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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ENACT A NEW CHAPTER, INSPECTION FEES, AMEND SECTIONS 8.40.040, 16.95.065, AND 16.100.150, AND AMEND SUBSECTION 23.45.103.2.1 TO COVER COSTS OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ANCHORAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT INCLUDING INSPECTIONS, RESPONSE TO FALSE ALARMS, RESPONSE TO FIRES, USE OF AMBULANCE SERVICES, AND DISPATCHING OF AMBULANCES.

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That section 8.40.040 of the Anchorage Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.40.040 False alarm charges.

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the owner of an alarm shall pay a charge in accordance with this section for each and every false alarm to which the police are dispatched [RESPOND]:
1. First two false alarms at each identifiable separate location during a period of six months: No charge.
 2. Each false alarm in excess of two in any six-month period: \$100.00 [\$35.00].
- B. (No change.)
- C. (No change.)
- D. (No change.)

Section 2. That the Anchorage Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a chapter, to be numbered 10.75, which chapter reads as follows:

Chapter 10.75

INSPECTION FEES

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The Anchorage Fire Department shall charge the following fees for each inspection or re-inspection as required for licensing, permitting, or life safety by the municipality, state government, or federal government when such inspection or re-inspection occurs:

1. During normal business hours as set and announced by the fire chief or his or her designee: \$50.00 per hour with a one-hour minimum charge.
2. Outside normal business hours (except Sundays and municipal holidays) as set and announced by the fire chief or his or her designee, if so requested by the licensee or prospective licensee: \$86.00 per hour with a two-hour minimum charge.
3. On Sundays and municipal holidays, if so requested by the licensee or prospective licensee: \$129.00 per hour with a two-hour minimum charge.

The fees described in this section are in addition to those charged upon an application to the municipal clerk under section 10.10.015. The fees described in this section do not apply to inspections conducted under the authority of section 10.10.050.

Section 3. That the Anchorage Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered 16.95.065, which section reads as follows:

16.95.065 Fees for use of municipal emergency medical service system.

Fees for services provided by the municipal emergency medical service system shall be as follows:

- A. For those services provided to a patient which are only those necessary to maintain life (basic life support services), the fee shall be \$385 plus \$6 per mile transported.
- B. For those services provided to a patient which exceed those basic services needed to maintain life (advanced life support services), the fee shall be \$430 plus \$6 per mile transported.

Section 4. That the Anchorage Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a new subsection, to be numbered 23.45.103.2.1, which subsection reads as follows:

23.45.103.2.1 Authority of the chief and fire department.

Amend by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

103.2.1.3 Fees for response to structure fires and vehicle fires.

Within fire service areas, the following fees shall be charged for the fire department's response to a structure fire or vehicle fire as coded by the fire department under the Alaska National Fire Incident Reporting System (ANFIRS).

The fee for a commercial establishment that is not an apartment as defined in AMC 21.35.020 is \$2,500.00.

2. The fee for a residence, including an apartment as defined in AMC 21.35.020, is \$500.00 if the residence is not a commercial establishment.

3. The fee for a motor vehicle is \$500.00 if the motor vehicle is not a commercial establishment.

Amend by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

103.2. .4 Responsibility of payment of fees for response to structure fires and vehicle fires.

The responsibility for payment of the charges in AMC 23.45.103.2.1.3 shall rest jointly and severally upon the following:

- 1 Owners of the property upon which the fire originated;
- 2 Tenants of the property upon which the fire originated;
- 3 Persons residing on the property upon which the fire originated; and
- 4 Any person legally responsible for the fire by reason of negligence or otherwise.

The municipality shall have the right to bring suit for the collection of these charges, plus costs and attorneys' fees, against any or all of the parties responsible for payment.

Section 5. That section 16.100.150 of the Anchorage Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

16.100.150 Administrative fees.

- A.** There shall be a license application fee of \$100.00 for Type I and Type II licenses. Each T[T]ype I ambulance service shall satisfy an additional fee obligation to the municipality at the office of the fire chief through one of two methods as elected in its application for issuance or annual renewal of a license [PAY \$6,000 TO THE MUNICIPALITY AT THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF FOR THE

ISSUANCE OR ANNUAL RENEWAL OF ANY AMBULANCE SERVICE LICENSE OR SHALL PAY \$4.00 PER CALL WHICH IS HANDLED BY THE DISPATCH SERVICE OF THE MUNICIPALITY. THE FEES SHALL BE BILLED QUARTERLY. THE METHOD OF BILLING SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE PROVIDER].

1 One method for a Type I ambulance service to satisfy its additional fee obligation is to pay on a per-call basis for each call handled by Anchorage Fire Department Dispatch. The per-call rate for 2000 shall be \$4.00. The per-call fee shall be reviewed in April of each year. The review shall include consultation with service provider(s), review of industry standards, and review of cost data. Changes in fees shall be submitted in accordance with Municipality of Anchorage Operating Policy and Procedure 24-2.

2 The second method for a Type I ambulance service to satisfy its fee obligation is to pay a flat fee based upon the previous year's run statistics. Changes in fees shall be submitted in accordance with Municipality of Anchorage Operating Policy and Procedure 24-2.

B. Type II ambulance services shall pay an annual license fee set and announced by the fire chief before the application for issuance of annual renewal of a license is made [OF \$500.00].

Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective January , 2000.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this day of
_____, 1999.

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk