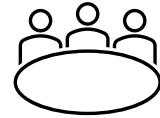




**FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORK SESSION AGENDA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 AT 7 A.M.**



MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#)
AND AT FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

1. Roll Call
2. Resolution No. 5076 – A Resolution Amending the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services by Adding a Service Fee for Annual Technical Fire Inspections and Increasing the Fee for Fire Inspection, Investigation, and Technical Services.
3. Ordinance No. 6262 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 26, Article III, Emergency Medical Services, Adding Regulations Governing Private Ambulance Services and Amending the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services.
4. Ordinance No. 6263 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 42 Labor Relations and Negotiations, Section 42.1 Labor Relations and Section 42.2 Labor Negotiations.
5. Ordinance No. 6264 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 74-152 By Increasing Tobacco Excise Tax.
6. Memo re: FFD Clerk position.
7. Finance Committee Report
8. Mayor and Council Member Comments
9. Executive Session
 - a) *Roberts, et al. v. City of Fairbanks, et al.* Settlement Discussion
10. Next Regular Work Session – Tuesday, September 19, 2023
11. Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 5076

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES BY ADDING A SERVICE FEE FOR ANNUAL TECHNICAL FIRE INSPECTIONS AND INCREASING THE FEE FOR FIRE INSPECTION, INVESTIGATION, AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, annual technical fire inspections are required by Section 106.6 of the amended 2018 International Fire Code adopted by the City of Fairbanks on April 12, 2021 (hereinafter, "Fire Code"); and

WHEREAS, inspection fees are authorized by Section 106.6 of the Fire Code and, if approved by Council, required to be included in the *City of Fairbanks Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services*; and

WHEREAS, Section 901.6.3 of the Fire Code requires that copies of all inspections and records be sent to the fire code official within 30 days of inspection, testing and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks Fire Department has contracted with a vendor (hereinafter, "Vendor") and adopted third-party software allowing for the submission of the required reports by the reporter to the fire code official; and

WHEREAS, the fee for "Fire Inspection, Investigation, Technical Services" was set at \$85.00 in 2016 by Resolution No. 4690; and

WHEREAS, at that time, Resolution 4690 acknowledged that it is the sense of the council that from time to time the *City of Fairbanks Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services* will need to be reviewed and updated to reflect changes, additions, or discontinuation of services; and

WHEREAS, the City's Finance Committee has recently recommended that the Fairbanks Fire Department review its fees to ensure there are adequate staff resources to meet the community's need for services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the new fee for "Annual Technical Inspections" that is equal to the Vendor's fee charged to the reporter and to be paid by the reporter to the vendor plus an additional \$15 to be paid by the reporter, collected by the vendor, and provided to the City of Fairbanks, incorporated in the attached version of the Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services, is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council that the increase of the fee for "Fire Inspection, Investigation, Technical Services" from \$85.00 to \$125.00, incorporated in the attached version of the Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services, is approved.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 24th Day of July 2023.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

City of Fairbanks Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services

As of Resolution No. 5076 - Effective July 24, 2023

Category	Code Sec.	Topic	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Description	
Emergency Services	26-111	Ambulance Services	\$ 1,000.00		Advanced and Basic Life Support Transport	
			\$ (50.00)		Discount for City of Fairbanks resident	
			\$ 150.00		Life assist, after 5 within 12 weeks	
			Additional Patient Transport Mileage	\$ 13.50		Per mile; for all miles
			Non-emergency assistance to private care facilities	\$ 75.00		Per hour; one hour minimum. Physical assistance in moving patients or clients.
			Emergency Fire Equipment Response to Motor Vehicle Accident	\$ 400.00		Per accident that requires Fire/EMS emergency response, payable by ticketed driver(s) of vehicle(s) that caused accident
	<u>30-1; 30-31</u>	<u>Annual Technical Inspection</u>			<u>\$ 15.00</u>	<u>In addition to the vendor fee charged to the reporter for the use of the vendor's reporting software, a fee of \$15 will be paid by the reporter, collected by the vendor, and submitted to the City.</u>
	<u>30-1; 30-31</u>	Fire Inspection, investigation, technical services	\$ 85.00		<u>\$ 125.00</u>	Per hour, one hour minimum. One free follow up. When deficiencies are not corrected within the time specified by the Fire Inspector, fees are doubled for a second inspection and tripled on a third visit (<u>alcohol, cannabis, and new construction inspections are part of Building Department inspections</u>).
	30-1	Routine Safety Checks, response to safety complaints	\$ -			Initial inspection no charge
			\$ 85.00			Per hour, when deficiencies are not corrected within the time specified by the Fire Inspector; fees are charged for a second inspection if substantial compliance not completed; tripled on a third visit.
			Mutual Aid			No fee
		Fire Training Center		\$ 60.00		4-hour block, Fire Training Center tower and grounds
				\$ 30.00		4-hour block, Fire Training Center conference room
				\$ 60.00		4-hour block, Fire Training Center large classroom
30-1	In-Service Inspection	\$ 50.00			Per hour; 0.5 hour minimum (only applied to uncorrected items from "no charge" first inspection)	

ORDINANCE NO. 6262

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE CHAPTER 26,
ARTICLE III, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, ADDING REGULATIONS
GOVERNING PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES AND AMENDING THE
CITY SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES**

WHEREAS, citizens of the City of Fairbanks demand and deserve the best available emergency medical care; and

WHEREAS, private ambulances operating within the city limits should provide the highest quality service available; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks recognizes the need to have supervision of private ambulances that are providing care within the City of Fairbanks area of jurisdiction to ensure that the highest quality is being offered and maintained; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks does not have any regulations on the operation of private ambulances within the city limits.

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

SECTION 1. Fairbanks General Code Chapter 26, Article III is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

ARTICLE III. - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Sec. 26-~~9044~~. - Charges.

(a) The charges for emergency medical service are as specified in the **City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services**~~city schedule of fees and services~~.

(b) The amount collected for mileage shall be placed in the capital appropriation fund.

Sec. 26-91. – Definitions.

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Ambulance Service means a service which provides ground transportation to persons who require medical monitoring and does not include stationary emergency aid services at a particular location.

Dispatch means the receipt of a request for ambulance service or the arrangement for a licensee to fulfill a request for ambulance service.

Emergency means:

- 1. Patients not previously evaluated by a qualified healthcare professional (QHP), including patients who have been treated for an existing problem but who develop new, acute symptoms which have not been evaluated previously by a QHP.**
- 2. Any patient condition which could reasonably lead to loss of life or limb or could cause the person significant harm if not treated immediately by a QHP.**

FFD EMS Patient Transport means Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD) ambulance transports of previously unevaluated patients. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) transports may be of patients considered either emergent or non-emergent. Providers, patients, or other parties that call 911 for response and service are FFD EMS transports.

Fairbanks Area EMS means response apparatus, transport ambulances, and EMS personnel assigned or belonging to FFD, University Fire Department (UFD), North Pole Fire Department (NPF), Fort Wainwright Fire (FWF), Chena Goldstream Fire and Rescue (CGFR), Steese Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD), and Eielson AFB.

Fire Chief means the chief of the Fairbanks Fire Department or designee.

Licensee means a person or entity in possession of a current and valid ambulance service license issued pursuant to this chapter.

Nonemergency Ambulance Services means providing ground ambulance services for transports that originate inside the City of Fairbanks limits.

Nonemergency Call means a request for an ambulance to transport or assist patients that would not constitute a 911 emergency call.

Private Ambulance Service (PAS) means a service which provides ground ambulance transportation to persons who require medical monitoring.

PAS Patient Transport means PAS transports of patients who meet the eligibility criteria in FGC Sec. 26-101, are deemed stable for the transport, require medical monitoring, and whose transport would not require the use of any other method of transportation given the patient's condition.

Patient means a person who requires medical monitoring transport by an ambulance service.

Qualified Healthcare Professional (QHP) means a health care professional who is qualified by education, training, licensure/regulation (when applicable) and facility privileging (when applicable) who performs a professional service within their scope of practice and independently reports that professional service.

Registered Nurse (RN) means a nurse who meets the State of Alaska requirements to obtain and maintain a nursing license in Alaska.

Sec. 26-92. – License required.

(a) It is unlawful for any person or entity to provide nonemergency ambulance service within the city limits unless that person or entity is in possession of a valid PAS license issued in accordance with this chapter.

(b) It is unlawful for any person other than the Fairbanks Fire Department to provide emergency ambulance service within the city unless standing mutual aid agreements are activated by the Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center (FECC).

(c) It is unlawful for a licensee to provide or to allow another person to provide ambulance service under the authority of that licensee's license.

Sec. 26-93. – Types of licenses.

(a) An entity may apply for one of three different licenses under this chapter:

(1) A Type 1 license authorizes private ambulances to transport previously evaluated patients, including critical care patients, urgent hospital-to-hospital transfers, as well as all Type 2 and 3 license authorized transports.

(2) A Type 2 license authorizes private ambulances to transport previously evaluated patients requiring advanced life support, as well as all Type 3 license authorized transports.

(3) A Type 3 license authorizes private ambulances to transport previously evaluated patients requiring basic life support only, as well as patient transports with an accompanying medical escort team.

(b) An entity can change the type of license it holds to another type by following the procedures and paying the required fee(s). No refund will be issued for downgrading licenses.

