

## FOR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS

### To Call Another Telephone On Your Party Line

IN COLLEGE

Listen for dial tone, dial "119" plus the listed directory number of the person you wish to call. When you have completed dialing the number you will receive a busy tone. Replace the handset long enough to permit the called number to ring several times. Then lift the handset and begin conversation. The called party, upon answering, will receive a "short burst of dial tone" indicating someone on his party line is calling. The called party should then wait for the calling party to come back on the line to begin conversation.

#### DETAILS TO OBSERVE ON PARTY LINES

If before you start to dial you hear the dialing of another party, please replace the receiver gently and make your call later.

If while you are dialing, you find another party has come on the line, replace the receiver for a moment and dial the number again, otherwise a wrong number may result.

#### LAWS OF ALASKA, 1965 Chapter 87 An Act

Relating to illegal use of telephones.

(H.B. 134)

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:

Section 1. AS 11.45 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Section 11.45.035 Illegal Use of Telephones. A person who anonymously telephones another person repeatedly for the purpose of annoying, molesting, abusing, through vile and obscene language, or harassing that person or his family, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction is punishable by imprisonment in jail for not less than three months nor more than one year, or by a fine of not less than \$1,000, or by both.

Approved April 22, 1965

#### TONES AND SIGNALS

**DIAL TONE** — A continuous hum, the signal before dialing. Listen for it before commencing to dial. If you dial before you hear the dial tone, your call probably will not go through.

**RINGING SIGNAL** — A "burring" sound repeated at regular intervals indicating the called telephone is ringing.

**BUSY SIGNAL** — A steady "buzz-buzz" sound indicating the called line is busy.

**VOICE RECORDING SIGNAL** — A short high "beep" tone heard on the telephone line about every 15 seconds means that the person with whom you are talking is recording your conversation.

If you do not want a record made of what you are saying, ask the person with whom you are talking to disconnect the recording machine. The signal stops when the recorder is disconnected. Use of a recorder without this signal is unlawful.

#### STATE OF ALASKA Chapter 21 AN ACT

#### WARNING:

Relating to telephone calls on party lines during emergencies; prescribing priority for such calls and providing penalties (H. B. 203)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:

**SECTION 1.** "Party Line" means a subscriber's line telephone circuit, consisting of two or more main telephone stations connected therewith, each station with a distinctive ring or telephone number.

"Emergency" means a situation in which property or human life are in jeopardy and the prompt summoning of aid is essential.

**SECTION 2.** Any person who shall willfully refuse to yield or surrender the use of a party line to another person for the purpose of permitting such other person to report a fire or summon police, medical or other aid in case of emergency, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

**SECTION 3.** Any person who shall ask for or request the use of a party line on pretext that an emergency exists, knowing that no emergency in fact exists, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00, or by imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

**SECTION 4.** After the ninetieth day following the effective date of this Act, every telephone directory thereafter published for distribution to the members of the general public shall contain a notice which explains this law, such notice to be printed in type which is no smaller than any other type on the same page and to be preceded by the word "Warning"; Provided, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to those directories distributed solely for business advertising purposes, commonly known as classified directories.

Approved March 28, 1957