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**To:** Grace Merkes, Assembly President  
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**Thru:** John J. Williams, Borough Mayor

**From:** Craig Chapman, Finance Director  
Scott Walden, OEM Director

**Date:** March 19, 2008

**Subject:** Ordinance 2008-08, Amending KPB 2.60.030 and 2.60.035 to decrease the E911 surcharge from \$1.35 to \$1.15 per month to cover the cost of providing E911 services

Per state statute, the Borough can cover the cost of operating an enhanced 911 (E911) system by imposing a 911 surcharge. The Borough's current surcharge of \$1.35 per month, authorized by KPB 2.60.030 and 2.60.035, generates annual revenue of approximately \$972,000. Additional revenue of \$210,000 is generated from fees charged to CES, Nikiski Fire, and the City of Soldotna for total E911 revenues of \$1,182,000. The Borough currently incurs cost totaling \$1,175,000 for operations of the E911 system, a difference of \$7,000.

Due to a higher than projected number of land and wireless access lines, the borough recovered \$84,612 over its costs in FY2007. In addition, it is projected that the borough will recover \$41,533 over its costs in FY2008. This total amount of over recovery should be applied against the E-911, resulting in a suggested reduced E-911 rate for FY2009 of \$1.15.

This ordinance would amend KPB 2.60.030 and 2.60.035 to decrease the E911 surcharge from \$1.35 to \$1.15 per month effective July 1, 2008.

It should be noted that Alaska statutes require a municipality to annually review an enhanced 911 surcharge to determine whether the current level of the surcharge is adequate, excessive, or insufficient to meet anticipated enhanced 911 system needs.