CODE ORDINANCE

Sponsored By: Borough Manager

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Action: 06/21/22

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 22-073

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ESTABLISHING A PROVISION WITHIN MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH CODE TO ADDRESS ABUSES OF THE 911 TELEPHONE SYSTEM BY ADOPTING SECTION 8.15, ABUSE OF 911 SYSTEM; AND AMENDING MSB 1.45.100, SCHEDULE OF FINES FOR INFRACTIONS, TO ADD FINES FOR VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, the intent and rationale for this ordinance are found in the accompanying Informational Memorandum No. 22-134.

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. <u>Classification</u>. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Borough Code.

Section 2. Adoption of chapter. MSB 8.15 Abuse of 911 System is hereby adopted to read as follows:

Chapter 8.15 ABUSE OF 911 SYSTEM

MSB 8.15.010 Purpose

The 911 telephone system is designed to provide timely and efficient response in times of emergency. The purpose of this chapter is to prevent the abuse of the 911 telephone system within the Borough.

MSB 8.15.020 Definitions

For purposes of this section "emergency" means any condition in which a reasonable person would believe emergency services will result in the saving of a life,

assistance with potentially life-threatening medical problems, a fire, a need for rescue, or a similar situation in which immediate assistance is required.

MSB 8.15.030 Abuse of 911 System Prohibited

Any person who, after being warned that their use of the 911 telephone system is improper, uses the 911 telephone system for any reason other than because of an emergency is guilty of an infraction.

MSB 8.15.040 Violations, Enforcement, and Penalties.

- (A) Except as otherwise specified in this chapter violations of this chapter are infractions.
- (B) Remedies, enforcement actions, and penalties specified in this section shall be consistent with the terms and provision of MSB 1.45

Amendment of paragraph: MSB 1.45.100(C) Fine table is hereby adopted:

Ordinance	Description	Fine
Number		Amount
8.15.030	Abuse of 911 System Prohibited	\$250

Section 3. <u>Effective date</u>. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 21 day of June, 2022.

EDNA DEVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

ONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Yundt, Tew, and Sumner