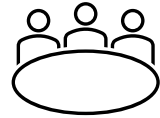




**FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORK SESSION AGENDA
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025 AT 7 A.M.**
MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#)
AND AT FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



1. Roll Call
2. Ordinance No. 6312 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Sec. 14-433 Rotation Tow List Eligibility Requirements and Amending the City's Tow Rotation List Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services. [advanced to April 14]
3. Fire Department Fees
4. Discussion on HB 119, Gas Pipeline Fairbanks Spur
5. Finance Committee Report
6. Mayor and Councilmember Comments
7. Next Regular Work Session – Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 7:00 a.m.
8. Adjournment

INFORMATIONAL ONLY: Pending Items of City Council Business

Ordinance No. 6283, as Amended – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code by Enacting Section 10-207 to Require That Vacant Buildings Be Secured and Registered and Establishing Fines for Violations of These Requirements. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Councilmembers Sprinkle and Ringstad. **Postponed to the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2025.**

Ordinance No. 6285, as Amended – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 74-36 Economic Development Property Tax Rebate and Enacting Section 74-37 Tax Incentive for Property Development, Redevelopment, or Renovation. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Councilmembers Sprinkle and Ringstad. **Postponed to the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2025.**

Ordinance No. 6305 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 70-162, to Ensure Visible and Safe Traffic Intersections and Amending the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs. **Postponed to the Regular Meeting of June 9, 2025.**

ORDINANCE NO. 6312

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE SEC. 14-433 ROTATION TOW LIST ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND AMENDING THE CITY'S TOW ROTATION LIST SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks desires to protect citizens by regulating basic standards and fees for companies participating in the rotation tow list, for towing companies providing nonconsensual towing services, and for companies bidding on the City's towing and impound contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows:

Section 1. Fairbanks General Code Sec. 14-433 is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~strike through~~ font]:

Sec. 14-433. Rotation tow list eligibility requirements.

(a) To be placed on the City rotation tow list, a towing company must:

1. Have a Master Operator's License and a City business license.
2. Be available to respond to calls for service 24 hours per day.
3. Maintain insurance minimums required by the City.
4. **Have a secured and monitored impound lot within 10 miles driving distance from Fairbanks City Hall.**

(b) A towing company may not, in response to a rotation tow list call for towing services, subcontract those services to another towing company.

(c) A towing company may be removed from the rotation tow list if it is continually non-responsive or if the City receives an unreasonable number of customer complaints for failure to comply with the requirements set forth in this Article.

Section 2. The City's Tow Rotation List Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services, included as Attachment A, is hereby adopted [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~strike through~~ font].

Section 3. The effective date of this ordinance shall be six days after adoption.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

Attachment A to Ordinance No. 6312

Tow List Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services					
As of Ordinance No. 6312 – Effective April 6, 2025					
Category	Code Sec.	Topic	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Description
Tow List Fees	14-434 435 and 14-443	Call-out fee: 10,000 lbs. or less	\$135.00		Call-out is a request by the City for towing services
		Call-out fee: 10,001 to 25,000 lbs.	\$150.00		Call-out is a request by the City for towing services
		Call-out fee: Over 25,000 lbs.	\$300.00		Call-out is a request by the City for towing services
		Surcharge: Extreme weather (minus thirty degrees or colder)	\$25.00		
		Surcharge: Time on-scene exceeding one hour billable in .25 hour increments	\$100.00		Per hour billable in quarter hour increments
		Loaded mileage, per mile	\$4.00	<u>\$5.00</u>	
		Security fee	\$100.00	<u>\$150.00</u>	
		Daily storage fee	\$40.00	<u>\$50.00</u>	May only be charged on days vehicles are available for retrieval by owner
		Vehicle access during operational hours	\$0.00		Within the first 30 days of the vehicle arriving at the towing company's storage yard, a fee for first time and second time access shall not be charged
		Vehicle access during non-operational hours/holidays	\$75.00	<u>\$150.00</u>	Access may be granted during non-operational hours or during state or locally observed holidays
		Vehicle pull-outs	\$135.00		Flat fee charged for removing a vehicle from its current fixed position
		On-Scene release of vehicle	\$90.00		
		<u>Motor vehicle accident clean up</u>		<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>Flat fee for cleaning accident scenes</u>

