



CITY OF UTQIAGVIK

"Farthest North Incorporated City"

Introduced by:	Asisaun Toovak
Date:	July 25, 2024
Public Hearing:	
Action:	
Vote:	

CITY OF UTQIAGVIK, ALASKA

ORDINANCE # 08-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7.080.010(A) OF THE CITY CODE, TO ALLOW TAXICAB PERMITTEES TO OPERATE FIFTEEN TAXICABS PER PERMIT

WHEREAS the City of Utqiagvik's (the "City") Code of Ordinances (the "Code") Section 7.08.010(A) limits Taxicab Permittees ten taxicabs per permit;

WHEREAS the City has received requests from the Taxicab Commission on July 13, 2024, requesting the City Council increase the number of Taxicabs per permit;

WHEREAS the City Council considered the advantages and disadvantages increasing the number of taxicabs to accommodate our growing community;

WHEREAS in order to promote more taxicabs, the City Council desires to amend City Code Section 7.08.010(A) to increase the number of taxicabs per permit.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Utqiagvik, Alaska, that:

SECTION 1. Classification. This ordinance is permanent in nature and shall be incorporated into the Code.

SECTION 2. Amendment of Section 7.08.010(A) of the Code. Section 7.08.010(A) of the Code is amended as follows, with the bolded phrases replacing the proximate stricken phrases:

A. The city establishes a permit system for the regulation of taxicab and SSV operators in the city of Utqiagvik. The maximum number of outstanding permits and taxicabs authorized to operate under each permit shall be determined as follows: Upon the effective date of the ordinance codified in this title, there shall be not more than one permit issued for every one thousand residents of the city of Utqiagvik. City residents shall be counted in accordance with the North Slope Borough planning department population figures. Additionally, not more than ~~ten~~ **fifteen** taxicabs and one SSV shall operate under each permit. These limitations are specifically based upon the relationship between the number of taxicabs and SSVs operating within the city of Utqiagvik and the quality of service provided within the city of Utqiagvik. An excessive number of taxicabs or SSVs results in a reduced level of service and more passenger complaints.

SECTION 3. Application. Should any provision of this Ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstances be declared invalid, void, or illegal, the application to other

persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. Further, such declaration shall in no way affect, impair, or invalidate any other provision hereof and such other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Severability. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to authorize or condone actions that would violate any requirement of applicable state or federal law. This ordinance is intended to be interpreted consistently with, where possible, the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Alaska, federal statutes and regulations, and Alaska statutes and regulations. Where it is not possible to construe a provision of this Ordinance consistently with these state and federal provisions, the conflicting provision of this Ordinance shall be void.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance becomes effective immediately.

ENACTED THIS 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024, by a vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed.

Asisaun Toovak, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary V. Patkotak, City Clerk