

CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

ORDINANCE 91-26A

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH EMERGENCY SERVICE RESPONSES BY THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Homer provides rescue and emergency medical services to approximately 8,500 residents of the Homer area; and

WHEREAS, as revenues continue to decline, significant service cuts will occur if additional revenues are not developed; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City to continue to provide quality emergency services to those in the Homer area who require these services; and

WHEREAS, an equitable method to provide funding for emergency services is for the City to adopt fee schedules and charge users for the costs associated with the services.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 1.60/070 of the Homer City Code is hereby created to read as follows:

1.60. 070 Emergency responses--Fees; liability.

a. The City Council may, by resolution, establish a schedule of fees to be charged for emergency services. Fee schedules may be established for, but are not limited to:L

1. false alarms
2. emergency medical services or rescue responses
3. reimbursement of the cost of an emergency service response involving hazardous materials or demanding unusual or extraordinary efforts, or caused by criminal or negligent conduct.

b. As used herein "costs of an emergency service response" means actual costs incurred by the City, including Homer Volunteer Fire Department, and any other City contractors, in reasonable responding to an emergency incident, including the costs of providing police, rescue; emergency medical services, and other personnel, equipment or services in response to the incident, but shall not exceed those costs directly arising out of the response to the incident.

c. The charges authorized in subparagraph a. constitute a debt of the responsible party and is collectible by the City in the same manner as in the case of an obligation under a contract, express or implied. The City of Homer shall have the right to bring suit for collection of these charges, plus costs and attorneys' fees, against any or all of the parties responsible for payment.

d. Payments received for emergency service responses shall be prorated among the City departments and contractors responding to the incident.

Section 2. This ordinance is a general ordinance of permanent nature and provision of Section 1. of this ordinance shall be codified for inclusion in the Homer City Code.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 16th day of December, 1991.

THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA


HARRY L. GREGOIRE, MAYOR

AYES: 6
NOES: 0 -
ABSENT: 0 -
ABSTAIN: 0 -

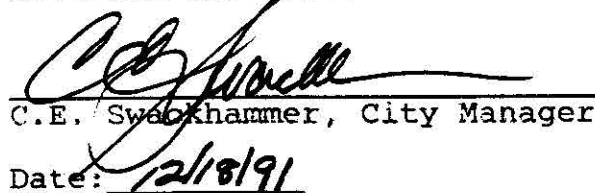
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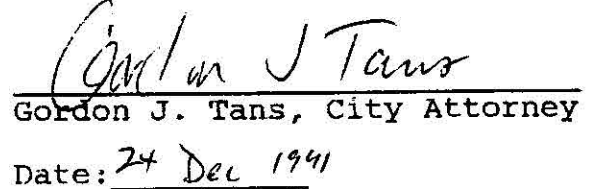

MARY L. SHANNON, CITY CLERK

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Gordon J. Tans, City Attorney
Date: 24 Dec 1991