Sec. 26-94. – Contents of application for license; term of license; non-transferability.

(a) An application for a PAS license shall be made to the fire chief on an approved form and shall be accompanied by the following:

(1) Payment of fee(s) pursuant to the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services.

(2) Proof of insurance for all vehicles to be operated as ambulances pursuant to the license as required by FGC Sec. 26-98.

(3) A complete list of the name, address, email address, and telephone number for every person who shall have a financial or proprietary interest in the license.

(4) Proof that the applicant is at least 18 years of age.

(5) Proof of current State of Alaska and City of Fairbanks business licenses.

(6) Proof that the personnel required to operate the ambulance service are available as of the effective date of the license.

(7) Proof that the applicant has acquired and installed the equipment that FGC Sec. 26-104 requires for each vehicle to be operated as an ambulance as of the effective date of the license.

(8) Identification of the EMS medical director required by FGC Sec. 26-106(b).

(9) Identification of the vehicles to be operated as ambulances by vehicle registration number, VIN number, make, model, and year; proof that both the body and mechanics of each vehicle is in good repair; and proof that the applicant is lawfully entitled to use each vehicle for the purpose of an ambulance service.

(10) Proof that any new or used ambulances purchased after July 27, 2021, or any ambulance remounts completed after that date, are certified as meeting one or more of the following nationally recognized standards for ambulance design:

a. the most recent published version of the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Specification for Star-of-Life Ambulances (KKK-A-1822),

b. the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services Ground Vehicle Standard v 3.0 (CAAS-GVS), or

c. the National Fire Protection Association Standard for Automotive Ambulances (NFPA 1917).

(11) A complete description of the ambulance markings and color scheme to be used in compliance with FGC Sec. 26-103.

(12) Proof of current registration with the State of Alaska as an emergency medical service ground ambulance service.

(13) Attestation by the PAS's EMS director or medical sponsor that PAS personnel have, and will continue to receive, the necessary training and certification (if applicable) to know how to use the current Standing Orders published by the Interior Region Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc. (IREMSC), and will practice within their scope and according to the current IREMSC standing orders.

(14) Initial applicants will be required to submit a copy of their business plan.

(15) Certification by the city's chief financial officer or designee that the entity and person(s) applying for license are not reported as being delinquent on any city taxes or fees and have no outstanding judgments or debts owed to the city or borough.

(b) The fire chief shall issue a license if the applicant complies with all the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, unless good cause exists for denial. A license issued pursuant to

this section is nontransferable and shall be valid for one year unless revoked or suspended pursuant to FGC Sec. 26-96.

(c) A licensee is under a continuing obligation to keep the information on their application for licensure current. Failure to do so will be a violation of this chapter. A licensee shall give written notice to the fire chief of any change to be made to their application within ten days and the fire chief shall amend the application accordingly.

(d) No person may knowingly make a false or misleading statement on an application for a license under this chapter.

Sec. 26-95. – Renewal of license

(a) A license issued pursuant to this chapter is valid for one year from the date of issuance and will expire automatically if an application for renewal is not received by the fire chief prior to the expiration of the license.

(b) All ambulance service licenses will renew March 1 of every year.

(1) Fees may be prorated for the first year.

(2) Applications for renewal are due February 1st of each year. Late submissions may be denied or charged a late fee in accordance with the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services.

(c) An application to renew an ambulance service license is made to the fire chief in the same manner as an original application and shall be treated in the same manner as an original application.

(d) If a licensee is no longer qualified to hold the license at the time of renewal, the fire chief shall not approve the renewal of the license.

(e) Any person or entity that has forfeited a license pursuant to this chapter may not apply for a new license for a period of two years from the date of forfeiture.

(f) A complete schedule of ambulance licensure fees will be available for inspection at the fire chief's office and at the city website. Any increase in fees will be made available for public inspection and must be approved by the city council.

Sec. 26-96. – Suspension or revocation of license.

(a) If a licensee is convicted or otherwise found liable by a court of competent jurisdiction for violation of a provision of this chapter or a municipal regulation promulgated pursuant to this chapter, in addition to any criminal or civil penalty imposed, the applicable license shall be automatically suspended or revoked in accordance with the following schedule commencing on the date of the issuance of the court's judgment:

(1) First violation: 60-day suspension of license or permit.

(2) Second violation: 120-day suspension of license or permit.

(3) Third violation: Revocation of license or permit.

(b) Any violation of the terms of a suspension or revocation imposed pursuant to this section is a separate violation of this chapter.

(c) The licensee shall not be permitted to re-apply for a license for two years if they have their license revoked.

Sec. 26-97. – Appeals

(a) If the fire chief determines that an application for an ambulance license does not meet the requirements of this chapter, the fire chief shall deny the application. The fire chief shall issue a written decision to the applicant stating the specific reason(s) for the denial.

