

RESOLUTION NO. 4858, AS AMENDED

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING LOCAL BUSINESSES TO SUPPORT
THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PATROL**

WHEREAS, because of Fairbanks' exceedingly harsh winters, people found intoxicated or incapacitated in public must be taken into protective custody for transport to their homes, to Gateway to Recovery Detox, to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, or to the Fairbanks Correctional Center to protect them from victimization, injury, or death by exposure. This is not only the moral thing to do; it is also mandated by Alaska law; and

WHEREAS, protecting persons who put themselves at risk of victimization, injury, or death by exposure is expensive; and

WHEREAS, for many years the responsibility of caring for the needs of incapacitated persons rested solely on the City's police and fire departments, greatly straining the limited resources of these departments and underutilizing highly trained professional staff for non-criminal, non-emergent situations; and

WHEREAS, in April of 2014, the City of Fairbanks entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the nonprofit Downtown Association of Fairbanks Community Services to expand the small downtown-focused Community Service Patrol (CSP) to manage publicly inebriated persons' intensive demands on public safety resources throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the resultant Emergency Services Patrol expanded the services of the CSP to include the entire City, seven days per week, approximately 19 hours per day; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 (year-to-date), the ESP has responded to over 5,000 calls for service and has provided approximately 3,342 transports; and

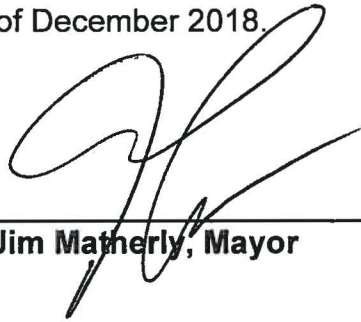
WHEREAS, the ESP benefits more than just the people taken into protective custody; it benefits local businesses, regional health care facilities, tourism, and State of Alaska organizations such as correctional facilities and social service agencies; and

WHEREAS, the decline in state revenue sharing/community assistance has strained the ability of the City to fund the ESP; and

WHEREAS, the ESP is a joint effort of the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks Downtown Association of Fairbanks Community Services and would not be possible without the voluntary contributions made to the Downtown Association of Fairbanks Community Services by community minded citizens and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks City Council encourages all community minded citizens and businesses to contribute generously to the Downtown Association of Fairbanks Community Services to support the Emergency Services Patrol program. Additionally, the administration will identify the largest users of the ESP and send them a courtesy letter along with their call volume showing use of ESP services and respectfully request assistance with the program.

PASSED and APPROVED this 10th day of December 2018.



Jim Matherly, Mayor

AYES: Pruhs, Therrien, Kun, Cleworth, Ottersten, Rogers
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: December 10, 2018

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Daniëlle Snider, CMC, City Clerk



Paul Ewers, City Attorney