

Introduced Mayor @ request of Central
Emergency Service Area
Date: 5/07/96
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 96-040**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SAFETY AT HIGHWAY INTERSECTIONS
THROUGH THE INSTALLATION OF OPTICOM SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS, emergency services are provided to the citizens of the Kenai Peninsula Borough to improve their quality of life and safety; and

WHEREAS, Central Emergency Services is a fire and emergency medical services provider for the residents residing within Central Emergency Services' 2,200 square mile service area; and

WHEREAS, timely response to emergency situations is critical to all residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, intersections controlled by traffic signals are generally more hazardous than non-controlled intersections due to topography, sight distance, volume of traffic, or other factors, impedes emergency vehicles due to traffic backlogs and increases accident risks to both the emergency vehicles and the general motoring public; and

WHEREAS, technology is available to reduce the risk of accidents at signal controlled intersections through the installation of Opticom, which automatically controls traffic signals turning them red in all directions except that of the oncoming emergency vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation, has a program to install this technology to all new and existing signal controlled intersections when approved by the elected officials of the affected area; and

WHEREAS, Central Emergency Services has committed to purchase the needed emitters for their vehicles, which is the only cost to the local government; and

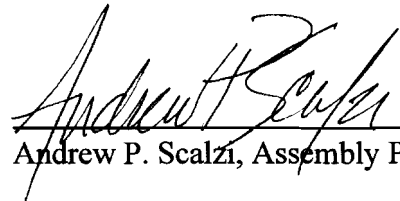
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Soldotna adopted Resolution 96-9 supporting the concept of the installation of Opticom systems on April 10, 1996;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. The concept of the traffic control system, Opticom, is heartily endorsed to ensure the safety of our driving public and emergency responders alike.

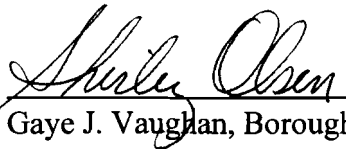
SECTION 2. The State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, is requested to implement the installation of an Opticom system to benefit Central Emergency Services' emergency vehicles, and other agencies who may wish to take advantage of the system.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 7th DAY OF MAY, 1996.



Andrew P. Scalzi, Assembly President

ATTEST:

for 

Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk