CHAPTER 23.55  FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE OUTSIDE SERVICE AREAS.

23.55.100  Definitions.
Whenever the term "municipally financed fire protection" is used, it shall include services received from the Municipality of Anchorage Fire Department, and other service areas offering tax-supported fire-protection services.
A. **Accidental alarm** means an alarm set off and transmitted through accidental operation of an automatic or manual fire alarm device, frequently caused by low air pressure on an automatic fire-extinguishing system, dry valves, excessive heat due to industrial processes or cold weather.
B. **Call out** means the initial response of a fire department to a report of a fire.
C. **Needless alarm** means an alarm of fire apparently given in good faith which proves to be needless because fire department assistance was not required.

23.55.200  Policy.
The policy of the municipality is to provide fire protection within service areas to the maximum extent possible within the budgets approved by the Assembly and supported by taxes raised within the service areas. Further, the municipality recognizes a supplementary obligation to protect lives and property from destruction by fire in areas of the municipality which do not support fire protection services by taxes or voluntary contributions sufficient to maintain a volunteer fire department capable of responding adequately to all calls twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week throughout the year.

23.55.300  Cost of services.
A. In areas outside of fire service areas, and in areas with no applicable mutual aid agreement, $500.00 shall be charged for call out of the Fire Department. After the first hour, hourly rates for each piece of fire apparatus used in suppressing the fire shall be charged in accordance with the following:
1. Engine company:  $100.00 per hour;
2. Lander Truck:  $100.00 per hour;
3. Heavy Rescue:  $100.00 per hour;
4. Tender:  $100.00 per hour;
5. Brush Engine:  $100.00 per hour;
6. Command Officer vehicle:  $  50.00 per hour.

23.55.400  Responsibility for payment.
A. The responsibility for payment of the charges in section 23.55.040 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.
B. For the purpose of this section only, the term "fire" includes not only fires but any action or omission to act which results in a needless or accidental alarm.

23.55.500 Enforcement.
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.