(b) A person aggrieved by the denial or revocation of an ambulance license by the fire chief pursuant to this chapter may appeal to the city mayor no later than 15 days after the issuance of that decision. Review by the city mayor or designee shall be limited to determining that the decision of the fire chief is supported by substantial evidence.

Sec. 26-98. – Insurance required.

(a) It is unlawful to provide private ambulance services with a vehicle not insured according to the requirements of this section.

(b) A complete schedule of PAS insurance requirements will be available for inspection at the fire chief's office.

(c) Before any license is issued for a PAS, the applicant shall furnish one or more policies or certificates of insurance issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the state for the following coverage for each vehicle to be operated as an ambulance:

(1) Worker's compensation and employer's liability insurance required by the laws of the State of Alaska.

(2) Commercial general liability insurance, including coverage for:

- a. Products/completed operations;**
- b. Personal and advertising injury;**
- c. Each occurrence; and**
- d. Medical payments.**

(3) Commercial automobile liability insurance, to include owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles.

(4) Excess liability insurance.

(5) Professional liability (medical malpractice) insurance covering all physicians and emergency medical technicians.

(6) Cyber/privacy liability insurance. The cyber coverage shall include, but not be limited to, claims involving invasion of privacy violations (including HIPPA), information theft, and release of private information. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs as well as regulatory fines and penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses.

(7) With the exception of workers compensation and professional liability each policy shall name the city as an "additional insured" and the actual policy endorsement shall accompany each certificate of insurance.

(8) General liability, workers compensation, and automobile policies shall be endorsed to waive all rights of subrogation against the City of Fairbanks by reason of any payment made for claims under the above coverage. This policy endorsement shall accompany each certificate of insurance.

(9) All policies for general liability shall be primary and noncontributing with any insurance that may be carried by the city.

(10) If the licensee maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the city requires, and shall be entitled to, the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the licensee. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the city.

(d) The liability insurance policy must be verified as to substance and form by the city attorney and filed with the fire chief.

(e) Every insurance policy or certificate shall contain a clause obligating the insurer or surety to give the fire chief written notice no less than 30 days before the cancellation, expiration, nonrenewal, lapse, or other termination of such insurance. A lapse, cancellation, expiration, nonrenewal, or termination of insurance coverage will result in an automatic suspension of any license for so long as the licensee is without insurance as required by this section.

Sec. 26-99. – Number of vehicles operated per license; removal from use.

(a) A licensee may operate multiple vehicles as ambulances so long as each such vehicle is operated in compliance with the requirements of this chapter while it is in service as an ambulance.

(b) Whenever a licensee removes a vehicle from service as an ambulance for reasons other than regular maintenance, they shall notify the fire chief of the reasons for such action within 24 hours thereafter. In the absence of such notice, a vehicle shall be considered in service for the purpose of enforcing this chapter. Once removed from service, a licensee shall not use the vehicle as an ambulance until the fire chief has approved such use.

Sec. 26-100. – Availability of service.

(a) A PAS must be available to transport patients at all times of every day without exception.

(b) A PAS shall not discontinue service without 90-day advance notice to the fire chief.

Sec. 26-101. – Eligibility for transport; permitted transport.

(a) Private Ambulance Services are eligible to transport patients if the patient is deemed stable before and during the duration of the transport and if the patient requires medical monitoring, and either:

(1) The patient has a diagnosed or confirmed pre-existing medical condition that meets medical necessity for requiring medically monitored stretcher transport to a routine scheduled appointment at a doctor's office or clinic, or is moving between extended care facilities, assisted living facilities, private residences, or hospital-affiliated hotels and extended stay motels; or

(2) The patient has been diagnosed with, is being treated for, or is suffering from a mental health disorder that a QHP has determined requires, or may require, physical restraints to protect the patient, the public, or PAS personnel. If warranted, physical restraints should be used minimally and for the sole purpose of providing protection. Allowable physical restraints include handcuffs, a lap belt, and/or leg restraints. The use of firearms or any chemical agent is absolutely prohibited for the purpose of restraining a patient. Patients should not be transported with their arms restrained behind their back unless medically necessary.

(b) Notwithstanding guidance provided in this section, the fire chief has the authority to determine which patients can be transported by a private ambulance service.

(c) PAS operators will contact FECC dispatch immediately if there are changes to the patient's condition, PAS or PAS personnel, or if there are any other changes that may threaten safe transport.

(d) A PAS may transport patients only as follows:

(1) transport of a person between hospitals;

(2) transport of a person to a private residence from a hospital;

(3) transport of a person between a hospital and an airport or helipad;

(4) transport of a neonatal patient and equipment along with a neonatal intensive care team between hospitals, from a hospital to an airport or helipad;

(5) transport of a recurring dialysis patient from their home to their treatments and then back to their home;

(6) any transport of patients for whom the fire chief requests transportation.

