

ORDINANCE NO. 5881

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE BY
ADDING SECTION 46-329 ABUSE OF 911 SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the 911 telephone system is a critical component in the emergency response system; and

WHEREAS, abuses of this system waste 911 dispatcher's valuable time and potentially delay the response of emergency personnel to true emergencies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Fairbanks General Code, Chapter 46, Article VII, is amended by adding Section 46-329 as follows:


Sec. 46-329. Abuse of 911 system.

(a) 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.

(b) 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, a reduction in the destruction of property, quicker apprehension of a criminal, assistance with potentially life-threatening medical problems, a fire, a need for rescue, an imminent potential crime, or a similar situation in which immediate assistance is required. "Emergency" also includes calls to 911 the purpose of which is to prevent an emergency response from being initiated when no such response is needed.

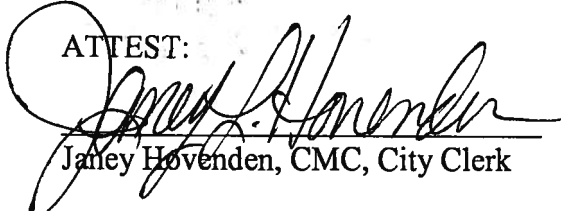
(c) A person convicted under subsection (a) is subject to a fine of \$250.00.

Section 2. That the effective date of this Ordinance shall be the 28th day of April 2012

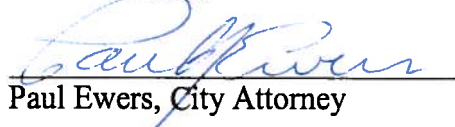

Jeffery Cleworth, City Mayor

AYES: Matherly, Hilling, Roberts, Stiver, Gatewood, Eberhart
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

ATTEST:


Janey Hovenden, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Paul Ewers, City Attorney