

CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA, ALASKA

ORDINANCE 2022-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, SPECIFICALLY A 1997 PIERCE SABER AERIAL APPARATUS, TO AN ALASKA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OR AGENCY THEREOF

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNALASKA, as follows:

**Section 1:** This Ordinance is a Non-Code Ordinance.

**Section 2: Recitals**

WHEREAS, Unalaska Code of Ordinances (UCO) § 7.20.010 allows for the disposal of City of Unalaska surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety has a 1997 Pierce Saber Aerial Apparatus that is determined to be surplus property; is no longer needed for municipal purposes; and is valued at approximately \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, the 1997 Pierce Aerial Apparatus is a special purpose vehicle, with few other applications than as an emergency fire response vehicle; and

WHEREAS, UCO § 7.20.010(B) states in part: personal property no longer needed for municipal purposes shall be disposed of in one or more of the following manner; (1) by public outcry auction to the highest bidder, (2) by public sealed auction to the highest bidder, (3) to the best qualified proposal who responds to a request for proposal to acquire property, (4) to an educational, religious, charitable, or non-profit association or corporation providing services to Unalaska citizens, (5) to the United States, the State of Alaska or an Alaska municipal corporation or any agency or department thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department shall notify other Alaska communities and state entities that the 1997 Pierce Saber Aerial Apparatus is being disposed of by the City of Unalaska; and will solicit proposals, asking that any interested parties detail their specific need and their understanding that they would pay for all shipping costs; and

WHEREAS, the letters of interest will be reviewed and a scoring matrix will be applied in order to select which interested party would receive the aerial apparatus; and

WHEREAS, the selected party be responsible for all shipping costs.

**Section 3:** This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council authorizes the City Manager to dispose of city personal property valued at more than \$25,000, specifically a surplus 1997 Pierce Saber Aerial Apparatus, to an Alaska municipal corporation or agency thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on August 9, 2022.



Alejandro "Bong" Tungul  
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Estkaelen P. Magdaong  
Deputy City Clerk



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## MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

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To: Mayor and City Council Members  
From: Michael Hanson, Interim Fire Chief  
Through: Chris Hladick, Interim City Manager  
Date: July 26, 2022  
Re: Ordinance 2022-15: Authorizing the City Manager to dispose of personal property, specifically a 1997 Pierce Saber Aerial Apparatus, to an Alaska Municipal Corporation or agency thereof

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**SUMMARY:** The city owns a 1997 Pierce Saber Aerial Apparatus which is no longer needed. Pursuant to our Code of Ordinances, personal property no longer needed for municipal purposes may be disposed of by giving it to an Alaska municipal corporation or any agency or department thereof. As the property is valued at more than \$25,000, the Council must determine by ordinance the appropriate method as specified in code to dispose of the property. Ordinance 2022-15 accomplishes this objective.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** Council has addressed disposal of a surplus Specialty Fire Department Apparatus in the past. In February 2018, the council authorized the disposal of a 1999 Freightliner Ambulance in Resolution 2018-14, and later authorized the award of the Engine to a nearby community. The surplus Engine was awarded to Ninilchick Fire Department (Western Emergency Services) after they demonstrated a specific need through a letter of interest and the application of a scoring matrix. Ninilchick was responsible for paying the cost of shipping the Engine to their community.

**BACKGROUND:** This 1997 aerial is the apparatus used by the fire department for large water operations as well as tall building rescue. This apparatus has seen many hours of service and training and was replaced by the new Aerial Apparatus in the FY2021 CMMP. With the delivery of the new Aerial Apparatus the fire department no longer needs the 1997 Saber.

**DISCUSSION:** The City of Unalaska purchased a new Aerial Apparatus to replace the 1997 Pierce Aerial. The 1997 Pierce Aerial is a special use type of vehicle that has few applications other than as an emergency fire apparatus. Currently, similar vehicles are being listed between \$20,000 and \$40,000 on various websites that specialize in selling used emergency vehicles. The cost for shipping the engine to a central location for such an auction is estimated at well over \$15,000.

Considering that the Aerial is a special use vehicle and the cost for shipping the Aerial to a central location would approach a quarter or more of its value, the process detailed below is recommended by staff.

The Fire Department would notify other Alaskan municipal corporations or agencies thereof that the 1997 Pierce Aerial is being disposed of by the City of Unalaska. The Fire Department would solicit letters of interest, asking that any interested parties detail their specific need and their understanding that they would pay for all shipping costs. The letters of interest would be reviewed and the scoring matrix below would be applied in order to select which interested party would receive the Aerial. The selected party would be responsible for all shipping costs.