Sec. 26-102. – Ambulance dispatch.

(a) It is unlawful for any person other than the fire chief or their designee to dispatch a vehicle used as an ambulance within the City of Fairbanks. Once a private ambulance has been dispatched by FECC, it is the private ambulance service's responsibility to coordinate patient movement details directly with the requesting facility, agency, or provider.

(b) It is unlawful for any PAS to respond to an emergency call within the City of Fairbanks, except as outlined in FGC Sec. 26-107.

(c) Any patient transport requests originating with FECC dispatch will be dispatched to Type 1, Type 2, or Type 3 licensed ambulances for non-emergency service by use of a rotation system unless the person requesting service designates a particular ambulance service.

Sec. 26-103. – Ambulance markings.

(a) Every private ambulance shall bear the trade name under which it is operated on each side of the vehicle by use of permanent letters no less than four inches high.

(b) Every private ambulance shall bear its city-issued license, as assigned to it by the fire chief, in a conspicuous location that is visible at all times from the outside of the ambulance.

(c) Every private ambulance shall use a distinctive and unique color scheme approved by the fire chief.

(d) Every private ambulance shall have "emergency call 911" language on the back and sides of the outside of the vehicle and must display the "star of life" symbol.

(e) It is unlawful to transfer ownership of a vehicle which has been used as a private ambulance until all markings, signs, and insignia and the color scheme associated with the ambulance service have been removed, unless such vehicle is transferred as part of a transfer of the ambulance service itself.

Sec. 26-104. – Ambulance equipment.

(a) Generally. A licensee shall ensure that all private ambulances are operated pursuant to state guidelines and that all private ambulances:

(1) Meet the equipment standards established by state law for a certificated emergency medical service.

(2) Are equipped with a fully operational two-way radio communication system capable of using the emergency medical service radio frequency as designated by the State of Alaska and the fire chief. An ambulance service shall restrict its use of the emergency medical radio frequency unless operating during an emergency event when the PAS ambulances have been directly requested to assist FFD.

(b) Cell phones. A licensee shall ensure that all personnel assigned to work on an ambulance are in possession of a cell phone or other electronic device approved by the fire chief.

(c) Use of emergency signals. It is unlawful for a licensee to operate any lights, sirens, or audible signal on an ambulance which is commonly understood to be an emergency signal or for a licensee to permit another person to do so, unless the particular ambulance service transport for which such signal is used originated in an area outside of the city or is otherwise approved by the fire chief.

Sec. 26-105. – Vehicle inspection.

(a) At least once per year all licensed PAS ambulances must undergo a certified mechanical inspection. Licensed PAS ambulances must be made available for inspection upon demand of the fire chief.

(b) In addition to Alaska State Motorized Vehicle reporting requirements, the owner of an ambulance vehicle licensed under this chapter shall immediately notify FECC dispatch of any mechanical failure or damage sustained in a collision when such mechanical failure or damage causes the ambulance to be inoperable.

(c) The fire chief may prohibit the operation of a vehicle as an ambulance if determined that the ambulance does not comply with the requirements of this chapter or is otherwise unsafe. No person may operate such a vehicle as an ambulance until the fire chief approves such use in writing.

Sec. 26-106. – Ambulance personnel.

(a) Ambulance staff. Each private ambulance shall be staffed in accordance with 7 AAC 26.230(b)(2).

(1) At the time of the PAS licensee’s application for licensure or within 45 days of an individual’s employment as an ambulance vehicle operator, the PAS licensee shall provide proof to the fire chief or his designee that an ambulance vehicle operator has successfully completed a recognized emergency vehicle driver’s safety program approved by the city’s fire chief.

(b) EMS medical director. Each PAS shall have an EMS medical director whose duties shall include the following:

(1) Review all run reports on a monthly basis and send a quarterly letter to the fire chief certifying monthly review;

(2) Provide a set of standing orders for ambulance personnel that are approved by the Interior Region Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc. (IREMSC);

(3) Develop an educational program approved by the protocols board to teach and use the standing orders and develop an educational curriculum for all personnel to

review run reports, discuss specific medical topics, and review basic medical skills. An educational review should occur at least quarterly;

(4) Verify that current certification or licensing of ambulance personnel is in compliance with the laws of the State of Alaska;

(5) Ensure that all medical equipment required by this chapter is in good working order;

(6) Be reasonably available to give medical advice to the licensee and name a temporary physician to serve as a physician sponsor during any absence for more than three consecutive days;

(7) Maintain a current license as a physician in Alaska, including maintaining continuing medical education requirements required by the State of Alaska in order to remain licensed to practice medicine and in good standing in the state;

(8) Carry professional liability insurance, which includes coverage for the duties of a physician sponsor/medical director as defined in this chapter;

(9) Provide a quarterly report, educational review, and medical operations review of the licensee's ambulance service to the fire chief.

