



City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686

Meeting Agenda

City Council

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

WORK SESSION AGENDA - 6:00 pm

Transcribed minutes are not taken for Work Sessions. Audio is available upon request.

1. [Housing Needs Assessment Process Work Session](#)

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

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VI. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

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VII.. NEW BUSINESS

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2. [Discussion Item: Department Operations Reports](#)
3. [Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Valdez Avalanche Center](#)
4. [Approval to Purchase 2025 Ford F550 Mini Rear Load Truck in the Amount of \\$181,459.10](#)

IX. ORDINANCES

1. [#25-07- Amending Chapter 2.24 of the Valdez Municipal Code Titled Code of Ethics. Second Reading. Adoption.](#)
2. [#25-08 - Repealing Chapter 10.20 of the Valdez Municipal Code Titled Recreational Vehicle Parks and Tent Campgrounds and Enacting Chapter 12.14 of the Valdez Municipal Code Entitled Recreational Vehicles and Tent Camping. Second Reading. Adoption.](#)
3. [#25-09 - Amending Chapter 3.30 Titled Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Pipeline Transportation and Spill Prevention and Response Property Tax. Second Reading. Adoption.](#)
4. [#25-10 - Authorizing an Amendment to the Zoning Map to Effect a Change to Lot 2, Tract 3, USS 3538, Plat 2003-7 to Neighborhood Mixed Use. First Reading. Public Hearing.](#)

X. RESOLUTIONS

1. [#25-31 - Releasing Public Access Interest in a 60 Foot Wide Easement That Extends North/South Along the Entire Western Side of Lot 5A Sleepy Hollow Addition No.4.](#)
2. [#25-32 - Authorizing the Submission of a 2025 Rasmuson Foundation Tier One Grant Application for the Multi-Phase Wayfinding Project](#)
3. [#25-33 - Opposing Proposed Changes to the Definition of Local Contributions Under Title 4 Chapter 9 of Alaska Administrative Code](#)

XI. REPORTS

1. [Auction Report: 2011 Bobcat S100 Skid Steer](#)
2. [2025 Valdez Visitor Report & 2025 Valdez Business Climate Survey](#)
3. [Community Service Organization Committee Report](#)
4. [Verbal Report: Monthly Projects Update](#)

XII. CITY MANAGER / CITY CLERK / CITY ATTORNEY / MAYOR REPORTS

1. City Manager Report

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2. City Clerk Report

3. City Attorney Report

4. City Mayor Report

XII. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

XIV. ADJOURNMENT



Legislation Text

File #: 25-0313, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Housing Needs Assessment Process Work Session

SUBMITTED BY: Kate Huber, Community Development Director

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: n/a

Unencumbered Balance: n/a

Funding Source: n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

n/a - work session only

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The staff and consultant team working on the ongoing Housing Needs Assessment will provide a presentation to City Council with a mid-project update. This will include some preliminary results from surveys and data analysis. The team will also be looking for feedback from City Council to make sure the forthcoming final report captures the appropriate information.

Agenda:

- Community Survey Results
- Needs Assessment Initial Findings
- Questions and Discussion
- Next Steps and Wrap-Up



City of Valdez

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Legislation Text

File #: 25-0312, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting of March 5, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Elise Sorum-Birk, Deputy City Clerk

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: n/a

Unencumbered Balance: n/a

Funding Source: n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and approve minutes.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 5, 2024 are attached for review and approval.

City of Valdez

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Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

City Council

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Schiedt called the regular meeting of March 5, 2024 to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**III. ROLL CALL**

Present: 6 - Mayor Sharon Scheidt
Mayor Pro Tem Alan Sorum
Council Member Todd Wegner
Council Member Jimmy Devens
Council Member Olivia Foster
Council Member Austin Love

Excused: 1 - Council Member Dennis Fleming

Also Present: City Manager John Douglas
Assistant City Manager Nathan Duval
Assistant City Manager Bart Hinkle
Deputy City Clerk Elise Sorum-Birk
Customer Service Representative Katie Carr

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**1. Approval of City Council Minutes - February 20, 2024**

Council Member Love requested details be added related to Council consensus for the new projects process and the request made for a redistricting lesson learned memo from the city attorney.

The minutes were approved by consent with additions incorporated.

V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**1. Public Appearance: Valdez Adventure Alliance**

Robin Capers, Secretary and Events Chair for VAA, shared details about the upcoming Fat Bike Bash.

2. Public Appearance: East Peak

Nate Smith and Zrinko Amerl with East Peak Resort gave a detailed presentation on their vision for a year-round resort development in Valdez and requested that the city consider a future partnership with the resort. They also invited city officials to meet with them and Eaglecrest Ski Area management to discuss the process of purchasing a gondola during the upcoming Juneau legislative fly-in.

VI. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Prior to opening Public Business from the Floor, Mayor Scheidt administered an oath of office to incoming law enforcement officers Benjamin VandenBerg and Andrew Reynolds.

Mathew Brunton, resident and business owner, provided comments in opposition to the proposed East Peak Resort development and highlighted the prevalence of existing backcountry recreation in the area.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Senior Citizen Hardship Property Tax Exemption for Barbara Ezell

MOTION: Love moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Scheidt, Sorum, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love

Absent: 1 - Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Contract with Sturgeon Electric Company, Inc. for Providence Valdez Medical Center Level 1 EPS Generator Replacement in the amount of \$1,267,915.00

MOTION: Sorum moved, seconded by Love, to approve the Contract with Sturgeon Electric Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,267,915.

Capital Facilities Director Nathan Duval gave an overview of the need for a new hospital generator and lead time required.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Scheidt, Sorum, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love

Absent: 1 - Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Discussion Item: Letter to State of Alaska Officials Regarding Thompson Pass Closures and Winter Maintenance Issues

City Manager Douglas and Assistant City Manager Hinkle highlighted concerns about the increased frequency of Thompson Pass winter closures and solicited input from the Council on details and concerns to include in a letter to the state Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

IX. ORDINANCES**1. #24-02 - Amending Chapter 10.12 of the Valdez City Code Titled Parking. Second Reading. Adoption.**

Mayor Scheidt shared that city administration had flagged a drafting error that would impact the intended effect of the ordinance and entertained a motion to amend Ordinance 24-02.

MOTION TO AMEND: Sorum moved, seconded by Foster, to amend subsection 10.12.040 (D) on page 3 to read "if the vehicle is cited the penalty for violation of 10.20.050 is \$50 and the penalty for violation of 10.20.030 is \$200.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND:

Yays: 6 - Scheidt, Sorum, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love

Absent: 1 - Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Clerk Sorum-Birk noted that the ordinance would return to first reading at the next regular meeting.

2. #24-04 - Amending Chapter 1.08 of the Valdez Municipal Code Titled General Penalty. Second Reading. Adoption.

MOTION: Council Member Foster moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to approve Ordinance 24-04 in second reading for adoption.

Council Member Devens and Council Member Love expressed a general desire to support snow removal efforts overall but voiced concerns about the proposed \$200 fine amount. A discussion took place relating to the efficacy and impacts of fines in general.

Council Member Foster asked for confirmation that the existing fine amount have been set in the 1980s, which she received.

MOTION TO POSTPONE: Devens moved, seconded by Love, to postpone Ordinance 24-04 to the next regular meeting.

Council Member Devens noted a desire to have Ordinance 24-04 be considered on the same schedule as Ordinance 24-02. Mayor Scheidt noted that there were no procedural issues with moving forward with this ordinance independently of the parallel legislation. Council Member Sorum voiced a desire to move ahead with voting on any proposed changes.

VOTE ON MOTION TO POSTPONE

Yays: 2 - Scheidt, Devens

Nays: 4 - Sorum, Wegner, Foster, Love

Absent: 1 - Fleming

MOTION FAILED.

MOTION TO AMEND: Love moved, seconded by Devens, to reduce the fine for snow removal from \$200 to \$80.

Council Member Love noted the \$80 amount was equal to a day's pay at minimum wage and that he believed it would be an adequate deterrent. Council Member Devens expressed support for lowering the fine amount.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND:

Yays: 4 - Scheidt, Devens, Foster, Love

Nays: 2 - Sorum, Wegner

Absent: 1 - Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Clerk Sorum-Birk noted that the ordinance would return to first reading at the next regular meeting and confirmed that the corresponding legislation, Ordinance 24-02 would also need to be amended in tandem.

3. #24-05 - Amending Chapter 3.24 of the Valdez Municipal Code Titled Public Accommodation Tax. First Reading. Public Hearing.

MOTION: Love moved, seconded by Foster, to approve Ordinance 24-05 in first reading for public hearing.

Deputy Clerk Sorum-Birk provided an overview of the code update, reminding Council that it dealt specifically with administrative provisions surrounding the collection of the public accommodation tax, specifically the requirement that hosting platforms remit taxes and the alignment of definitions with the newly adopted Title 17.

Council Member Love expressed support for the ordinance and a desire to revisit policy choices surrounding public accommodation taxes more holistically in the future.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 6 - Scheidt, Sorum, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love

Absent: 1 - Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

4. #24-06 - Amending Title 6 of the Valdez Municipal Code by Amending Section 6.04.010 Titled Definitions and Section 6.08.020 Titled Running at Large. First Reading. Public Hearing.

MOTION: Love moved, seconded by Foster, to approve Ordinance 24-06 in first reading for public hearing.

Deputy Clerk Sorum-Birk provided an overview of the ordinance, noting that actual maps of off leash areas would be adopted by resolution of Council after enactment of the ordinance.

Council Member Devens highlighted the need for the code update, noting the benefits of

animals being able to run freely in wilderness areas, but asked about the definition of “under control” as it related to animals harassing wildlife and suggested that a penalty might be appropriate.

Council Member Sorum noted that harassing wildlife was already addressed under state law.

Chief Animal Control Officer Mike Clupper spoke on the topic noting that it hadn’t been an issue in recent years and suggested that state criminal prosecution would be a better deterrent to wildlife harassment than a small fine.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Scheidt, Sorum, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love

Absent: 1 - Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

5. #24-07 - Amending Title 6 of the Valdez Municipal Code by Amending Section 6.04.010 Titled Definitions and Creating Chapter 6.14 Titled Poultry. First Reading. Public Hearing.

MOTION: Sorum moved, seconded by Wegner, to approve Ordinance 24-07 in first reading for public hearing.

An overview of the legislation was provided by Deputy Clerk Sorum-Birk.

The following residents provided public comment in opposition to Ordinance 24-07: John Engles, Regina Blood, and Jamie Winchester. Concerns highlighted in public testimony included fencing requirements, disagreement with roosters and other fowl being disallowed, use of recycled materials in building, number of hens, possible redundancies with other Title 6 provisions and questions about the ordinance’s relation to zoning districts.

Council Members Devens and Love expressed concern about the readiness of the ordinance and scope of proposed regulations. Love asked about what zoning code allowed.

Staff provided context that the zoning code update had not addressed keeping poultry required an update to Title 6 specific to and that this ordinance was intended to allow for keeping of poultry in all residential areas, rather than only rural residential areas.

Council Member Sorum suggested that additional input was needed from members of the community who kept poultry.

MOTION TO POSTPONE: Sorum moved, seconded by Love, to postpone Ordinance 24-07 to the next regular meeting to allow additional time for public input.

Deputy Clerk Sorum-Birk noted that if Council intended on extensive amendments, it might be more effective to vote the ordinance down, rather than postponing it.

VOTE ON MOTION TO POSTPONE:

Nays: 6 - Scheidt, Sorum, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love

Absent: 1 - Fleming

MOTION FAILED.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:

Nays: 6 - Scheidt, Sorum, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love

Absent: 1 - Fleming

MOTION FAILED.

6. #24-08 - Amending Chapter 6.20 of the Valdez Municipal Code Titled Rabies. Second Reading. Adoption.

MOTION: Foster moved, seconded by Sorum, to approve Ordinance 24-08 in first reading for public hearing.

Police Chief Hinkle noted that, in the event of a bite, the revision would make quarantining of an out-of-town animal mandatory if proof of rabies vaccination could not be provided. He noted that the ordinance had been drafted in response to a recent dog bite incident.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Scheidt, Sorum, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love

Absent: 1 - Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

X. RESOLUTIONS

1. #24-05 - Authorizing the Submission of a 2024 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Application for the Emergency Services Radio Repeater Upgrades Project

MOTION: Foster moved, seconded by Devens, to approve Resolution 24-05.

Assistant City Manger Duval gave a brief overview of the full emergency radio communications project, and noted that this grant was being sought to pay the police department handheld and mobile radio portion of the project.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Scheidt, Sorum, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love

Absent: 1 - Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

2. #24-06 - Amending the 2024 City of Valdez Budget by Increasing Providence Valdez Medical Center Reserve Fund Revenue by \$1,275,000 and Appropriating the Same for the Hospital Generator Replacement Project

MOTION: Sorum moved, seconded by Foster, to approve Resolution 24-06.

Assistant City Manager Duval noted that this was the budget transfer to fund the previously approved purchase.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 6 - Scheidt, Sorum, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love

Absent: 1 - Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

3. #24-07 - Establishing Rates and Fees for Animal Shelter Services Provided by the Animal Control Department and Repealing Resolution #15-59 Formerly Setting Rates and Fees

MOTION: Love moved, seconded by Foster, to approve Resolution 24-07.

Police Chief Hinkle highlighted the rising cost for animal control operations and highlighted changes to the fee schedule.

Council Member Love inquired about how these fees compared to other jurisdictions and confirmed that, even after increases, fees in Valdez were still comparatively low. Love asked for and received further clarification on the thought behind the addition of out-of-town surrender fees and associated cost to the city from out-of-town dogs. Police Chief Hinkle and Chief Animal Control Officer Mike Clupper provided additional details on surrender of pets and the adoption process.

Valdez residents Shana Anderson and Cindy Butherus spoke in opposition to charging a \$20 surrender fee for out-of-town animals, citing concerns about animal well-being in the broader region outside of city limits and about a fee potentially deterring drop-offs.

Mike Clupper, in his capacity as a Valdez resident, voiced his support for the new surrender fee and opposition to Valdez tax payers having to cover costs for those bringing in animals from outside the city.

Council Member Devens voiced his belief in supporting the well-being of animals whose owners, whether from Valdez or not, had to surrender them due to financial difficulty.

MOTION TO AMEND: Devens moved, seconded by Love, to amend Resolution 24-07 by removing the \$20 surrender fee for out-of-town residents

Council Member Love, Council Member Foster and Mayor Scheidt voiced support for the amendment and concern for animal well-being in the Copper Valley.

Assistant City Manager Duval encouraged the Council to look at their goal qualifier and make decisions on service levels holistically. Animal Shelter Manager Rebecca Chase provided information on trends in shelter policies across the state and noted that people often made the intentional choice to travel to Valdez to surrender pets.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND:

Yays: 4 - Scheidt, Devens, Foster and Love

Nays: 2 - Sorum and Wegner

Absent: 1 - Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

Yays: 6 - Scheidt, Sorum, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love

Absent: 1 - Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

XI. REPORTS

- 1. Report: Willow Park Lease Barney Meyring Park Strip**
- 2. Report: Temporary Land Use Permit 24-01 for the Valdez Adventure Alliance for An Approximately 6,000 Square Foot Portion of 1500 Valdez Glacier Road, Tract A, ASLS 79-116 owned by the City of Valdez**
- 3. City of Valdez Strategic Communications Plan Report**

Communications Director Ana Stroup provided Council with highlights from the report included in the packet, giving an overview of the six plan goals and fielding questions from Council Members on future communications efforts.

- 4. Animal Control and Animal Shelter 2023 Report**

XII. CITY MANAGER / CITY CLERK / CITY ATTORNEY / MAYOR REPORTS

- 1. City Manager Report**

City Manager Douglas asked about Council's desire for a future work session on the housing incentive program and congratulated the two incoming law enforcement officers. He also reminded the public about the upcoming Coffee with the City Manager event.

- 2. City Clerk Report**

Deputy Clerk Sorum-Birk noted that tax assessments had been sent out and informed the public about the tax appeals process. She also reminded the public about the nominating petition process for the municipal election and encouraged residents to run for local office. Sorum-Birk also asked the Council about scheduling an upcoming Board of Equalization Hearing.

3. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Jake Staser noted that the Council had received a written update and draft memorandum on redistricting. Staser gave an overview of two new orders in the escaped property litigation, adding details on the next steps in the case. He provided updated on redistricting and Alderwood cases as well.

4. City Mayor Report

Mayor Scheidt noted that she did not have a report and opened Council Business from the floor.

XIII. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Member Devens spoke about upcoming state and federal lobbying efforts and expressed a desire to have an additional meeting to review priorities and strategies prior to travel.

Council Member Love expressed appreciation for the Animal Shelter and complimented them on the report included in the packet.

Council Member Wegner noted former Mayor Lynn Crystal's passing and expressed condolences for his family.

Council Member Sorum noted that he didn't remember a time when six ordinances were on an agenda and acknowledge the work of staff in getting the ordinances ready.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scheidt adjourned the meeting at 10:42 p.m.

XV. APPENDIX

1. March 2024 City Council Calendar



City of Valdez

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Legislation Text

File #: 25-0308, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Public Appearance: Valdez Adventure Alliance

SUBMITTED BY: Elise Sorum-Birk, Deputy City Clerk

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: n/a

Unencumbered Balance: n/a

Funding Source: n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

n/a

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Representatives of Valdez Adventure Alliance will give an update on the progress of their 2025 trail work.



Legislation Text

File #: 25-0314, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Proclamation Coast Guard Day

SUBMITTED BY: Sheri Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: na

Unencumbered Balance: na

Funding Source: na

RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Proclamation recognizing August 4th 2025 as Coast Guard Day. Celebrating the important role of the Coast Guard in the community and recognizing the service of Coast Guard members.



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard has had a presence in Alaskan waters for over 150 years; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard's 17th District encompasses over 3,853,500 sq. miles and over 47,300 miles of shoreline throughout Alaska and the Arctic, with the mission to serve and safeguard the public, protect the environment and its resources, and defend the nation's interests in the Alaska maritime region; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard played an instrumental role in managing Valdez's two largest historic disasters, with the response of the Coast Guard Cutter Sedge after the 1964 Earthquake and the Coast Guard's oversight of response efforts and coordination of other federal resources after the 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, an event that involved service from about 1100 Coast Guard personnel over a six-month period; and

WHEREAS, Valdez serves as the home to Marine Safety Unit Valdez and Coast Guard Station Valdez, and has been the homeport for many cutters throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, the significant presence of the United States Coast Guard in Valdez greatly aids maritime industry operations, safe vessel navigation and emergency response capabilities in the area; and

WHEREAS, Coast Guard service members and their families play a key role in making Valdez a vital and appealing place to live; and

WHEREAS, on April 7th 2021, Valdez was named a Coast Guard City in recognition of the efforts made to make Coast Guard men and women feel at home in our community; and

WHEREAS, Coast Guard Day is an annual celebration of the founding of the United States Coast Guard as the Revenue Marine on August 4th 1790, by then-Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Fleming, Mayor of the City of Valdez, Alaska, do hereby recognize August 4th 2025 as

Coast Guard Day

In Valdez, and urge our community to show our sincere appreciation to the service members who provide critical support for maritime safety and security in Port Valdez, Prince William Sound and across Alaska throughout this month.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2025.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

ATTEST:

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk



Legislation Text

File #: 25-0315, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Proclamation: Recognizing July 2025 as National Parks and Recreation Month

SUBMITTED BY: Bridget Rich, PRCS Director

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The attached proclamation, submitted by the PRCS Department recognizes July 2025 as “National Parks and Recreation Month.”



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Valdez; and

WHEREAS the availability of parks and recreation promotes a high quality of life and improves the physical and mental health of communities; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation promote time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimer; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation encourage physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools, and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation is a leading provider of healthy meals, nutrition services, and education; and

WHEREAS park and recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports, and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that make our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

WHEREAS our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreating outdoors; and

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS the City of Valdez recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dennis Fleming, Mayor of the City of Valdez, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2025 as:

National Parks & Recreation Month

And encourage all citizens to reflect on the importance of parks and recreation in our daily lives and the essential role parks and recreation play in our community.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk



Legislation Text

File #: 25-0311, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Appointment to Beautification Commission - Applicant: Kathy Nielsen

SUBMITTED BY: Elise Sorum-Birk, Deputy City Clerk

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: n/a

Unencumbered Balance: n/a

Funding Source: n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and appoint applicants.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City Clerk's Office has advertised for the upcoming vacancies on the Beautification Commission due to normal term expiration.

The following application has been received:

- Kathy Nielsen

The applicant will serve a full 3-year term from July 31, 2025 to July 31, 2028.

Application materials are attached.

Two additional vacancies exist for the commission and will continue to be advertised ahead of the August 5, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Application Form

Profile

Kathy

First Name

Nielsen

Last Name

Email Address

Valdez Mailing Address (PO BOX # or HCI BOX #)

Home Address

City

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

A Rogue's Garden

Employer

self employed

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Beautification Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Required Time Commitment: All board/committee members and commissioners are expected to (1) be physically present at most, if not all, board/committee or commission meetings and (2) review agenda materials prior to arriving for the meeting to be best prepared for discussion and decision making. Are you aware of the time commitment involved in serving on this particular board, committee, or commission? Are you willing and able to commit to regular meetings plus work sessions every month for your full term?

Yes

Question applies to multiple boards

Regular attendance at meetings by commissioners/board members is crucial to the commission/board's ability to conduct business. Attendance for commissioners/board members is tracked. Under current City Council policy, the seat of a board/committee member or commissioner will be considered vacant following three consecutive absences from regular meetings. At that time, the member will be asked to either resign or be removed by formal action of Council to allow other interested citizens a chance to serve. Are you committed to in-person attendance at most, if not all, commission/board meetings? Do you understand you must provide your commission/board staff as much notice as possible if you must be absent to ensure a quorum is available to conduct commission/board business?

yes

How did you learn about this vacancy?

☒ I am a Current Board/Committee/Commission Member

Interests & Experience

Why are you interested in serving on a City of Valdez board or commission?

I've chosen to apply to serve on the EDC because I have an interest in how we can encourage growth and diversifying our economy.

Please outline your education, work, and volunteer experience which will assist you in serving on a City of Valdez board/commission.

I've been a business owner for 35 years in Valdez. Before moving to Valdez our family owned and operated a business in Southeast Alaska. We came to Valdez in 1981. I have had the opportunity to volunteer and serve on boards and committees including the Valdez School Board, and the board of directors for Valdez Convention and Visitors Bureau, Valdez Torpedoes, Valdez Coop Preschool. I've served on the Beautification Task Force (Committee) for the past 8 years.

Question applies to Economic Diversification Commission

Valdez Municipal Code Chapter 2.60 states members of the Economic Diversification Commission should be diversified to the maximum extent possible. Please select the industry sector which best represents your area of expertise (choose one). *

☒ Retail

Question applies to Economic Diversification Commission

Please describe your qualifications to represent your selected industry sector.

n/a

Question applies to Economic Diversification Commission

Please describe your vision for the economic future of Valdez.

n/a

Question applies to Beautification Commission

How do you think the community of Valdez could improve upon the aesthetics of its built environment?

Code enforcement, grant programs for aesthetic improvements to buildings and landscaping, educational programs for gardening and landscaping, art in public places policy for government buildings

Upload a Resume or Letter of Interest



Legislation Text

File #: 25-0316, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Accept Resignation from City Council Member Dom Lumba

SUBMITTED BY: Sheri Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: na

Unencumbered Balance: na

Funding Source: na

RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Please see the attached letter of resignation from Council Member Lumba. The City Council will need to formally accept Council Member Lumba's resignation and provide direction to the City Clerk on how you would like to fill the vacancy. The City Council must fill the vacancy within 30 days of accepting the resignation. The Council may appoint a qualified candidate with or without advertising for letters of interest. There have been instances where the city council has offered the vacant seat to the candidate who received the next highest number of votes in the most recent municipal election; however, in this case there were no other candidates for the office of city council member at the last election.

Following is the excerpt from Charter regarding the process for filling a temporary vacancy.

Section 2.14. Filling Vacancies. (a) If a vacancy occurs in an elective office, except in the case of recall, the council shall fill the vacancy by appointment within thirty days thereafter. If the vacancy occurs less than twenty-four hours prior to the last date and time set for filing nominating petitions for offices to be filed at the next regular meeting of the council next following such regular city election, it shall not be filled until the first regular meeting of the council next following such regular city election. Each such appointment shall be for a term ending at the next regular council meeting following the next regular city election.

(b) If a vacancy occurs in an appointive office, such vacancy shall be filled within forty-five days thereafter in the manner provided for making the original appointment. Such time may be extended,

for not more than an additional ninety days, by the council resolution setting forth the reasons therefor.

July 02, 2025

Subject: Resignation from Valdez City Council

Dear Members of the Valdez City Council,

Please accept this letter as formal notification of my resignation from my position as a City Council Member for the City of Valdez, effective immediately.

This decision was made after careful consideration, and I believe it is the best path forward for me at this time. There simply aren't enough hours in the days. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the residents of Valdez and to have worked alongside dedicated colleagues and city staff.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving the community of Valdez. I wish the City Council and the city continued success in their endeavors.

Sincerely,

Dom Lumba



Legislation Text

File #: 25-0317, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Discussion Item: Department Operations Reports

SUBMITTED BY: Nathan Duval, City Manager

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive & File

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The attached Operations Reports are for Council Consideration. The objective of this discussion item is to have Council identify departments with whom they would like to have more in depth conversations.

Council to identify which departments, and any topics for discussion so that conversations are well prepared and valuable. Based on the feedback from Council, Staff will determine the most appropriate setting for the discussions, i.e. work sessions or in meeting discussions, or reports.



2025 Budget; Department Operation Reports

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Administration

Mission: To cultivate an environment of opportunity, sustained prosperity, and well-being for all people of Valdez

Nathan Duval
City Manager
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Overview

The City Manager and the administration department provide operational oversight and communications of Council priorities to ensure the needs of the community are met through the operational objectives and actions of the organization.

The City Manager, working with the Clerk's department, ensures Council meeting agendas are prepared to meet the community and business interests of the City.

The City Manager works closely to coordinate and facilitate the legislative priorities of the City council through legislative fly-ins and regular policy advocacy.

The City Manager serves as the liaison with third party stakeholders and boards such as the Valdez City Schools, Prince William Sound College, Providence Valdez Medical Center, Valdez Museum and Historical Society, Valdez Convention and Visitors Bureau, and other State or Federal agencies.

Highlights

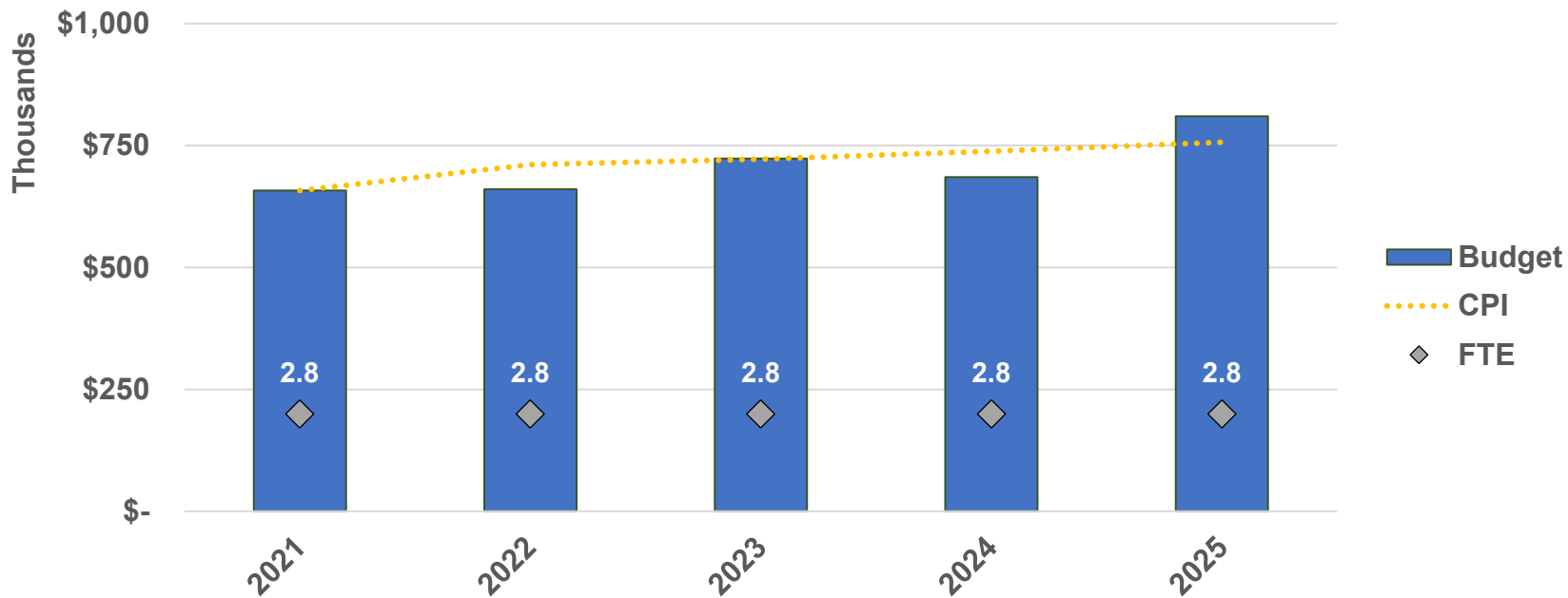
- Ongoing onboarding of new department heads
- Completed Council strategic planning and coordinating departmental strategic planning to align goals and operations to meet Council's goals.
- Attended Federal legislative fly-in to Washington DC to further initiatives of the City.
- Making progress on the renovation of childcare facility in former School District Office (est. completion Fall 2026)

Budget Requests

- *Additional travel & training dollars for onboarding new staff.*
- *Budget categories generally status quo.*



Administration Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories							5-Year Growth Rate
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
FTE Payroll	\$ 483,995	\$ 517,254	\$ 510,790	\$ 522,336	\$ 574,179		4.4%
Other Personnel	\$ 35,225	\$ 30,725	\$ 38,000	\$ 48,440	\$ 49,180		8.7%
Other Operating	\$ 138,500	\$ 112,500	\$ 102,500	\$ 94,500	\$ 102,889		-7.2%
Contracts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 83,600		7.8%
Grand Total	\$ 657,720	\$ 660,479	\$ 723,290	\$ 685,276	\$ 809,848		5.3%

Airport

Mission: Facilitate commercial tenant leases, manage the City owned Airport Terminal Building, and liaison with the State of Alaska as the owner and operator of the airport

Jeremy Talbott
Ports & Harbors Director
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Overview

The City of Valdez proudly manages the Valdez Airport Terminal Building, serving as the community's gateway to regional, statewide, and national air transportation.

While the State of Alaska owns and operates the airport itself, the City leases the terminal and adjacent parking areas, maintaining full responsibility for the building's capital and operational needs.

Our responsibilities include facility management, snow removal, parking oversight, commercial lease administration, event coordination, and strategic promotion of air transportation services.

The Port department participates and advocates for the citizens of Valdez – working with city, state, and federal partners to ensure local air travel needs are not only heard but prioritized.

Highlights

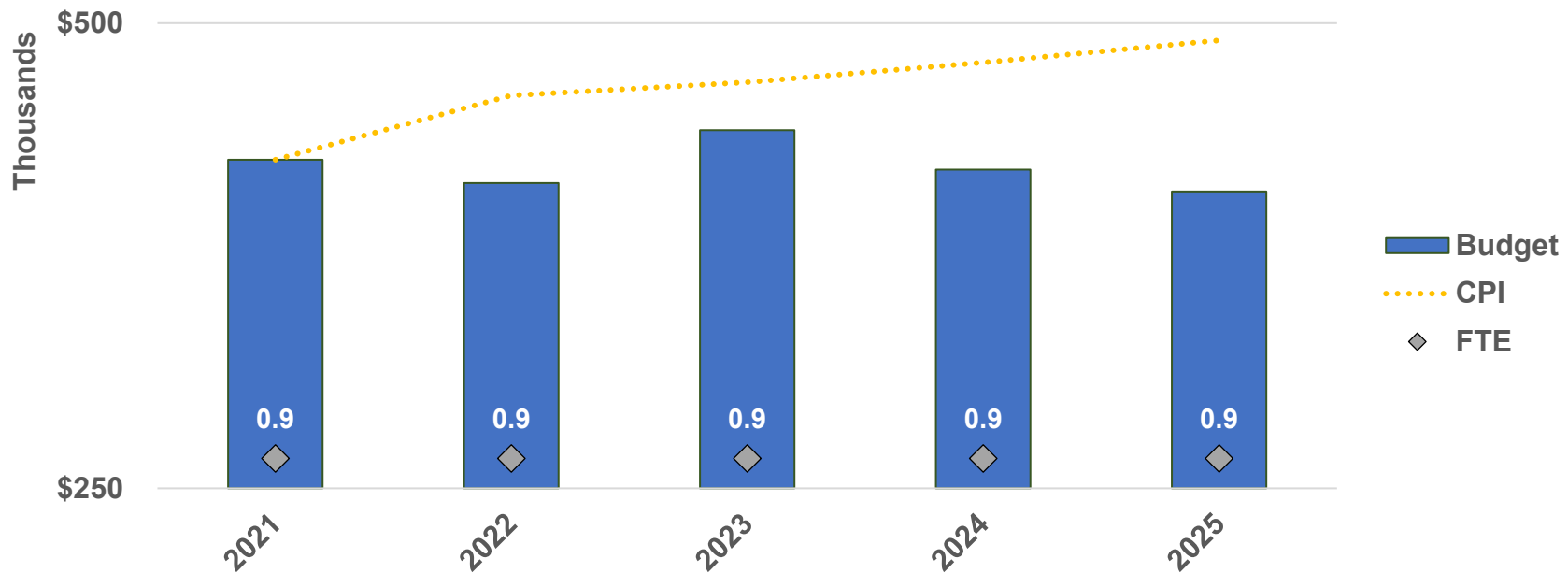
- Essential Air Service Grant
- 5-year Lease extension with the state of Alaska
- 100% Occupancy
- All Commercial leases are current with none in holdover

Budget Requests

- *Work with the Economic Development Department to entice new airlines to fill the void being vacated by RAVN airlines Departure*
- *Funding to build out office space vacated by the Landing Lights Bar currently left unfinished from demolition*



Airport Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories							5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
FTE Payroll	\$ 184,000	\$ 184,985	\$ 202,318	\$ 133,993	\$ 143,542		-6.0%
Other Personnel	\$ 1,665	\$ 1,646	\$ 1,647	\$ 1,751	\$ 2,286		8.3%
Other Operating	\$ 59,834	\$ 64,441	\$ 64,967	\$ 67,359	\$ 66,670		2.7%
Contracts	\$ 54,092	\$ 42,940	\$ 43,550	\$ 58,200	\$ 52,100		9.4%
Utilities	\$ 127,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 145,000		3.4%
Grand Total	\$ 426,590	\$ 414,012	\$ 442,482	\$ 421,303	\$ 409,598		-1.0%

Transfer							5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
Operating Subsidy	\$ (304,884)	\$ (292,306)	\$ (287,656)	\$ (229,016)	\$ (196,300)		-10.4%
Total Other Revenue	\$ (121,706)	\$ (121,706)	\$ (154,826)	\$ (192,287)	\$ (213,298)		15.1%

Animal Control

Mission: Protecting and serving people and animals with empathy, integrity, and dedication through sustainable practices, community engagement, and celebration of the human-animal bond.

Kalin King
Chief of Police
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Overview

Practice sustainability with the Spay/Neuter Clinics, using recycled goods for enrichment and using managed intake.

Expanded volunteer program to involve children 7 and above, provide animal information on a wall in the shelter, allowing more people to foster and making it easier to adopt animals.

Care for animals in our care including food/water, mental stimulation, medical care, and emotional support so they are good pets when adopted.

Providing information to citizens on animal related issues for both domestic animals and wildlife.

Assist the community with compassion when their animal dies through cremation services.

Protect the public by ensuring animals are not running loose, are properly vaccinated, providing information on safely interacting with wildlife, and finally controlling bears in the community

Budget Requests

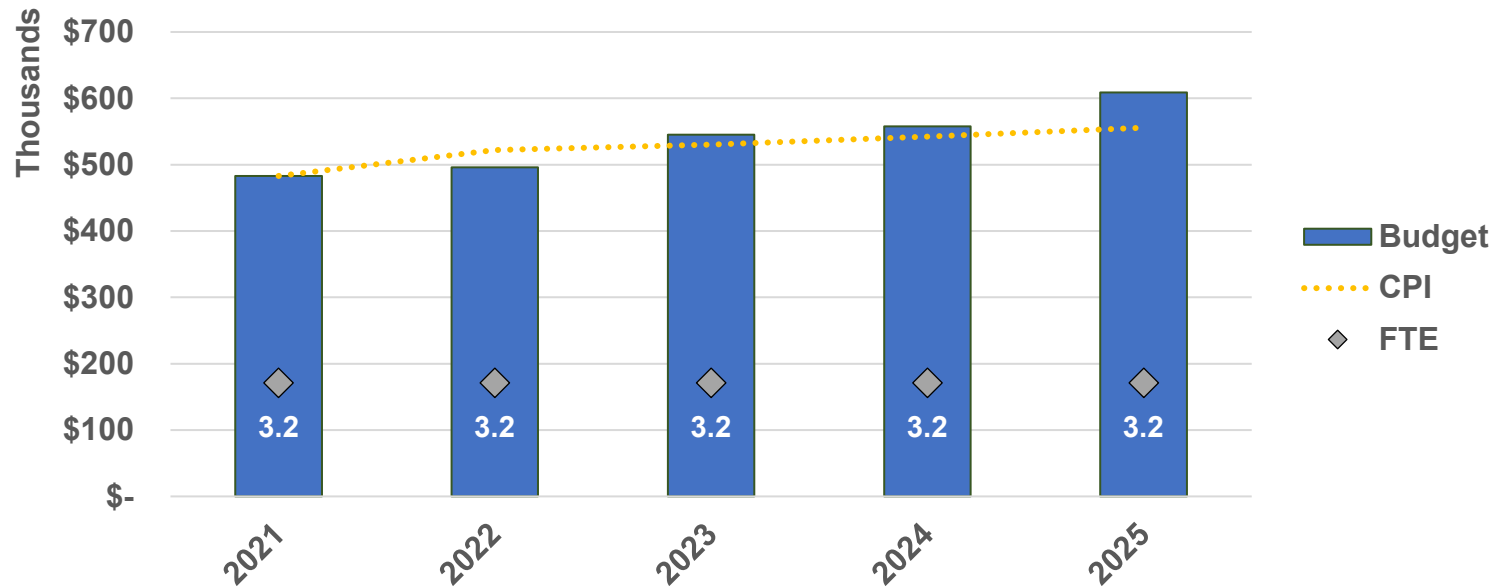
- *\$8.5K to replace damaged furniture, fixtures, and equipment*
- *All other budget categories status quo*

Highlights

- Glennallen Spay/Neuter Clinic: 40 animals fixed preventing possibly 12,000 unwanted animals
- Rebranding to Valdez Animal Care & Control
- Alaska Animal Control Association President – Mike and Secretary – Alissa
- Major changes in procedures to make he shelter more welcoming



Animal Control Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories						5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
FTE Payroll	\$ 361,288	\$ 379,498	\$ 412,372	\$ 418,204	\$ 471,235	6.9%
Other Personnel	\$ 59,980	\$ 53,329	\$ 71,845	\$ 75,022	\$ 67,477	3.0%
Other Operating	\$ 54,595	\$ 40,650	\$ 40,750	\$ 47,250	\$ 43,810	-5.4%
Contracts	\$ 7,175	\$ 22,700	\$ 20,300	\$ 17,161	\$ 26,500	38.6%
Grand Total	\$ 483,037	\$ 496,177	\$ 545,267	\$ 557,636	\$ 609,021	6.0%

Building Maintenance

Mission: Maintain City facilities and coordinate with partner organizations to ensure efficient, safe, and comfortable environment for staff and all members of the community.

Scott Benda
Capital Facilities Director
907-835-5478
sbenda@valdezak.gov

Overview

Responsible for snow removal, contract management, preventative maintenance, reactive maintenance, utilities usage management, and electronic maintenance management work order tracking system.

The largest expenses are covering all heating and electricity costs for most city buildings.

Manage the janitorial contract.

Maintain and repair 50+ major facilities and 600,000 sq ft of facility maintenance.

The Building Maintenance Department consists of one .5 FTE Capital Facilities Director, 1.0 FTE Administrative Assistant/Contract Specialist, 1.0 FTE Facilities Maintenance Manager, 1.0 FTE Maintenance Coordinator, 1.0 FTE Maintenance Tech – II Electrician, 3.0 FTE Maintenance Tech II, 1.0 FTE Maintenance Tech I.

Highlights

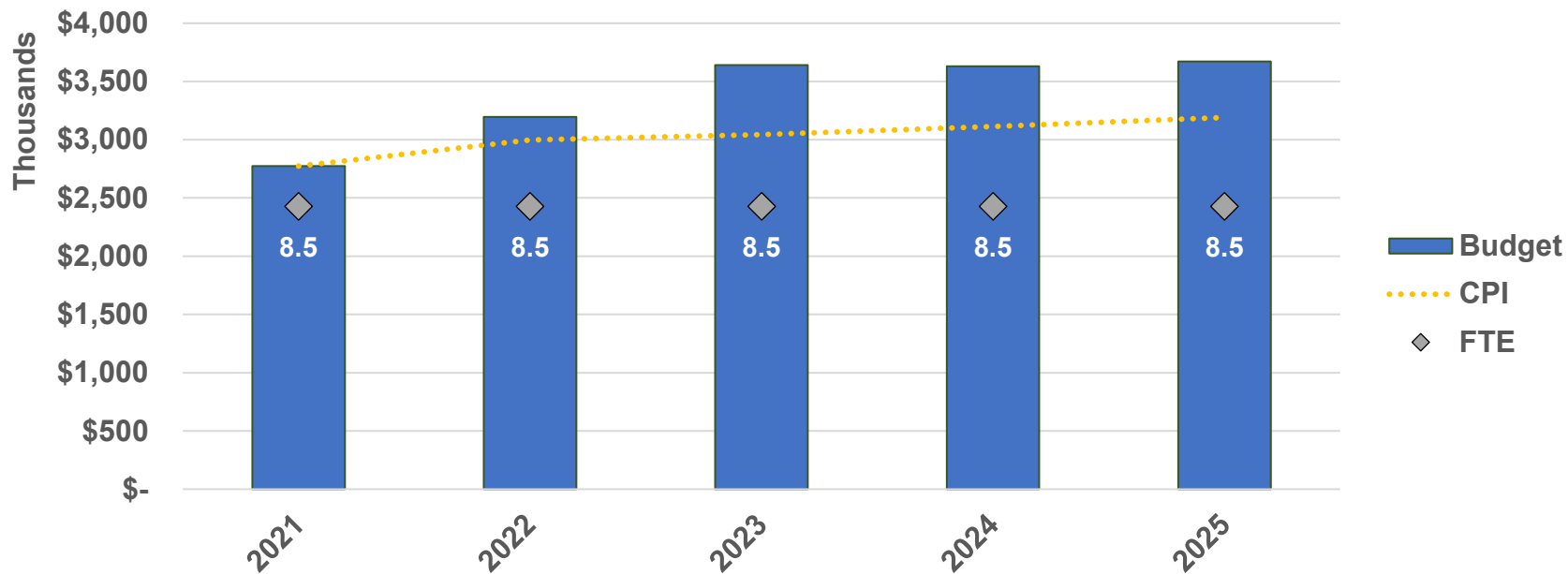
- Transitioning over from Maintenance Connection to Brightly electronic maintenance management software.
- Completed 8007 work orders in 2024, completed 2746 work orders in 2025 to date.
- New Boiler installed at Civic Center, installed bike markings on Allison Point bike path
- Changed out hydronic valves at Fire Station #1. Changed out HVAC controls at Rec Center.

Budget Requests

- *Budget categories status quo.*



Building Maintenance Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories							5-Year Growth				
	2021		2022		2023			2024		2025	
FTE Payroll	\$	1,117,664	\$	1,186,638	\$	1,299,888	\$	1,347,134	\$	1,455,795	6.8%
Other Personnel	\$	158,365	\$	142,020	\$	152,114	\$	148,564	\$	158,260	0.0%
Other Operating	\$	256,010	\$	271,890	\$	249,800	\$	275,900	\$	276,885	2.0%
Contracts	\$	456,140	\$	476,466	\$	514,207	\$	510,080	\$	548,604	4.7%
Utilities	\$	785,450	\$	1,120,000	\$	1,425,000	\$	1,350,000	\$	1,231,639	11.9%
Grand Total	\$	2,773,629	\$	3,197,014	\$	3,641,009	\$	3,631,678	\$	3,671,183	7.3%

City Clerk

Mission: Provide Municipal Election Services, Maintain Official Records of City Council Proceedings, and Perform State and Municipal Statutory Duties for Elected Officials, Voters, City Departments, and the Public.

