

Introduced by: Council Member Cleworth
Finance Committee Review: March 28, 2017
Introduced: April 3, 2017

ORDINANCE NO. 6044, AS AMENDED

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE SECTION 70-134
SETTING DESIGN STANDARDS FOR ROADWAYS IN FAIRBANKS**

WHEREAS, one of the primary functions of the City of Fairbanks is to design and maintain city roads; and

WHEREAS, design and construction of new or improved roads by and within the City is the responsibility of the Engineering Department; and

WHEREAS, snow plowing, snow removal, and road maintenance upon City roadways is the responsibility of the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, steering committees and community preferences may suggest certain design features and amenities that diminish available road right-of-way such that snow removal costs would be increased if implemented; and

WHEREAS, while road design varies based on classification, traffic and pedestrian needs and right-of-way width, short-term snow storage within the road section should be provided wherever practical; and

WHEREAS, the cost of snow removal for assumed or reconstructed roads shall be considered net of reduced costs for other Public Works maintenance, including where asphalt patching and storm drain thawing and pumping are reduced or eliminated.

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

SECTION 1. That Fairbanks General Code Chapter Sec. 70-134 is hereby amended as follows [new text in **underlined bold** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

Sec. 70-134. Maintenance of streets; council approval; design standards.

(a) The city shall neither accept legal title to nor assume the maintenance or improvement obligation of any new street, public or private or other thoroughfare in the city except upon the express approval of the city council by resolution.

(b) Snow removal is a critical safety function of the City. Opening roads after heavy snow falls is of primary importance with an emphasis on plowing first and removal being secondary. Consequently, road designs that do not

allow for short-term storage space or create other obstacles for efficient street plowing are discouraged. The City Engineering and Public Works departments must be in agreement on any major improvements or redesigns, and ongoing maintenance costs must be considered.

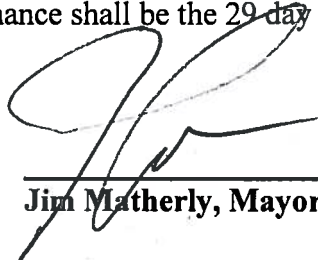
(c) Pavement widths should be designed to comfortably accommodate larger emergency and commercial vehicles.

(d) Snow storage facilities are critical for the efficient removal of snow. The loss of acreage and locations for this purpose significantly increases the cost for removal. The City should consistently look for opportunities to add areas for this purpose and actively work to retain existing facilities.

(e) Fiscal Restraint: the net cost of maintenance for assumed or reconstructed roads shall not exceed the Public Works budget programmed for such road, unless funded and approved by the City Council.

(f) Measures to reduce speed may be designed around electronic speed signs and minimally on speed bumps.

SECTION 2. That the effective date of this Ordinance shall be the 29 day of April 2017.




Jim Matherly, Mayor


YEAS: Therrien, Rogers, Pruhs, Norum, Huntington, Cleworth
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ADOPTED: April 24, 2017

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Danyielle Snider, CMC, City Clerk



Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney