

CITY OF FAIRBANKS

Jim Matherly, Mayor

(907) 459-6793



July 28, 2022

Re: Emergency Service Patrol

Dear Fairbanks Business Owner:

I'm writing this letter in collaboration with all City of Fairbanks public safety departments (Police, Dispatch, and Fire/EMS) to request assistance with an issue that directly effects businesses in the Fairbanks area.

As you may know, the City of Fairbanks has been working to help people struggling with alcoholism for several years. Per Alaska Statute Title 47, the City of Fairbanks will take incapacitated or intoxicated persons into protective custody for transport to safe places. The Emergency Service Patrol (ESP), formerly known as Community Service Patrol (CSP), currently provides that service that historically was the sole responsibility of the City's police officers and paramedics. Given the high call volume created by inebriated individuals, the presence of ESP has taken a substantial workload off the police officers and paramedics, which allows them to focus on other critical areas of public safety.

ESP also provides businesses and residents of Fairbanks a quick response to calls that otherwise might be delayed if the program were not in existence. ESP benefits more than just the people taken into protective custody. It benefits local businesses, regional health care facilities, tourism, and the overall quality of life for residents of Fairbanks.

While the City of Fairbanks currently manages the ESP contract, the Downtown Association of Fairbanks assists with strategic planning and fundraising for the ESP program. Please contribute to the Emergency Services Patrol through the Downtown Association of Fairbanks, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation:

Downtown Association of Fairbanks Community Services (EIN# is 51-0591306)
Attn: David van den Berg, Executive Director
542 4th Avenue, #204
Fairbanks, AK 99701
Telephone: (907) 452-8671

Thank you for your consideration!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Matherly".

Mayor Jim Matherly