

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 249(CRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/12/05

Referred: Labor and Commerce

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HAWKER, Holm, Olson, Lynn

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to enhanced 911 surcharges imposed by a municipality."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 29.35.131(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) A municipality may, by resolution or ordinance, elect to provide an
5 enhanced 911 system at public safety answering points **and** [,] may purchase or lease
6 the enhanced 911 equipment or service required to establish or maintain an enhanced
7 911 system at public safety answering points from a local exchange telephone
8 company or other qualified vendor. **The municipality** [, AND] may impose an
9 enhanced 911 surcharge [, IN AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE
10 MUNICIPALITY,] on all local exchange access lines that provide telephone service to
11 wireline telephones in the area to be served by the enhanced 911 system **and** [. A
12 MUNICIPALITY THAT PROVIDES SERVICES UNDER AN ENHANCED 911
13 SYSTEM MAY ALSO BY RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE IMPOSE AN
14 ENHANCED 911 SURCHARGE] on each wireless telephone number that is billed to
15 an address within the enhanced 911 service area. **An** [FOR A MUNICIPALITY

1 WITH A POPULATION OF 100,000 OR MORE, AN ENHANCED 911
2 SURCHARGE MAY NOT EXCEED 50 CENTS PER MONTH FOR EACH
3 WIRELESS TELEPHONE NUMBER OR 50 CENTS PER MONTH FOR EACH
4 LOCAL EXCHANGE ACCESS LINE FOR WIRELINE TELEPHONES. FOR A
5 MUNICIPALITY WITH FEWER THAN 100,000 PEOPLE, AN] enhanced 911
6 surcharge may not exceed \$2 [75 CENTS] per month for each wireless telephone
7 number and \$2 [OR 75 CENTS] per month for each local exchange access line for
8 wireline telephones **unless the surcharge is imposed by ordinance approved by the**
9 **voters of the enhanced 911 service area. The amount of surcharge imposed for**
10 **each wireless telephone number must equal the amount imposed for each local**
11 **exchange access line for wireline telephones.** An enhanced 911 service area may be
12 all of a city, all of a unified municipality, or all or part of the area within a borough
13 and may include the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality in accordance with
14 AS 29.35.020. The governing body of a municipality shall review an enhanced 911
15 surcharge annually to determine whether the current level of the surcharge is adequate,
16 excessive, or insufficient to meet anticipated enhanced 911 system needs. The
17 municipality may only use the enhanced 911 surcharge for the enhanced 911 system.
18 **A borough that imposes an enhanced 911 surcharge must share revenue from the**
19 **surcharge with each city in the enhanced 911 service area that incurs costs for the**
20 **enhanced 911 system.**