

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA**  
**RESOLUTION 10-26-30**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,  
ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF CORDOVA ENHANCED 911 SURCHARGE EFFECTIVE  
JANUARY 1, 2027; REPEALING AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTIONS 08-10-49 AND 03-12-  
20; AND PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION, ACCOUNTING, AND ANNUAL REVIEW.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council adopted Resolution 08-10-49 in 2010 directing imposition of an Enhanced 911 (E911) surcharge, and subsequently adopted Resolution 03-12-20 in 2012 suspending its collection pending acquisition and activation of an E911 system; and

**WHEREAS**, the City intends to replace those earlier, differing directions with one clear and prospective surcharge authorization, while retaining records and funds lawfully collected under prior authority; and

**WHEREAS**, Cordova Public Safety Dispatch serves residents, visitors, police, volunteer fire and emergency medical personnel, state law enforcement, and other emergency response partners; and

**WHEREAS**, modernized E911 call handling and available caller-location information support the dispatch and transfer of timely emergency assistance, although location accuracy depends on carriers, devices, networks, mapping, and other factors; and

**WHEREAS**, AS 29.35.131 permits a municipality to impose, by ordinance or resolution, an E911 surcharge at equal rates of up to \$2.00 monthly for each eligible wireline access line and wireless telephone number and requires customer notice, annual Council review, and restricted use of revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**Section 1. Surcharge and Service Area.** The City hereby imposes an E911 surcharge of two dollars (\$2.00) per month on each eligible wireless telephone number billed to an address within the E911 service area and each eligible wireline local exchange access line within that area, at equal rates and subject to the limitations, caps, and exceptions of AS 29.35.131. The service area for collection is the City of Cordova municipal area unless another lawful area is expressly approved.

**A.** The surcharge applies to eligible monthly service or billing periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027. The City Manager or written designee shall complete the statutory customer notice and provider coordination before that date. Providers shall bill and collect according to AS 29.35.131; the first customer invoice displaying the charge may occur in a later regular billing cycle. No surcharge shall be assessed retroactively for periods before January 1, 2027. If legal or provider prerequisites cannot be met for that date, staff shall suspend implementation rather than impose an unauthorized charge and promptly return to Council with a revised commencement proposal.

**B.** The City Manager or written designee shall coordinate with applicable local exchange and wireless providers, distribute required written customer notice explaining the surcharge and its use, establish remittance and reconciliation procedures, and monitor provider implementation in accordance with AS 29.35.131.

**C.** All E911 surcharge receipts shall be accounted for separately and used only for costs directly attributable to an E911 system and permitted under AS 29.35.131(i). The Finance Department shall maintain records of collections, statutory provider deductions, expenditures, balances, and required financial approvals.

**D.** The Council shall review the surcharge at least annually to evaluate whether the rate is adequate, excessive, or insufficient for anticipated eligible E911 needs, as required by AS 29.35.131.

**Section 2. Controlling Authority; Repeal.** Resolutions 08-10-49 and 03-12-20 are expressly repealed and superseded in full as of the effective date of this resolution. This resolution is the controlling City Council authority for the amount, imposition, commencement, collection, and administration of the Cordova E911 surcharge. Any provision of an earlier Council resolution addressing that surcharge that conflicts with this resolution is superseded only to the extent of the conflict. This enactment does not invalidate amounts lawfully collected, outstanding remittances, City accounting records, or lawful obligations incurred before its effective date.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2026**



  
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Kristin Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk