supporting documentation which may be required by the municipality.
- C. The treasurer shall provide the chief of police with copies of returns filed by the [LOCAL EXCHANGE] telephone company [AS HE REQUESTS].

(AO No. 93-302, § 1, 10-12-93)

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RETURN AND MUST INCLUDE:

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THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE 13 1. COMPANY: 14 THE NAME AND TITLE OF THE PERSON PREPARING THE RETURN; 2. 15 THE MONTH BEING REPORTED FOR WHICH THE E 911 SYSTEM 3. 16 SURCHARGES WERE BILLED; 17 THE AMOUNT OF GROSS E 911 SYSTEM SURCHARGES BILLED FOR 18 4. THE MONTH: 19 THE AMOUNT OF DEDUCTION CLAIMED FOR E 911 SYSTEM 20 5. SURCHARGES PREVIOUSLY BILLED AND REMITTED TO THE 21 MUNICIPAL TREASURER, BUT CHARGED OFF AS UNCOLLECTIBLE 22 DURING THE MONTH BEING REPORTED OR ESTIMATED CHARGE-23 OFFS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 26.65.001.A OF THESE 24 REGULATIONS; 25 THE PRORATED RECOVERIES, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 26.65.004 6. 26 OF THESE REGULATIONS, REPRESENTING THE MONTH'S 27 COLLECTION OF E 911 SYSTEM SURCHARGES PREVIOUSLY 28 WRITTEN OFF AS UNCOLLECTIBLE; 29 THE AMOUNT OF DEDUCTION CLAIMED FOR THE LOCAL 7. 30 EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANY'S ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS TO 31 COLLECT THE SURCHARGES, WHICH MAY BE THE GREATER OF 32 \$150.00 OR ONE PERCENT OF AMOUNTS COLLECTED AS DEFINED 33 IN SECTION 26.65.001.A OF THESE REGULATIONS; 34 THE NET AMOUNT OF REMITTANCE DUE TO THE MUNICIPAL 8. 35 TREASURER: 36 OTHER INFORMATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION 9. 37 WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.] 38 39 THE TREASURER SHALL PROVIDE THE CHIEF OF POLICE SUCH COPIES C. 40 OF RETURNS FILED BY THE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANY 41 AS HE REQUESTS.] 42

ON OR BEFORE 60 DAYS FOLLOWING THE END OF THE MONTH IN WHICH

THE E 911 SYSTEM SURCHARGES WERE BILLED, THE LOCAL EXCHANGE

TELEPHONE COMPANY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE MUNICIPAL TREASURER

A RETURN, UPON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE MUNICIPAL TREASURER.

SUBMIT PAYMENT FOR THE SURCHARGES DUE

THE RETURN SHALL BE SIGNED UPON OATH EXECUTED BY THE AGENT

OF THE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANY PREPARING THE

<u>Section 10.</u> Anchorage Municipal Code section 26.65.055 is hereby enacted by incorporating, renumbering, and amending the Anchorage Municipal Code of Regulation subsection 26.65.004, which is hereby repealed.

<u>26.65.055</u> Collections.

- A. Any amounts recovered after being charged off by the [LOCAL EXCHANGE] telephone company as uncollectible shall, after deduction of external collection costs, be prorated between the [LOCAL EXCHANGE] telephone company and the [E 911] surcharge based upon their respective percentages of the customer account balance which was charged off.
- The telephone companies shall annually furnish complete lists of those customers with accounts charged off as uncollectible. [THE MUNICIPAL TREASURER MAY REQUEST, UNDER ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE 26.65.050.C, A LIST OF THOSE ACCOUNTS CHARGED OFF AS UNCOLLECTIBLE.] The lists shall include the customer name, address and outstanding charged-off balance for [E 911] surcharges as of December 31 [FOR THE YEAR REQUESTED. IN THE ABSENCE OF A REQUEST BY THE TREASURER, NO LIST NEED BE COMPILED BY THE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANY.1

(AO No. 93-302, § , 10-12-93)

26.65.004 [COLLECTIONS.]

- [A ANY AMOUNTS RECOVERED AFTER BEING CHARGED OFF BY THE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANY AS UNCOLLECTIBLE SHALL, AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXTERNAL COLLECTION COSTS, BE PRORATED BETWEEN THE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANY AND THE E 911 SURCHARGE BASED UPON THEIR RESPECTIVE PERCENTAGES OF THE CUSTOMER ACCOUNT BALANCE WHICH WAS CHARGED OFF.]
- [B THE MUNICIPAL TREASURER MAY REQUEST, UNDER ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE 26.65.050.C, A LIST OF THOSE ACCOUNTS CHARGED OFF AS UNCOLLECTIBLE. THE LIST SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME, ADDRESS AND OUTSTANDING CHARGED-OFF BALANCE FOR E 911 SURCHARGES AS OF DECEMBER 31 FOR THE YEAR REQUESTED. IN THE ABSENCE OF A REQUEST BY THE TREASURER, NO LIST NEED BE COMPILED BY THE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANY.]

