

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2026-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING TAXICAB RATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, Unalaska Code of Ordinances § 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, Unalaska Code of Ordinances 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 2026 will not change from the rates for calendar year 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council establishes the taxicab rates for 2026, which include the 3% sales tax, as follows:

- \$3.00 per flag drop;
- \$0.40 per 1/10 mile;
- \$6.00 for each additional fare over two;
- \$1.50 per minute waiting time;
- \$90.00 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 13, 2026.


Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Estkaren P. Magdaong, CMC
City Clerk



MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Estkarlen P. Magdaong, City Clerk
Through: Marjie Veeder, Acting City Manager
Date: January 13, 2026
Re: Resolution 2026-02: Establishing taxicab rates for the calendar year 2026

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 2026-02 sets the rates for calendar year 2026 at the same level as the rates for 2025. 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 per hour for charters. On January 28, 2025 Council adopted Resolution 2025-06 which updated the taxicab rates, which have not been 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. There was no public comment on this topic at the council meetings from 2018-2024.

On January 14, 2025, a taxi permit owner spoke at the City Council meeting in support of increasing taxicab rates, and the City Clerk read a written comment into the record. The City Council postponed adoption of Resolution 2025-06 until the next regular meeting on January 28, 2025, to allow time to seek consensus among taxicab owners.

For this year, the City Clerk's office reached out to taxicab owners, and they have requested to keep the rates the same as last time.

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, which is viewed as insignificant. Also, if rates are changed, meters would have to be reprogrammed at the expense of taxi owners.

LEGAL: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution 2026-02.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to adopt Resolution 2026-02.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS: I support the staff recommendation.

ATTACHMENT: Letter to taxi permit holders.

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December 31, 2025

Taxi Permit Holders:

In January of each year, the Unalaska City Council sets the rates taxicabs may charge. As a permit holder, you are encouraged to provide comments or suggestions to the City Council regarding taxicab rates.

You are encouraged to attend the meeting in person to provide information to the Council about taxicab rates. This is your opportunity to provide input to the City Council as they prepare to set the taxi rates for 2026. The meeting will be on:

Tuesday, January 13, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall

If you would like to submit written comments instead, I need to receive them no later than 5pm on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

Unless we hear from you, the rates adopted will most likely be the same as last year, which are listed below and include City sales tax:

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- \$0.40 per 1/10 mile
- \$6.00 for each additional fare over two
- \$1.50 per minute waiting time
- \$90.00 per hour charter
- 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.

If you have any questions, please stop by the Clerk's Office at City Hall; give me a call at (907) 581-1251 ext. 2104; or email me at emagdaong@unalaska.gov

Sincerely,

CITY OF UNALASKA

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Estkarlen P. Magdaong".

Estkarlen P. Magdaong, CMC
City Clerk