



MEMORANDUM

**Ordinance 23-47, An Emergency Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Extending the Amendment to the FY23 Capital Budget for Emergency Repairs to the City Telephone System.
City Manager**

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On June 12, 2023, City Council adopted Emergency Ordinance 23-38 to amend the FY23 Capital Budget for Emergency Repairs to the City telephone system by appropriating \$35,000 from the General Fund Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance (CARMA) Fund.

The City of Homer IT Team immediately set about engaging our vendor to complete the following activities:

1. Install, configure and test new telephone switching and voicemail servers at City Hall using up-to-date City of Homer server infrastructure to provide high availability and reliability.
2. Integrate the City Hall call management system with the one operating at the police department.
3. Replace 68 of the oldest handsets in use across city work centers (all those older than 16 years old) to provide modern phone capabilities.
4. Manage the cutover from the existing phone system in a short period of time (3 days).

As of August 3, work is complete on items 1 and 2, and we have acquired and staged the new telephone handsets described in item 3. Additionally, all of this work is still on track with the original budget. Some of the activities involved in preparing for item 4, the final cutover from the existing phone system, however, have required more time and we are likely to exceed the 60 day limit to effect the emergency repairs by a matter of days. We still expect the cutover itself to happen over a period of three days in which we will swap out the majority of the phones in use at the City of Homer work centers.

RECOMMENDATION: Extend the deadline by an additional 60 days for the funds associated with Ordinance 23-38 Emergency Repairs to the City Telephone System - \$35,000 from the FY23 General Fund Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance Fund (CARMA) for.