Sec. 26-107. – Emergency and disaster operations.

(a) In the event of a declared disaster or other local emergency, the ability of the FFD to provide necessary pre-hospital emergency ambulance care and transportation may be disrupted or inadequate. It is necessary, therefore, that private ambulances permitted in the city be available to assist with medical needs when there is a declared disaster or other local emergency. In these events, the fire chief will determine the amount of assistance needed, determine accessible acceptable ambulance staffing and configuration, and may authorize the dispatch of any ambulance as permitted by law. Each PAS shall make available any in-service vehicles immediately and will recall personnel to make all permitted units staffed and available within four hours at the request of the fire chief. The fire chief shall coordinate all medical assistance requests through the FECC dispatch, when applicable.

Sec. 26-108. – Training Requirements.

(a) Private ambulance services licensed under this chapter shall provide and document training on the statutory requirements of this chapter as follows:

(1) Initial training for new employees within 30 days from the effective date of hire; and

(2) Annual training for all employees.

Sec. 26-109. – Records; Inspection.

(a) Every licensee shall maintain current and accurate vehicle and medical reports for each patient transported in accordance with A.S. 18.08.015 and an electronic patient information system.

(b) The records maintained pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, as well as any other records related to the operation of any ambulance, must be retained by the licensee, and must be made available for inspection upon request of the fire chief.

(c) Quarterly reports are due to the fire chief to show how many transports were done for that quarter. These reports will show the following information:

- (1) date of transport;**
- (2) transport run number;**
- (3) location where patient was picked up;**
- (4) destination of patient;**
- (5) loaded miles for transport;**
- (6) whether the transport was advanced life support or basic life support.**

(d) The licensee shall provide all records requested by the fire chief and submit to on-site inspections within 14 calendar days to ensure compliance with this chapter.

Sec. 26-110. – Penalty for violation of chapter.

(a) In addition to any other penalty specifically provided in this chapter, the violation of any provision of this chapter or a municipal regulation promulgated under this chapter shall be a misdemeanor, and any person convicted of such a violation shall be subject to the penalties set forth in FGC Sec. 1-15(a).

(b) In addition to any other remedy or penalty provided by this section, a person who violates a provision of this chapter or a municipal regulation promulgated under this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty for each offense, injunctive relief to restrain the person from continuing the violation or threat of violation, revocation of PAS license, or both such civil penalty and injunctive relief. Upon application by the city for injunctive relief and a finding that a person is violating or threatening to violate a provision of this chapter or a municipal regulation promulgated under this chapter, the superior court shall grant injunctive relief to restrain the violation.

(c) Each day during which a violation described in this section occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

Sec. 26-111. – Fees.

(a) License. Each Type 1, 2, and 3 ambulance service must pay an annual license fee to the city in accordance with the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services.

(b) Patient transport. Each ambulance service must pay an administrative fee for each patient transport. This fee will be assessed for each patient transported within the City of Fairbanks and must be paid on a quarterly basis in accordance with the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services.

(c) Schedule of fees. A complete schedule of ambulance service fees shall be available for inspection at the fire chief's office and at the city website.

(d) Annual review and public notice. Fees shall be reviewed annually by the fire chief. Any increase in fees will be made available for public inspection and must be approved by the city council.

Sec. 26-112. – Ambulance transport fees.

A PAS may set its own fees for services rendered to be paid by the patient or their insurance provider (if applicable). All fees must be posted and made available for public inspection.

SECTION 2. The attached additions to the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services is hereby approved.

SECTION 3. The effective date of this Ordinance is the 1st Day of January 2024.

David Pruhs, Mayor

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Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

