

**ORDINANCE NO. 6306, AS AMENDED**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE SECTION  
70-161 AND THE LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2018  
INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE ADOPTED BY REFERENCE AT  
FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE SECTION 30-32, AND AMENDING THE  
CITY SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES  
TO ENSURE ACCESS TO FIRE HYDRANTS**

**WHEREAS**, fire hydrants must remain accessible for first responders; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no fee in the City's Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services to charge individuals who obstruct access to fire hydrants with snow and ice in violation of the adopted International Fire Code; and

**WHEREAS**, adding a fee to the City's Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services will help the City recover its costs to remove the obstruction and will help ensure fire hydrants remain accessible.

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

**Section 1.** Fairbanks General Code Chapter 70, Article IV Public Streets, Section 70-161 Snow and ice; removal; standing; casting on public property is hereby amended, as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

**Sec. 70-161. - Snow and ice; removal; standing; casting on public property.**

- (a) A person having control of any premises bordered by a graded or paved sidewalk must promptly remove any snow which falls on the sidewalk and must remove or sand any ice which forms on the sidewalk, to the extent that the snow or ice is an impediment to pedestrians.
- (b) It is unlawful for any person to move snow or ice from private property or to hire, direct, or allow another person to move snow or ice from private property onto any sidewalk, street, avenue, or alley in the city to the extent that the snow or ice is an impediment to use of the sidewalk, street, avenue, ~~or alley,~~ **or fire hydrant.** It is not a violation of this subsection to move snow from a sidewalk into the adjacent street.
- (c) A person violating subsection (b) above is guilty of a minor offense. A person charged with violating subsection (b) must respond to the city clerk's office within 30 days of receipt of the citation. Disposition of a charge under subsection (b) may be without court appearance pursuant to AS 29.25.070 and the Alaska Minor Offense Rules upon payment of a fine of \$200.00 and

payment of the state surcharge required by AS 12.55.039 and AS 29.25.074. The fines for these offenses may not be judicially reduced.

- (d) The director of public works, or designee, is authorized to direct the removal of any snow or ice that is not promptly removed from a sidewalk, as provided for in subsection (a), ~~or that was taken from private property and moved to a sidewalk, street, avenue, or alley.~~ The cost of such removal shall be charged to the owner of the property, provided the owner, or person having control of the premises, fails to do so within ~~24 hours~~ **5 working days** after having received ~~contact~~**notice** from the director of public works, or designee. The cost of removal of any snow or ice done at the direction of the director of public works, or designee, under this subsection shall be set forth in the city schedule of fees and charges for services.
- (e) The director of public works, or designee, is authorized to direct the removal of any snow or ice that was taken from private property and moved to a sidewalk, street, avenue, alley, or a place obstructing access to a fire hydrant. The cost of such removal will be the responsibility of the owner of the property from which the snow or ice was moved, provided the owner or person having control of the premises fails to remove the snow or ice in a manner satisfactory to the director of public works, or their designee, within 24 hours 5 working days after having received contact from the director of public works.
- (f) Costs of removal of any snow or ice done at the direction of the director of public works, or designee, under this section shall be set forth in the city schedule of fees and charges for services.
- (g) Any person charged with snow or ice removal costs under subsections (d) or (e) of this section may seek relief from the city mayor who may waive charges in whole or in part. Any person not satisfied with the mayor's decision, may appeal to the city council within 30 days from the mayor's decision.
- (eh) For purposes of this section, a person has control of a premises if they are the owner, **manager**, or occupant of the premises.

**Section 2.** The City of Fairbanks Local Amendments to the 2018 International Fire Code, adopted by reference in Fairbanks General Code at Section 30-32, is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

**SECTION 507**  
**FIRE PROTECTION WATER SUPPLIES**

**507.5.4 Obstruction.** Unobstructed access to fire hydrants, fire department inlet connections (FDC), or fire protection system control valves shall be maintained at all times. The fire department shall not be deterred or hindered from gaining immediate access to fire protection equipment or fire hydrants. Posts, fences, vehicles, growth, trash, storage, snow, and other materials or objects shall not be placed or kept near fire hydrants, FDC, or fire protection system control valves in a manner that would prevent such equipment from being immediately discernible or would impede immediate access. No vehicle shall be parked within 15 feet in front of, and ~~40~~15 feet to the side of a fire hydrant, FDC, or fire protection control valve on private or public property.

