

**CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA**

RESOLUTION 2017-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING TAXICAB RATES
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017 AS REQUIRED BY THE UNALASKA CODE OF
ORDINANCES**

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

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

WHEREAS, the taxi rates for CY2017 will not change from the rates for CY2016;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council establishes the taxicab rates for 2017, which include the 3% sales tax, as follows:

- \$2.65 per flag drop;
- \$0.30 per 1/10 miles;
- \$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 THIS 10th DAY OF JANUARY 2017.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK *Spring city clerk*



MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

THROUGH: DAVID MARTINSON, CITY MANAGER

FROM: MIKE HOLMAN, DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF

DATE: JANUARY 10, 2017

RE: **RESOLUTION 2017-04 ESTABLISHING TAXICAB RATES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017 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 of January each year. Resolution 2017-04 sets the rates for calendar year 2017 at the same level as the rates of calendar year 2015. 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 2015-03.

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 the rates prior to the first City Council meeting in January. However, in 2008, because of a lack of participation by the taxicab permit owners, the City Clerk did not schedule a meeting. Beginning in 2009, the City Clerk asked taxicab owners to submit written comments about the rates, and that practice was continued until this year. In 2016 a meeting was held to discuss rate increases. No taxi permit owners attended the meeting. This year the Staff placed public notice and received no input.

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends the adoption.

PROPOSED MOTION: Move to include on Consent Agenda.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS: I recommend approval of this resolution.