City of Fairbanks Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services

As of Ordinance No. 6262 - Effective January 1, 2024

Category	Code Sec.	Topic	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Description
<i>Occupational</i>	14-123	Private Detective	\$ 75.00		Application fee; non-refundable
	14-123		\$ 400.00		Two-year license
	14-131		\$ 10,000.00		Bond for Alaska residents
			\$ 20,000.00		Bond for out-of-state applicants not licensed in at least two other states
	14-294	Master Plumber	\$ 200.00		Non-refundable application & exam fee
			\$ 200.00		3-year license - each applicant
	14-431	Master Operator's License	\$ 250.00		2-year license - entity
	14-361	Commercial Refuse	\$ 2,000.00		2-year license - entity
	26-111(a)	Private Ambulance Service		\$ 2,000.00	Initial license application fee (Type 1 and 2); non-refundable
	26-111(a)			\$ 1,300.00	Initial license application fee (Type 3); non-refundable
	26-111(a)			\$ 1,500.00	Annual license renewal fee (Type 1 and 2)
	26-111(a)			\$ 800.00	Annual license renewal fee (Type 3)
	26-95			\$ 800.00	Late fee for applications received after February 1
	26-111(b)			\$ 50.00	Administrative fee per patient transport (payable quarterly)
	86-51	Vehicle for Hire	\$ 100.00		One-time application fee for entity; non-refundable
			\$ 400.00		2-year permit fee - entity
			\$ 200.00		Per vehicle permit for 2 years
			\$ 100.00		Transfer fee - vehicle or entity
			\$ 75.00		Each time app fee; non-refundable
86-82	Chauffeurs License	\$ 100.00		2-year license - each driver	

ORDINANCE NO. 6263

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE
CHAPTER 42 LABOR RELATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS,
SECTION 42-1 LABOR RELATIONS AND SECTION 42-2
LABOR NEGOTIATIONS**

WHEREAS, Fairbanks General Code (FGC) Chapter 42 Labor Relations and Negotiations currently provides guidance on the procedures to negotiate a replacement collective bargaining agreement (CBA) when the current CBA is about to expire; and

WHEREAS, current CBAs acknowledge there are times when it would be advantageous to both bargaining parties and the City to modify an agreement during the term of the agreement without necessarily reopening the entire agreement to renegotiation; and

WHEREAS, parties attempting to modify an existing CBA have relied on the procedures used to replace a CBA, and all parties would benefit from additional guidance specifically tailored to modifying an existing agreement.

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

Section 1. FGC Sections 42-1 and 42-2 are amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~strike through~~ font]:

Sec. 42-1. Labor relations.

- (a) The mayor shall have the basic responsibility for labor relations as set forth in this chapter. The mayor will be the lead spokesperson for the city in negotiations with employee organizations representing city employees for the purpose of negotiating collective bargaining agreements as to wages, benefits, and terms and conditions of employment. The mayor may designate an alternate spokesperson. **Before the alternate spokesperson is designated, the mayor will notify the city council.**
- (b) The city council may select a different lead spokesperson for labor negotiations. The council also may delegate a qualified individual to be a member of the city's negotiating team without negating the authority of the mayor to act as the lead spokesperson for negotiations.

- (c) All substantive labor negotiations shall be conducted in open sessions.
- (d) The city's basic goal in labor negotiations will be to treat city employees in a similar manner, as much as is appropriate, and to pay similar wages for similar work.
- (e) The mayor will look for a common policy on boiler plate language which will be consistent in all contracts.
- (f) The city council is committed to the following goals:
 - (1) Rewarding superior employees with merit pay increases in lieu of increases based solely on longevity.
 - (2) Fair and reasonable deductibles in medical insurance.
 - (3) Limiting personal leave to reasonable levels.
 - (4) Consistency between bargaining units, as well as between union and non-union employees.
 - (5) Negotiating contracts with annual wage and benefit reopeners if future sources of funding are not identified and secured **to ensure multiyear contracts are in compliance with FGC section 2-655.**
 - (6) Seeking to eliminate terms with complex pay premiums, work rules that reduce productivity, or other terms that impede accountability.
- (g) The provisions of FGC section 50-83 regarding the one-year ineligibility period for employment of former city council members must be included in all collective bargaining agreements.
- ~~(h) All collective bargaining agreements must be ratified by an ordinance enacted by the city council. Amendments to labor contracts negotiated during the life of the contract are not effective until approved by council ordinance.~~

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Sec. 42-2. Labor negotiations.

- (a) The **sole purpose of the eCity's** negotiating team**(s)** shall be solely embodied to negotiate on behalf of the eCity **of Fairbanks**. Individual

members of the city council shall not enter into separate negotiations with any union representative or union member. ~~From the date of the mayor's transmittal as provided for in section 42-2(b)(1) until ratification of a collective bargaining agreement all~~ **During the periods described in subsections (1) and (2) below,** all communication, **both written and oral,** from ~~the~~ **a union engaged in negotiation** regarding issues in negotiations, ~~both written and oral,~~ must be addressed to members of the cCity's **respective** negotiating team and not to individual council members.

(1) From the date of the mayor's transmittal as provided for in section 42-2(b)(1) until ratification of the collective bargaining agreement, or

(2) From the start of negotiations as provided for in section 42-2(b)(2) until either ratification of an amendment to the collective bargaining agreement or notice to council of termination of the negotiations to amend the collective bargaining agreement.

