

CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2020-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING TAXICAB RATES FOR  
CALENDAR YEAR 2020

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

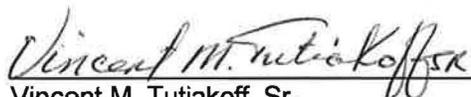
WHEREAS, the taxi rates for calendar year 2020 will not change from the rates for calendar year 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council establishes the taxicab rates for 2020, 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 14, 2020.

  
Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Marjie Veeder, CMC  
City Clerk



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## MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

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To: Mayor and City Council Members  
From: Marjie Veeder, City Clerk  
Through: Erin Reinders, City Manager  
Date: January 14, 2020  
Re: Resolution 2020-02, Establishing taxicab rates for the calendar year 2020 as required by the Unalaska Code of Ordinances

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**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 2020-02 sets the rates for calendar year 2020 at the same level as the rates for 2019. 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. 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, and there was no response to the Clerk's written request to the permit holders to comment on rates before council set the rates for calendar years 2018 and 2019. There was no public comment at the council meeting in 2018 or 2019.

On December 2, 2019, the City Clerk mailed letters to all taxi permit holders inviting them to submit comments about the rates for 2020 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:** 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 2020-02.

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move to adopt Resolution 2020-02.

**CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:** I support Staff's Recommendation.