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# AO 2004-60 & AO 2005-002

REFERRED TO THE PLANNING & ZONING  
COMMISSION ON 2-17-04

Submitted by: Assemblymember Shamberg, Tesche  
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## ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AO NO. 2004-60

1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING  
2 ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 21.90, UTILITY DISTRIBUTION  
3 FACILITIES, SECTION 21.90.030, VARIANCES, AND SECTION 21.90.070,  
4 NONCONFORMING OVERHEAD LINES, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
5 OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO GRANT  
6 VARIANCES, TO REQUIRE A UTILITY OWNING POLES TO EXPEND TWO  
7 PERCENT OF ITS GROSS ANNUAL RETAIL REVENUES FROM SALES WITHIN  
8 THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE TO REMOVE POLES SUPPORTING  
9 NONCONFORMING OVERHEAD UTILITY LINES AND PLACE THE LINES  
10 UNDERGROUND, AND TO REQUIRE PLACEMENT OF NEW SERVICE LINES  
11 UNDERGROUND.

ON 2-17-04,  
REFERRED TO THE  
PLANNING &  
ZONING  
COMMISSION; NO  
FURTHER ACTION  
TAKEN; SEE AO  
2005-2

# AO 2005-002

CLERK'S OFFICE  
**AMENDED AND APPROVED**

Date: 3-1-05

IMMEDIATE RECONSIDERATION FAILED

3-1-05

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AO NO. 2005-2

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1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING  
2 ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 21.90, UTILITY DISTRIBUTION  
3 FACILITIES, SECTION 21.90.030, VARIANCES, SECTION 21.90.060, DESIGNATION  
4 OF TARGET AREAS, TO PROVIDE FOR A FIVE-YEAR PLAN DESIGNATING  
5 TARGET AREAS, AND SECTION 21.90.070, NONCONFORMING OVERHEAD  
6 LINES, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO  
7 GRANT VARIANCES, TO REQUIRE A UTILITY OWNING POLES TO EXPEND AT  
8 LEAST TWO PERCENT OF ITS GROSS ANNUAL RETAIL REVENUES FROM  
9 SALES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE, TO REMOVE POLES  
10 SUPPORTING NONCONFORMING OVERHEAD UTILITY LINES AND PLACE THE  
11 LINES UNDERGROUND, AND TO REQUIRE PLACEMENT OF NEW SERVICE  
12 LINES UNDERGROUND.  
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AMENDED AND  
APPROVED 3-1-05;  
IMMEDIATE  
RECONSIDERATION  
FAILED 3-1-05

# The Ordinance

- 2% of electric utility revenue shall be spent towards burial of overhead lines.
  - This equates to several million dollars each year.
- Other utility lines shall be buried at the same time
- Other utilities shall not be required to spend 2% of their revenue towards burial.
  - Telecom companies have far less revenue for burying lines.
- Ownership of the pole falls to the next highest line on the pole.

# The Problem (Old Seward)



Make this...

Without getting this...



Look like this...



# Solutions (?)

1. Stop work till a solution is created, while continuing to amass and dedicate funds
2. Get all the parties in the room to find the right path.
3. Assess the need and future of telecoms lines.
  1. Line moving to wireless communications.