**Section 3.** The effective date of this ordinance is six days after adoption.

  
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David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES: Sprinkle, Cleworth, Ringstad, Marney, Tidwell, Therrien  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ADOPTED: February 10, 2025

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

  
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Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

**CITY OF FAIRBANKS**  
**FISCAL NOTE**

**I. REQUEST:**

Ordinance or Resolution No: 6306

Abbreviated Title: ORDINANCE AMENDING FGC 70-161 AND 30-32 OBSTRUCTING FIRE HYDRANTS

Department(s): PUBLIC WORKS

Does the adoption of this ordinance or resolution authorize:

1) additional costs beyond the current adopted budget? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

2) additional support or maintenance costs? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

If yes, what is the estimate? see below

3) additional positions beyond the current adopted budget? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

If yes, how many positions? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, type of positions? \_\_\_\_\_ (F - Full Time, P - Part Time, T - Temporary)

**II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:**

EXPENDITURES:	2025+	TOTAL
SALARIES AND BENEFITS AND EQUIPMENT COST	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>

FUNDING SOURCE:	2025+	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND [PUBLIC WORKS FEES]	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>

The City of Fairbanks had 6 to twelve violations in prior years of property owners obstructing access to fire hydrants. The estimated cost ranges from \$200 to \$500. This fiscal note estimates 6 incidents at \$500.

Reviewed by Finance Department:

Initial mb

Date 1/20/2025

## City of Fairbanks Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services

As of Ordinance No. 6306 - Effective \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Category	Code Sec.	Topic	Current Fee	Description
Engineering	70-161(f)	Moving snow from private property onto <u>a</u> street or sidewalk <u>or to a place obstructing access to a fire hydrant</u> or failure to remove snow from sidewalk.	\$200.00 or actual cost, whichever is higher	Charges for services to owner, <u>manager</u> , or occupant in violation of Ordinance
	70-162	Regulating planting in public place	\$200.00 or actual cost, whichever is higher	Charges for services to owner or occupant in violation of Ordinance
	<b>ROW PERMITS:</b>			
		ROW Excavation (Major)	\$585 + \$0.35	\$585 + \$0.35 per LF for Trench Installations
		ROW Excavation (Minor)	\$410 + \$0.20	\$410 + \$0.20 per LF for Trench Installations
		Driveway Connection to City ROW	\$ 295.00	Permit; safety review; inspection before & after pour
		Sidewalk or Street Closure	\$ 175.00	Permit; ADA compliance
	<b>ZONING SERVICES:</b>			
		Replat, four or fewer lots	\$ 175.00	
		Replat, subdivision, more than four lots.	\$ 295.00	
		Quick Plats	\$ 175.00	
	<b>STORM WATER:</b>			
		Stormwater Treatment/Connection/Discharge Plan Review	\$ 350.00	Includes engineering plan review, developer meeting, and site inspection.
		Cooling Water Discharge Connection Permit	\$ 200.00	(per Ordinance No. 5613)
		Cooling Water Discharge Connection to Storm Drain System Annual Maintenance Fee	\$ 500.00	(per Ordinance No. 5613)
		Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Review	\$ 175.00	10,000 sq.ft. to 1 acre
		SWPPP Plan Review	\$ 350.00	1 - 5 acres
			\$ 480.00	5 - 10 acres
		SWPPP Site Inspection	\$ 175.00	Review paperwork; review field BMPs
		Plat & Map copies	\$ 6.00	Per copy
		11 x 17 copies	\$ 2.00	Per copy
		8.5 x 11 copies	\$ 1.00	First page; \$0.25 per page thereafter
		Miscellaneous Services	Actual cost	Per hour at current charge-out rate
		Planimetric/Aerial Photograph GIS	\$ 300.00	
		Developer's Agreement	Actual cost	TBD based on meetings with City Engineer