

Presented By:
City Manager

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CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. O-22-07-02

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NOME COMMON COUNCIL, NOME, ALASKA,
ADDING CHAPTER 15.100 ABUSE OF 911 SYSTEM TO THE NOME CODE OF
ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, the City of Nome provides emergency services to the citizens of Nome; and,

WHEREAS, fire and ambulance services in the City of Nome are largely provided by volunteers; and,

WHEREAS, non-emergency calls placed to emergency services burns out volunteers and wastes dispatchers' time, thereby potentially delaying or otherwise negatively affecting true emergency care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Nome Common Council as follows:

Section 1. Classification. This is a Code ordinance.

Section 2. Addition of NCO 15.100. Title 15 of the Code of Ordinances of Nome, Alaska, is hereby amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

15.100.010 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 a 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 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 3. Amendment to Section 1.20.040.

Section 1.20.040 of the Nome Municipal Code is hereby amended to include the following addition to the fine schedule:

Code Section	Offense	Penalty/Fine
15.100.010	Abuse of 911 System	\$250

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon adoption.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 22nd day of August, 2022.

John K. Handeland
Mayor

ATTEST:

Bryant Hammond
City Clerk