

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2023-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING TAXICAB RATES FOR
CALENDAR YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, Unalaska Code of Ordinances § 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, Unalaska Code of Ordinances 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 2023 will not change from the rates for calendar year 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council establishes the taxicab rates for 2023, 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 January 10, 2023.



Dennis M. Robinson
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Marjie Veeder, CMC
City Clerk



MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Marjie Veeder, City Clerk
Through: Chris Hladick, City Manager
Date: January 10, 2023
Re: Resolution 2023-01: Establishing taxicab rates for the calendar year 2023 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 2023-01 sets the rates for calendar year 2023 at the same level as the rates for 2022. 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 per hour for charters. Rates have not changed since 2006.

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.

During a meeting held at Public Safety in November 2017, taxi drivers and taxi permit holders expressed no interest in changing the rates. There has been no response to the Clerk's written request to the permit holders to comment on rates before council set the rates (2018 to present). There was no public comment on this topic at the council meetings from 2018-2022.

On December 1, 2022, the City Clerk mailed letters to all taxi permit holders inviting them to submit comments about the rates for 2023 and encouraging them to attend tonight's council meeting. Copy attached. No responses were received before the writing of this memo.

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: If rates are changed, it is expected that a corresponding increase or decrease would be seen in sales tax revenue to the City. Also if rates are changed, meters would have to be reprogrammed at the expense of taxi owners.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution 2023-01.

PROPOSED MOTION: This item is on the consent agenda and will be included in the motion to adopt the consent agenda. If the item is moved to the regular agenda for discussion, the proposed motion is "I move to adopt Resolution 2023-01".

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS: I support the Staff Recommendation.

ATTACHMENT: Letter to taxi permit holders.

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December 1, 2022

Taxi Permit Holders:

In January of each year, the Unalaska City Council sets the rates taxicabs may charge. As a permit holder, you are encouraged to provide comments or suggestions to the City Council regarding taxicab rates.

You are encouraged to attend the meeting in person to provide information to the Council about taxicab rates. This is your opportunity to provide input to the City Council as they prepare to set the taxi rates for 2023. The meeting will be:

Tuesday, January 10, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall

If you would like to submit written comments instead, I need to receive them no later than 5pm on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

Unless we hear from you, the rates adopted will most likely be the same as last year, which are listed below and include City sales tax:

- \$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
- 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.

If you have any questions, please stop by the Clerk's Office at City Hall; give me a call at 581-1251 ext. 2104; or email me at mveeder@ci.unalaska.ak.us.

Sincerely,

CITY OF UNALASKA



Marjie Veeder
City Clerk