

**ORDINANCE NO. 5869**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE  
CHAPTER 66, SECTION 66-43, SENIOR CITIZEN RATE**

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Department staff and City Finance Committee have reviewed the provisions of the Senior citizen rate and its administration and made suggestions to increase efficiency and improve the process for the City's senior citizens,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS**, as follows (new text in underline bold font, deleted text in ~~strikeout font~~):

**Sec. 66-43. - Senior citizen rate.**

(a) A qualified senior citizen may apply to the office of the city clerk or the city finance department for the senior citizen rate. The senior citizen rate ~~will~~ shall be as provided in the city's schedule of fees and charges for services and will become effective the first billing quarter following a qualified filing.

(b) The term "qualified senior citizen" as used in this section is defined as a person at least 65 years of age or a person at least 60 years of age who is the widow or widower of a person who was receiving the senior citizen rate at the time of his/her death. The widow or widower must file a new application for the senior citizen rate and must meet the requirements of subsection (c).

~~(b) (c)~~ To receive the senior citizen rate of fees under this section a qualified senior citizen ~~the applicant must:~~

(1) ~~Be a property owner and refuse customer.~~ Be an owner of record of the property receiving the refuse service.

(2) ~~Reside at the residence of exemption.~~ Occupy the property as a permanent place of abode. If the qualified senior citizen owns multiple properties, only the primary residence will be eligible for the senior rate.

(3) File for the senior citizen rate with the city clerk or the city finance department, provide proof of age, and have the application signature notarized. A qualified senior citizen need not file such an

application for successive years if there is no change in ownership, no change in permanent place of abode, and no change as to the owner of record.

(4) ~~Verify annually that the senior rate still applies.~~ Maintain all City accounts in current status. The senior citizen rate will be revoked if a City account(s) is delinquent. The senior citizen rate will be reinstated without requiring a new filing for the senior citizen rate when the account(s) are brought into current status.

(5) If living in a residence provided service pursuant to section 66-41(a)(2), all residents must be qualified.

~~(c) The term "qualified senior citizen" as applied in this section shall be defined as a person 65 years and older.~~

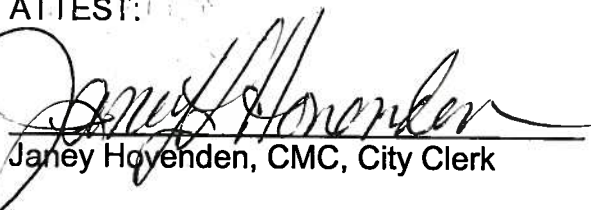
~~(d) The applicant will be required to show proof of age at time of filing. Annually, the city finance department will review a minimum of 10 percent of the accounts receiving the senior citizen rate to determine eligibility and compliance with this section.~~


(e) The applicant qualified senior citizen receiving a senior citizen rate or their designated representative is responsible for notifying the city clerk ~~City of Fairbanks or Finance Office~~ department of any changes in ownership, residency, or permanent place of abode. ~~to their eligibility for the senior citizen rate.~~ Any account that is receiving the senior citizen rate for any period during which it is not eligible will be billed for the ineligible period at the regular refuse collection rate and charged interest at the current rate for delinquent refuse accounts.

Section 4. That the effective date of this ordinance shall be the 17th day of December 2011.

  
Jerry Cleworth, Mayor

AYES: Gatewood, Roberts, Eberhart, Matherly, Stiver, Hilling  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ADOPTED: December 12, 2011

ATTEST:  
  
Janey Hoyenden, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
Paul Ewers, City Attorney