Section 11. Anchorage Municipal Code section 26.65.070 is hereby repealed:

26.65.070 [AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS.]

[THE DIRECTOR OF ENTERPRISE ACTIVITIES, OR HIS DESIGNEE, MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS PROVIDING FOR APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THIS CHAPTER AND FACILITATING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER.]

<u>Section 12.</u> Anchorage Municipal Code chapter 26.65 is hereby amended by incorporating, renumbering, and amending Anchorage Municipal Code of Regulations section 26.65.002, which is hereby repealed:

26.65.075 Annual review.

A. The chief of police shall annually, in conjunction with the office of management of budget, and in connection with preparation of the municipal budget, review the revenues generated from the surcharge and the expenses incurred for operation, [AND] maintenance, and upgrade of the enhanced [E] 911 system to determine whether the level of surcharge is adequate, excessive or insufficient to meet the enhanced [E] 911 system needs.

B. The chief of police shall recommend, to the assembly, such adjustments in the surcharge as the [HIS] analysis indicates are required to meet the enhanced [E] 911 system needs.

(AO No. 93-109, § 1, 7-20-93)

26.65.002 [ANNUAL REVIEW.]

[A THE CHIEF OF POLICE SHALL ANNUALLY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT OF BUDGET, AND IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET, REVIEW THE REVENUES GENERATED FROM THE SURCHARGE AND THE EXPENSES INCURRED FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE E 911 SYSTEM TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE LEVEL OF SURCHARGE IS ADEQUATE, EXCESSIVE OR INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE E 911 SYSTEM NEEDS.]

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[B. THE CHIEF OF POLICE SHALL RECOMMEND, TO THE ASSEMBLY, SUCH ADJUSTMENTS IN THE SURCHARGE AS HIS ANALYSIS INDICATES ARE REOUIRED TO MEET THE E 911 SYSTEM NEEDS.]

Section 13. Any remaining sections of Anchorage Municipal Code of Regulations Chapter 26.65 are hereby repealed.

Section 14. This ordinance shall become effective December 1, 2001. PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 20 day of November 2001. ATTEST:

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE Summary of Economic Effects -- Utilities

AO Number: 2001-176

Title: An Ordinance amending AMC Chapter 26.65 to allow for E911 surcharge on

wireless telephones

Sponsor:

Assembly Chair, at the Request of the Mayor

Municipal Attorney's Office

Preparing Agency:

Others Impacted:

CHANGES IN REVENUES AND EXPENSES: (In Thousands of Dollars) **FY01** FY02 FY03 FY04 FY05 **Operating Revenues:** 0 \$570,000 \$627,000 \$758,670 **TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES** \$ \$ 570,000 \$ 627,000 \$ 689,700 \$ 758,670 **Operating Expenses: TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES** \$ \$ \$ \$ S **Non-Operating Revenues: TOTAL NON-OPERATING** \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ **REVENUES Non-Operating Expenses: TOTAL NON-OPERATING** \$ \$ S \$ \$ **EXPENSES NET INCOME (REGULATED) POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp** 0 0 0 0 0

PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

The Municipality currently receives an average of \$95,000 per month, or \$1,140,000 per year from Enhanced 911 surcharges for wireline telephones. With the adoption of this ordinance which will extend the surcharge to wireless telephones, revenue is projected to increase an estimated \$47,500 per month, or \$570,000 per year.

These numbers are based on figures provided by APD Fiscal Management and an estimate of the total number of wireless phone numbers billed to addresses within the Enhanced 911 service area. According to a survey of all but one wireless telephone service provider, there are approximately 100,000 cellular phones currently billed to Anchorage addresses. Revenue estimates are based on the proposed \$.50 surcharge for the affected wireless phones, minus admnistrative costs associated with colleting the surcharge.

Total Operating Revenues above reflects a conservative 10 percent increase each year in the number of wireless telephones in the Enhanced 911 service area.

PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

The economic effects to the private sector are limited to the proposed \$.50 per month surcharge for each wireless telephone number billed to an address within the Enhanced 911 service area. As noted in the ordinance, the surcharge would be billed, collected, and remitted by the wireless telephone companies.

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