

NONCODE ORDINANCE

By: Borough Manager
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Public Hearing: 06/11/19
Adopted: 06/11/19

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 19-082**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING A REAPPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 FROM THE EMERGENCY SERVICES TELECOMMUNICATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2019 OPERATING BUDGET FUND 100, TO PROJECT NO. 47525, FUND 480, TO TRANSITION THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SITE FROM BALD MOUNTAIN TO A MORE SUITABLE LOCATION.

WHEREAS, recent circumstances regarding the Emergency Services Telecommunications equipment for the primary Northern Emergency Services radio and radio network equipment located on Bald Mountain in Talkeetna have changed; and

WHEREAS, Matanuska Telephone Association (MTA) previously owned the primary voice circuit providing connectivity between the Bald Mountain Repeater and Mat-Com Dispatch, it has been acquired by General Communications, Inc. (GCI); and

WHEREAS, GCI does not support four-wire voice technology and may no longer be able to supply connectivity between the repeater and Mat-Com, effectively breaking communications for Emergency Services in that area; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Services telecommunications has been a lessee of Alaska Communications at the Bald Mountain site since May 11, 2011; this lease will end in May 2020; and

WHEREAS, the ownership of Bald Mountain is in the process of acquisition by Vertical Bridge and the change in ownership of this

site will increase the budgeted expense for Emergency Services Telecommunications beyond operational capacity; and

WHEREAS, due to the changes on Bald Mountain, Emergency Services telecommunications will need to reappropriate funds to remove existing equipment and transition to another site suitable to the radio coverage needs of the Caswell Lakes and Northern Borough Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, relocation to a new site will require removal of all Borough telecommunications equipment to include radios, antennas, microwave antenna, power systems, batteries, tools, and solar equipment from the mountain via helicopter; and

WHEREAS, a new site must be vetted for reliability, acquired, and outfitted with the same equipment as what is removed from Bald Mountain; and

WHEREAS, no expenditures can be made until the scope of work and budget have been approved by the assembly.

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is a noncode ordinance.

Section 2. Reappropriation Source. The Assembly hereby approves a reappropriation of \$100,000 from the Emergency Services telecommunications fiscal year 2019 Operating Budget fund 100, to project no. 47525, fund 480, to transition the telecommunications site from Bald Mountain to a more suitable location.

Section 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 11 day of June, 2019.


VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)



PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, Beck, McKee, Leonard, Mayfield, Sumner,
and Boeve