COF EMERGENCY SERVICES
FEE SCHEDULE PROPOSED CHANGES
2025 v1.2
(changes are in red)

Code Sec.	Topic	Current Fee	Description
26-111	Ambulance Services	\$16.00 \$22.00	Per mile loaded miles
26-111	Ambulance Services	\$1,000 \$1,170	Basic Life Support Transport
26-111	Ambulance Services	\$1,300 \$1,382	Advanced Life Support Transport
26-111	Ambulance Services	(\$100)	Discount for City of Fairbanks resident.
30-1;30-31	Annual Technical Inspections Fire Code Compliance/Inspection Report Fee (Brycer)	\$15 \$20	The fee is charged to fire protection contractors/companies to input inspection and violation notices for fire alarms, sprinklers, and other technical work as required.
30-1;30-31	Fire Inspections and code compliance	\$125 \$50 Daycare facility licensed for less than 8 children \$75 Daycare facility licensed for more than 8 children. \$180 for all other inspections 1 st re-inspection \$125 2 nd re-inspection \$350 3 rd and subsequent re-inspections \$600	Per Hour, one hour minimum. Inspections will be performed in accordance with COF currently adopted IBC and IFC documents or other applicable federal, state, and local laws (generally semi-annual, annual, bi-annual base on occupancy type.) An inspection initiated by a complaint is free if no violations are found. However, an inspection fee will be charged if violations are found. A complaint is defined as a written, emailed, or direct complaint received by the City or Fire Department. The complaint cannot be anonymous and must be specific to what violations are known or thought to be present. These fees do not apply to the Cannabis or Alcohol state licensing process (one per year). Fees do apply to this business for all other inspection/follow-up activities.
30-1;30-31	Fire plan/drawing/technical review	\$450 (\$180 City Fee \$230 3 rd party fee for plan review.)	Per hour for each review and resubmission(s) as needed. The fee includes the first on-site inspection once the system is completed. Follow-up inspections, if needed, will follow the re-inspection fee schedule.
	Fire Training Center	\$400	4-hour block for tower and grounds
		\$225	4-hour block for Large Classroom
		\$40	4-hour block conference room

HOUSE BILL NO. 119

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES STAPP, Carrick, Prax, Tomaszewski, Elam, Allard, Schwanke, Dibert

Introduced: 2/26/25

Referred: State Affairs, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to an in-state natural gas pipeline developed by the Alaska Gasline**
2 **Development Corporation; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 31.25.005 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 31.25.005. Purpose.** The corporation shall, for the benefit of the state, to
6 the fullest extent possible,

7 (1) develop and have primary responsibility for developing natural gas
8 pipelines, an Alaska liquefied natural gas project, and other transportation mechanisms
9 to deliver natural gas in-state for the maximum benefit of the people of the state;

10 (2) when developing natural gas pipelines, an Alaska liquefied natural
11 gas project, and other transportation mechanisms to deliver natural gas in-state,
12 provide economic benefits in the state and revenue to the state;

13 (3) assist the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of
14 Revenue to maximize the value of the state's royalty natural gas, natural gas delivered

1 to the state as payment of tax, and other natural gas received by the state;

2 (4) advance an in-state natural gas pipeline as described in the July 1,
3 2011, project plan prepared under former AS 38.34.040 by the corporation while a
4 subsidiary of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, with modifications determined
5 by the corporation to be appropriate to develop, finance, construct, and operate an in-
6 state natural gas pipeline in a safe, prudent, economical, and efficient manner, for the
7 purpose of making natural gas, including propane and other hydrocarbons associated
8 with natural gas other than oil, available to Fairbanks, the Southcentral region of the
9 state, and other communities in the state at the lowest rates possible; **an in-state**
10 **natural gas pipeline advanced under this paragraph must include a direct spur**
11 **line to the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks North Star Borough;**

