

ORDINANCE NO. 6246

**AN ORDINANCE TO REDUCE OVERTIME AT THE FAIRBANKS
FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SECURE ADDITIONAL SAVINGS
AND BENEFITS BY ADDING A BATTALION CHIEF**

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks Fire Department does not have enough administrative positions to do all its needed work; and

WHEREAS, an additional Battalion Chief with the fire prevention division would help the department get caught up on its backlog of building inspections; and

WHEREAS, an additional Battalion Chief with the fire prevention division would provide a second fire investigator for the department; and

WHEREAS, an additional Battalion Chief would allow the department to hire a Deputy Fire Marshal I or II instead of a Deputy Fire Marshal III, saving an estimated \$11,000-\$20,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, an additional Battalion Chief would help the department reduce its forced overtime costs within the officer ranks, saving an estimated \$35,000 per year; and

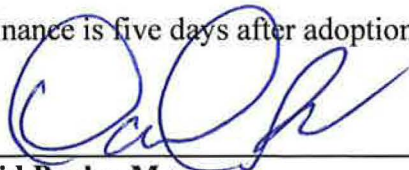
WHEREAS, having an additional Battalion Chief would allow for additional staffing on large-scale emergency scenes moving the department closer to its goal of meeting NFPA 1710.

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

SECTION 1. That the City of Fairbanks will increase the number of Battalion Chiefs for the Fairbanks fire Department by 1.

SECTION 2. That the City's 2023 operating budget is amended to include the increased expenditures as reflected in the attached fiscal note.

SECTION 3. That the effective date of this Ordinance is five days after adoption.



David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES: Tidwell, Marney, Sprinkle, Rogers
NAYS: Cleworth, Ringstad
ABSENT: None
ADOPTED: July 24, 2023

ATTEST:


D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Thomas Chard II, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: _____

Abbreviated Title: ORDINANCE ADDING A BATTALION CHIEF

Department(s): FIRE

Does the adoption of this ordinance or resolution authorize:

1) additional costs beyond the current adopted budget? Yes X No _____

2) additional support or maintenance costs? Yes _____ No X

If yes, what is the estimate? see below

3) additional positions beyond the current adopted budget? Yes X No _____

If yes, how many positions? 1

If yes, type of positions? F (F - Full Time, P - Part Time, T - Temporary)

II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:

EXPENDITURES:	2023	2024+
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$ 82,000	\$ 167,300
OVERTIME	\$ (26,250)	\$ (55,000)
TOTAL	\$ 55,750	\$ 112,300

FUNDING SOURCE:	2023	2024+
GENERAL FUND	\$ 55,750	\$ 112,300
TOTAL	\$ 55,750	\$ 112,300

The Fire Department would like to add a full-time battalion chief to reduce forced overtime costs for officers and to provide someone to oversee the prevention division. The department anticipates additional revenue for building inspections.

Reviewed by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 5/12/2023