(b) Labor negotiations will be conducted in the following manner:

(1) For the replacement of an expiring collective bargaining agreement, ~~At~~ **at** least one month prior to the start of negotiations for a replacement collective bargaining agreement (CBA), the mayor shall present a copy of the expiring CBA to the council, along with proposed terms for the replacement agreement.

(2) For an amendment to a collective bargaining agreement negotiated during the effective dates of the agreement, the mayor shall present a copy of the proposed amendment to the council before negotiations commence.

(23) For both (b)(1) and (b)(2) above:

a. The mayor shall provide to the council detailed cost estimates, prepared by the chief financial officer, for all economic proposals.

~~(3)~~ **b.** The council shall meet and discuss the proposals for the replacement CBA. The council shall provide discernable direction to the negotiating team concerning strategies, goals, and objectives and

provide discernable monetary limits for economic proposals.

~~(4)c.~~ The mayor will commence negotiations and, if possible, reach tentative agreements on economic and non-economic ~~bargaining~~ proposals. The mayor will provide the council with periodic reports on the status of negotiations, ~~and~~ on contract terms proposed by union negotiators, ~~and~~ on offers or counter-offers contemplated by the city's negotiators.

~~(5)d.~~ The ~~mayor~~ **bargaining team** may not offer or tentatively agree to any economic proposal that exceeds the ~~substantially deviates from the~~ monetary limits provided by the council without seeking further guidance ~~from the council~~. The ~~mayor must provide~~ **council must be provided** with updated cost estimates, prepared by the chief financial officer, when seeking further guidance from the council on economic proposals.

~~(6)e.~~ Before an ordinance ratifying a CBA **or ratifying any amendment to an existing CBA** is introduced, a comprehensive list of the proposed changes ~~to the~~ CBA, along with the CFO's fiscal note for the ~~contract~~ **CBA's** duration, will be given to the council for **its** review, **final instructions, and authorization to proceed**. Multiyear contracts must be in compliance with section 2-655 of the Code.

(4) All collective bargaining agreements must be ratified by an ordinance enacted by the city council. Amendments to collective bargaining agreement negotiated during the life of the agreement are not effective unless and until approved by council ordinance.

Section 2. That the effective date of this Ordinance shall be five days after adoption.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

Introduced by: Council Members Marney and Sprinkle
Finance Committee Review: August 17, 2023
Introduced Date: September 11, 2023

ORDINANCE NO. 6264

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE
SEC. 74-152 BY INCREASING TOBACCO EXCISE TAX**

WHEREAS, Fairbanks General Code Sec. 74-152 levies an excise tax on the distribution of tobacco products brought into the city; and

WHEREAS, City Council would like to increase the excise tax from eight percent times the wholesale price to twenty percent times the wholesale price; and

WHEREAS, this change will provide lower taxes for property owners.

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

SECTION 1. Fairbanks General Code Sec. 74-152 is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underlined** font; deleted text in ~~striketrough~~ font]:

Sec. 74-152. Tobacco products excise tax and collection.

(a) The city hereby levies an excise tax on the distribution of tobacco products brought into the city, measured at the rate of ~~eight~~ **twenty** percent times the wholesale price of such tobacco products.

SECTION 2. The effective date of this ordinance is January 1, 2024.

David Pruhs, Mayor

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**TOBACCO EXCISE TAX
MUNICIPALITIES IN ALASKA
TAX INCREASE FROM 8.0% TO 20.0%**

Location	Cigarettes	Other Tobacco Products	Other Noncombustible Products	Notes	Pack	Tobacco	E-Vaps
City of Fairbanks (Proposed)	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	Wholesale Price	\$2.48	\$0.40	\$2.20
City of Fairbanks (Current)	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	Wholesale Price	\$0.99	\$0.16	\$0.88
Fairbanks North Star Borough	8.0%	8.0%	N/A	Wholesale Price	\$0.99	\$0.16	\$0.00
Matanuska Borough	.110 per cigarette	55.0%	55.0%	Per Cigarette & Wholesale Price	\$2.20	\$1.10	\$6.05
Juneau City & Borough	\$3 per pack	45.0%	45.0%	Per Pack & Wholesale Price	\$3.00	\$0.90	\$4.95
Anchorage Municipality	.1261 per cigarette	55.0%	55.0%	Per Cigarette (adjusted annually) & Wholesale Price	\$2.52	\$1.10	\$6.05

Additional reduction in property taxes by \$1,510,000. Reduce mill levy from 6.178 to 5.683 (\$49.50 per \$100,000 assessed value).



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DATE: September 1, 2023
TO: Council Members
THROUGH: Mayor David Pruhs
FROM: CFO Margarita Bell
SUBJECT: Fire Department Clerk Position

The Fire Department is seeking to change one permanent administrative assistant position to a clerk position, annual savings of \$7,440.