

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2019-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING TAXICAB RATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

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 2019 will not change from the rates for calendar year 2018.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council establishes the taxicab rates for 2019, 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 8, 2019.

Dennis M. Robinson
Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Marjie Veeder
City Clerk



MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Marjie Veeder, City Clerk
Through: Thomas Thomas, City Manager
Date: January 8, 2019
Re: Resolution 2019-02, a Resolution of the Unalaska City Council establishing taxicab rates for the calendar year 2019 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 2019-02 sets the rates for calendar year 2019 at the same level as the rates for 2018. 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 year 2018. There was no public comment at the council meeting in 2018.

The City Clerk mailed letters to all taxi permit holders inviting them to submit comments about the rates for 2019 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 RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution 2019-02.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to adopt Resolution 2019-02.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS: I recommend council adopt Resolution 2019-02.