Introduced by: Mayor Pruhs Date: January 13, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 6303

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE, CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 26-94 AND 26-95, AMENDING THE TERM OF A PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICE LICENSE AND RENEWAL PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks City Council adopted Ordinance No. 6293, as amended, adding regulations governing private ambulance services and amending the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services, on October 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, preparing for implementation of the new license type, sections of the Fairbanks General Code that would benefit from additional clarification and guidance became apparent.

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

Section 1. That Fairbanks General Code Section 26-94 is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in strikethrough font]:

Sec. 26-94. Contents of application for license; term of license; non-transferability.

- (a) An application for a PAS license shall be made to the fire chief on an approved form and shall be accompanied by the following:
 - (1) Payment of fee(s) pursuant to the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services. <u>License fees may be prorated for an entity not licensed under this chapter at any point in the previous year.</u>
 - (2) Proof of insurance for all vehicles to be operated as ambulances pursuant to the license as required by FGC Sec. 26-98.
 - (3) A complete list of the name, address, email address, and telephone number for every person who shall have a financial or proprietary interest in the license.
 - (4) Proof that the applicant is at least 18 years of age.
 - (5) Proof of current State of Alaska and City of Fairbanks business licenses.
 - (6) Proof that the personnel required to operate the ambulance service are available as of the effective date of the license.
 - (7) Proof that the applicant has acquired and installed the equipment that FGC Sec. 26-104 requires for each vehicle to be operated as an ambulance as of the effective date of the license.
 - (8) Identification of the EMS medical director required by FGC Sec. 26-106(b).

- (9) Identification of the vehicles to be operated as ambulances by vehicle registration number, VIN number, make, model, and year; proof that both the body and mechanics of each vehicle is in good repair; and proof that the applicant is lawfully entitled to use each vehicle for the purpose of an ambulance service.
- (10) Proof that any new or used ambulances purchased after July 27, 2021, or any ambulance remounts completed after that date, are certified as meeting one or more of the following nationally recognized standards for ambulance design:
 - a. the most recent published version of the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Specification for Star-of-Life Ambulances (KKK-A-1822),
 - b. the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services Ground Vehicle Standard v 3.0 (CAAS-GVS), or
 - c. the National Fire Protection Association Standard for Automotive Ambulances (NFPA 1917).
- (11) A complete description of the ambulance markings and color scheme to be used in compliance with FGC Sec. 26-103.
- (12) Proof of current registration with the State of Alaska as an emergency medical service ground ambulance service.
- (13) Attestation by the PAS's EMS director or medical sponsor that PAS personnel have, and will continue to receive, the necessary training and certification (if applicable) to know how to use the current Standing Orders published by the Interior Region Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc. (IREMSC), and will practice within their scope and according to the current IREMSC Standing Orders.
- (14) Initial applicants will be required to submit a copy of their business plan.
- (15) Certification by the city's chief financial officer or designee that the entity and person(s) applying for license are not reported as being delinquent on any city taxes or fees and have no outstanding judgments or debts owed to the city or borough.
- (b) The fire chief shall issue a license if the applicant complies with all the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, unless good cause exists for denial. A license issued pursuant to this section is nontransferable and shall be valid for <u>up to</u> one year unless revoked or suspended pursuant to FGC Sec. 26-96.
- <u>Section 2.</u> That Fairbanks General Code Section 26-95 is hereby amended as follows [new text in <u>bold/underline</u> font; deleted text in <u>strikethrough</u> font]:

Sec. 26-95. - Renewal of license

(a) A license issued pursuant to this chapter is valid for one year from the date of issuance and will expire automatically if an application for renewal is not received by the fire chief

prior to the expiration of the license the last day of February each year.

- (b) All amoulance service licenses will renew March 1 of every year.
 - (1) Fees may be prorated for the first year.
 - (2):Applications for renewal are due February 1st of each year. Late submissions may be denied or charged a late fee in accordance with the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services. Entities will be notified that their license has been renewed by February 15th. Renewed licenses take effect March 1st.
- (c) An application applicant wishing to renew an ambulance service license is made to the fire chief in the same manner as an original application and shall be treated in the same manner as an original application. must satisfy the same requirements as provided in Section 26-94.
- (d) If a licensee is no longer qualified to hold the license at the time of renewal, the fire chief shall not approve the renewal of the license.
- (e) Any person or entity that has forfeited a license pursuant to this chapter may not apply for a new license for a period of two years from the date of forfeiture.
- (f) A complete schedule of ambulance licensure fees will be available for inspection at the fire chief's office and at the city website. Any increase in fees will be made available for public inspection and must be approved by the city council.

Section 3. That the effective date of this ordinance is six days after adoption.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES:

Therrien, Marney, Sprinkle, Cleworth, Tidwell

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

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ADOPTED:

January 27, 2025

ATTEST:

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