

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2018-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING TAXICAB RATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018

WHEREAS, Unalaska Code of Ordinances (UCO) § 9.12.065 requires all licensed taxicabs operating within the city to have installed an instrument (meter) by which charges for hire of such taxicabs are calculated; and

WHEREAS, UCO requires that the meter shall calculate the fare and be calibrated in accordance with the fare standards set by the City Council at its first regular meeting in January each year; and

WHEREAS, the taxi rates for calendar year 2018 will not change from the rates for calendar year 2017;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council establishes the taxicab rates for 2018, which include the 3% sales tax, as follows:

- \$2.65 per flag drop;
- \$0.30 per 1/10 mile;
- \$5.30 for each additional fare over two;
- \$1.06 per minute waiting time;
- \$80.00 per hour charter.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said rates include a Senior Citizen Discount of \$1.00 off any metered rate between \$5.00 and \$10.00, and \$2.00 off any metered rate over \$10.00.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on February 13, 2018.



Dennis Robinson
Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

 R. Winters
Acting City Clerk



MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Marjie Veeder, City Clerk
Through: Nancy Peterson, City Manager
Date: February 13, 2018
Re: Resolution 2018-11, a Resolution of the Unalaska City Council establishing taxicab rates for the calendar year 2018 as required by the Unalaska Code of Ordinances

SUMMARY: Unalaska Code of Ordinances (UCO) § 9.12.065(A)(3) requires that the City Council set taxicab rates at the first regular meeting in January each year. Resolution 2018-11 sets the rates for calendar year 2018 at the same level as the rates of calendar year 2017. Staff recommends adoption of this resolution.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council has adopted taxicab rates annually since 1993. Through Resolution 2006-01, Council increased rates by \$0.03 per minute for waiting time and added \$80.00 per hour for charters. The rates have not changed since 2006. Last year the council adopted the rates at the same level under Resolution 2017-04.

BACKGROUND: The taxicab ordinance was adopted in 1993 and revised in 2003 and 2005. In 2005, several changes were made, but UCO § 9.12.065(A)(3) has not changed through the years of revision. The ordinance requires the City Council to set the rates each year. At the time of the 1993 adoption, the Taxi Owner's Association was active and provided input on this issue.

DISCUSSION: In the past, the Director of Public Safety and the City Clerk met with the taxi permit holders to discuss rates prior to the first City Council meeting in January. In 2008, because of a lack of participation by the taxicab permit owners, there was no meeting. Beginning in 2009, the City Clerk asked taxicab owners to submit written comments about the rates. In 2016 a meeting was scheduled to discuss rate increases, but no taxi permit owners attended. On January 16, 2018, a letter was sent to the taxi permit holders asking for written comments regarding rates and encouraging them to attend tonight's council meeting. No responses were received.

ALTERNATIVES: Adopt rates as recommended, raise the rates, or lower the rates.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution 2018-11.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to adopt Resolution 2018-11.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS: I recommend council adopt Resolution 2018-11.