12 (5) advance an Alaska liquefied natural gas project by developing
13 infrastructure and providing related services, including services related to
14 transportation, liquefaction, a marine terminal, marketing, and commercial support; if
15 the corporation provides a service under this paragraph to the state, a public
16 corporation or instrumentality of the state, a political subdivision of the state, or
17 another entity of the state, the corporation may not charge a fee for the service in an
18 amount greater than the amount necessary to reimburse the corporation for the cost of
19 the service;

20 (6) endeavor to develop natural gas pipelines and other transportation
21 mechanisms to deliver natural gas, including propane and other hydrocarbons
22 associated with natural gas other than oil, to public utility and industrial customers in
23 areas of the state to which the natural gas, including propane and other hydrocarbons
24 associated with natural gas other than oil, may be delivered at commercially
25 reasonable rates; and

26 (7) endeavor to develop natural gas pipelines and other transportation
27 mechanisms that offer commercially reasonable rates for shippers and access for
28 shippers who produce natural gas, including propane and other hydrocarbons
29 associated with natural gas other than oil, in the state.

30 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).



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March 5, 2025

Sent Via E-mail: Representative.Ashley.Carrick@akleg.gov

Representative Ashley Carrick
Chair, House State Affairs Committee

RE: Letter of Support for HB 119

Dear Chair Carrick,

The Interior Gas Utility (IGU) strongly supports House Bill 119 (HB 119) and commends the leadership of Representative Stapp and the co-sponsors in ensuring that Fairbanks, North Pole, and the greater Interior are included in the actions taken to ensure Alaska's energy future. The bill's mandate for a direct natural gas pipeline spur to Fairbanks is essential for securing our region's stable, affordable, and sustainable energy supply.

The Interior is burdened with some of the highest energy costs in the nation, a consequence of both our harsh climate and the elevated prices of available fuel sources. Among Railbelt communities, Fairbanks residents and businesses bear the highest rates, significantly impacting household budgets and hindering economic growth. A substantial investment in Alaska's energy infrastructure must not overlook one of its largest population centers, one that includes several critical military installations, especially when energy affordability is already a big concern.

Currently, IGU supplies approximately 1.5 billion cubic feet (bcf) of natural gas annually to customers in Fairbanks and North Pole. We have safely and reliably been providing natural gas service to Interior consumers for the last 25 years. However, because a natural gas pipeline does not currently reach our region, natural gas must be liquefied, transported in specialty transports, stored at -265°F, then re-vaporized prior to its introduction into the underground distribution system. All the additional handling makes the cost of natural gas in the Interior more than double that of the Southcentral region. We cannot be in a similar situation after an investment more than \$44 billion is made in Alaska.

The Wood Mackenzie study projects that, with the completion of Alaska LNG, Fairbanks could transition to natural gas for energy and heating needs, achieving a 90% penetration rate within a three-year period (2031–2033), for a total demand of 11 bcf. However, reaching this level of adoption necessitates an affordable rate. Without this infrastructure, the Interior's demand may not reach projected levels, potentially increasing costs for the rest of the state during Phase 1 of the project.



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Given that Fairbanks residents already face some of the nation's highest energy costs, it is crucial that the financial responsibility for this lateral line not fall on them. IGU is prepared to integrate Fairbanks and North Pole into a unified natural gas delivery system capable of receiving pipeline gas; however, establishing the spur must be recognized as a statewide priority, which is what the passing of HB 119 will accomplish. This bill clarifies that Interior Alaska must be an active participant in the state's energy future, not a peripheral potential beneficiary.

IGU acknowledges and appreciates the collaborative efforts of the Legislature, the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC), and private industry partners in advancing an in-state natural gas solution. We urge the expedited passage of HB 119 to ensure that Fairbanks is appropriately included in Alaska's energy infrastructure investments. After the bill is passed, AGDC should collaborate with Interior utilities to determine the most effective endpoint for the spur, ensuring it is strategically located for practical use and distribution.

Thank you for your time and commitment to advancing Alaska's energy future. We appreciate your support in ensuring Fairbanks has a reliable and sustainable natural gas supply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ESudduth", written in a cursive style.

Elena Sudduth
General Manager
Interior Gas Utility

Cc:
Representative Will Stapp
Representative Mike Prax
Representative Frank Tomaszewski
Representative Bill Elam
Representative Jamie Allard
Representative Rebecca Schwanke