

**ORDINANCE NO. 5861, AS AMENDED**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE  
CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE X. TOWING VEHICLES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fairbanks (“City”) desires to institute a rotational call-out system for towing services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to protect citizens by offering basic standards and fee schedules for companies participating in the call-out system,

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

**Section 1.** That Fairbanks General Code Chapter 14, Article X. Towing Vehicles, Sections 14-431 through 14-457 are hereby repealed and reenacted as follows.

**ARTICLE X. TOWING VEHICLES.**

**Sec. 14-431. Master Operator’s License.**

(a) Any tow company desiring to bid on the City’s towing contract or to be put on the City’s rotational tow list, must first obtain a Master Operator’s License from the City Clerk’s Office. The City Clerk is directed to prepare an application form for the use of applicants consistent with the requirements of this Article. The City’s rotational tow list shall be maintained by the City of Fairbanks Dispatch Center.

(b) The nonrefundable biennial fee for a Master Operator’s License will be set forth in the City’s Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services. This fee will be in addition to the regular city business license fee.

**Sec. 14-432. Creation of a City Rotation Tow List**

(a) Towing companies desiring to be on the City rotation tow list for use by police and fire for call-outs must:

1. Have a Master Operator’s License and a City business license.
2. Commit to a maximum response time of no more than 30 minutes from the time of the call-out.
3. Be available 24 hours per day.
4. Maintain insurance as required by the City of its towing company contractor.

(b) Charges for towing made pursuant to a call-out from the City's rotational call-out list may be made only for the services listed below and in an amount no greater than the rates listed below. These rates may be modified periodically. No other fees may be assessed.

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| 1. | Call-out fee: 10,000 lbs. or less   | \$ 85.00           |
|    | Call-out fee: 10,001 to 25,000 lbs.   | \$ 100.00          |
|    | Call-out fee: Over 25,000 lbs.  | \$ 200.00          |
|    | Surcharge: Extreme weather (minus thirty degrees or colder)   | \$ 25.00           |
|    | Surcharge: Time on-scene exceeding one hour billable in .25 hour increments   | \$ 100.00 per hour |
| 2. | Loaded mileage  | \$ 4.00 per mile   |
| 3. | Security fee  | \$ 100.00          |
| 4. | Daily storage fee (May only be charged on days vehicles are available for retrieval by owner)   | \$ 40.00           |
| 5. | Companies offering impoundment shall establish hours during which the owner may reclaim their vehicle. These hours will be a minimum of eight hours per day, five days per week. Any person who engages in towing for impoundment must allow the owner or person entitled to lawful possession, upon request and after showing proper identification, to immediately reclaim from their impounded vehicle any pets or personal property (other than items which are an integral part of or accessories to the vehicle), either at the impound yard or at the site of impoundment. |                    |

(c) A towing company may be removed from the list if it is continually non-responsive or if the City receives an unreasonable number of customer complaints.

#### **Sec. 14-433. Towing Contract for City Impounds.**

(a) Any firm desiring to bid on the City's towing and impound contract must have a Master Operator's License.

(b) The only fees that can be charged under the City's contract are for call-out and mileage consistent with Sec. 14-432(b), including surcharges.

(c) The contract award shall be for a two-year term.

(d) Other terms may be made a requirement of the contract under a Request For Proposals.

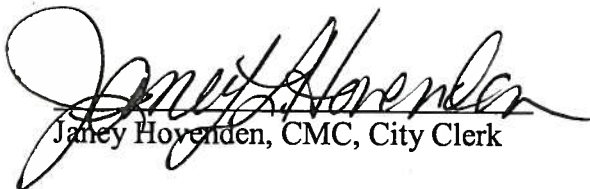
**Section 2.** That the effective date of this ordinance shall be the 29th day of October, 2011.

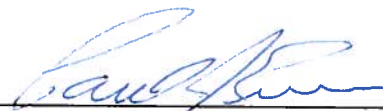
  
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Jerry Cleworth, Mayor

AYES: Gatewood, Roberts, Eberhart, Matherly, Stiver  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Bratcher  
ADOPTED: October 24, 2011

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Janey Hoyenden, CMC, City Clerk

  
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Paul Ewers, City Attorney