SHERI PIERCE, MMC
CITY CLERK
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Overview

The City Clerk's office strives constantly to improve the administration of the affairs of our office consistent with applicable laws and through sound management practices to produce continued progress and so fulfill our responsibilities to the community and others.

The City Clerk in partnership with the City Manager prepare city council meeting agendas. The Clerk reviews and approves agenda items prior to publication and provides timely notice of meetings to the public and media.

The City Clerk and City Attorney work closely on legal matters and prepare ordinances as needed or as directed by City Council. In addition, The City Clerk's office facilitates State and Federal lobbying trips and assists with State legislative matters as needed.

The City Clerk conducts local elections; oversees city records management and retention; conducts parliamentary procedures training for city officials, boards and commissions and local non-profit boards.

HIGHLIGHTS

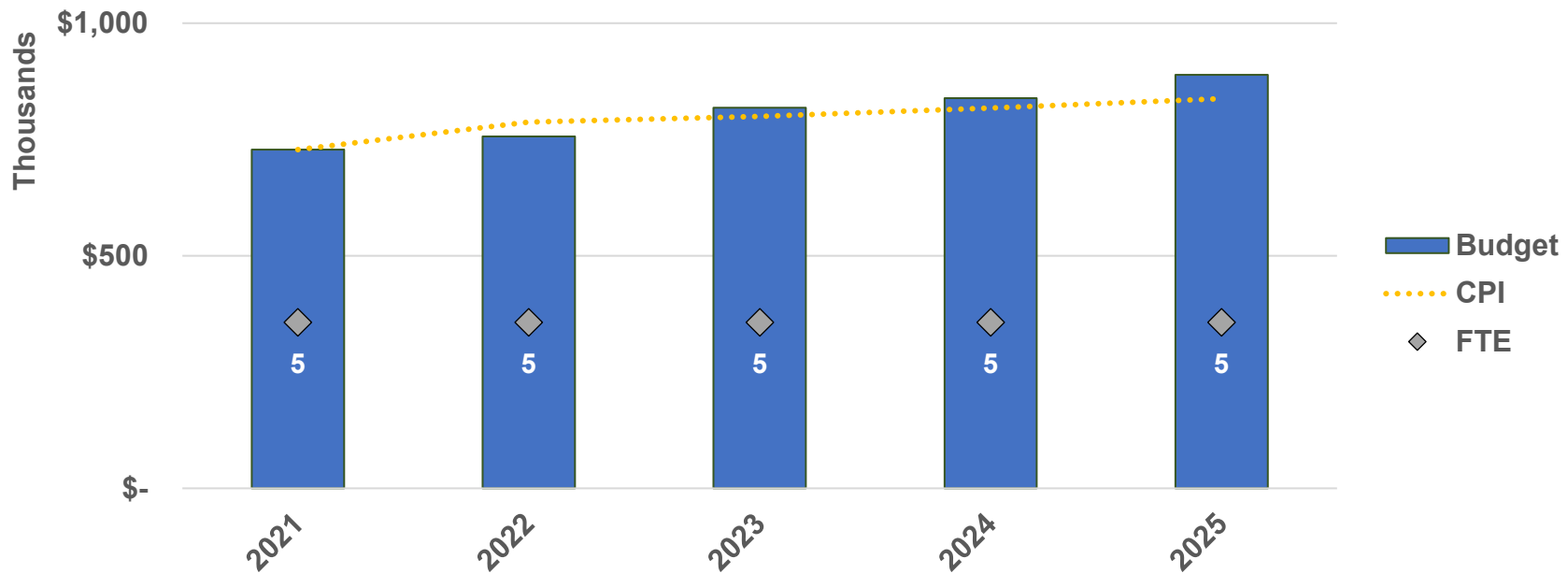
- Conducted Boards and Commissions Training
- Conversion of Online Code to feature – rich fully searchable platform
- Deputy Clerk Obtained Certified Municipal Clerk Designation
- Facilitated Legislative Summer Fly-In Visit

Budget Requests

- *1 Part-time Records Assistant. Move Community Development Records Management Assistant to City Clerk 600-1,000 hours*
- *All other budget categories status-quo.*



City Clerk Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories										5-Year Growth
	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
FTE Payroll	\$	656,817	\$	690,989	\$	729,848	\$	753,123	\$ 784,465	4.5%
Other Personnel	\$	33,390	\$	33,356	\$	35,042	\$	42,247	\$ 43,657	6.9%
Other Operating	\$	27,500	\$	23,500	\$	44,000	\$	32,851	\$ 41,535	10.9%
Contracts	\$	10,510	\$	8,600	\$	9,500	\$	10,387	\$ 19,387	16.5%
Grand Total	\$	728,217	\$	756,446	\$	818,390	\$	838,608	\$ 889,044	5.1%

Civic Center

Mission: The Valdez Convention & Civic Center is a multi-purpose public facility that encourages a variety of uses to meet the economic, social, cultural, convention, and recreational needs of Valdez.

Bridget Rich
PRCS Interim Director
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Overview

The Valdez Convention & Civic Center staff are working to improve technology, equipment, appearance, and operations of the facility to make utilization more attractive to potential clients.

Advertising is a focus of this year and next year, we are working with the VCVB (Discover Valdez), continuing ads with Alaska Business, and aiming to draw on new markets through some new marketing opportunities like weddings and travel groups.

This year, we plan to update the lobby furniture, and we have implemented a new booking process using a venue management software that also assists with billing and account management.

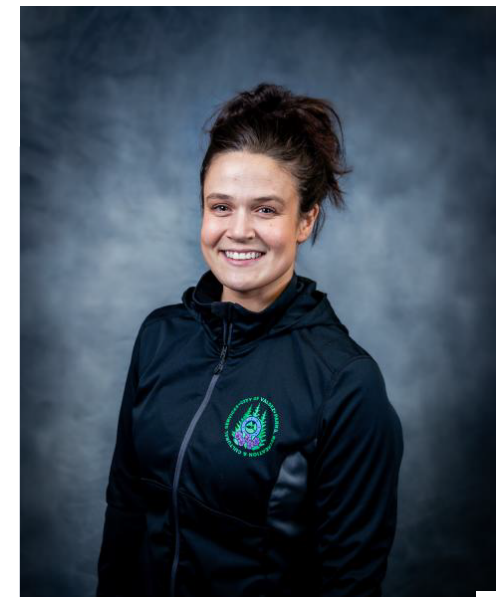
The goals for 2026 are to update our fee schedule and develop specific packages for events such as weddings and conferences. Updating our policy generally to reflect changes to our operations over the past 20 years.

Highlights

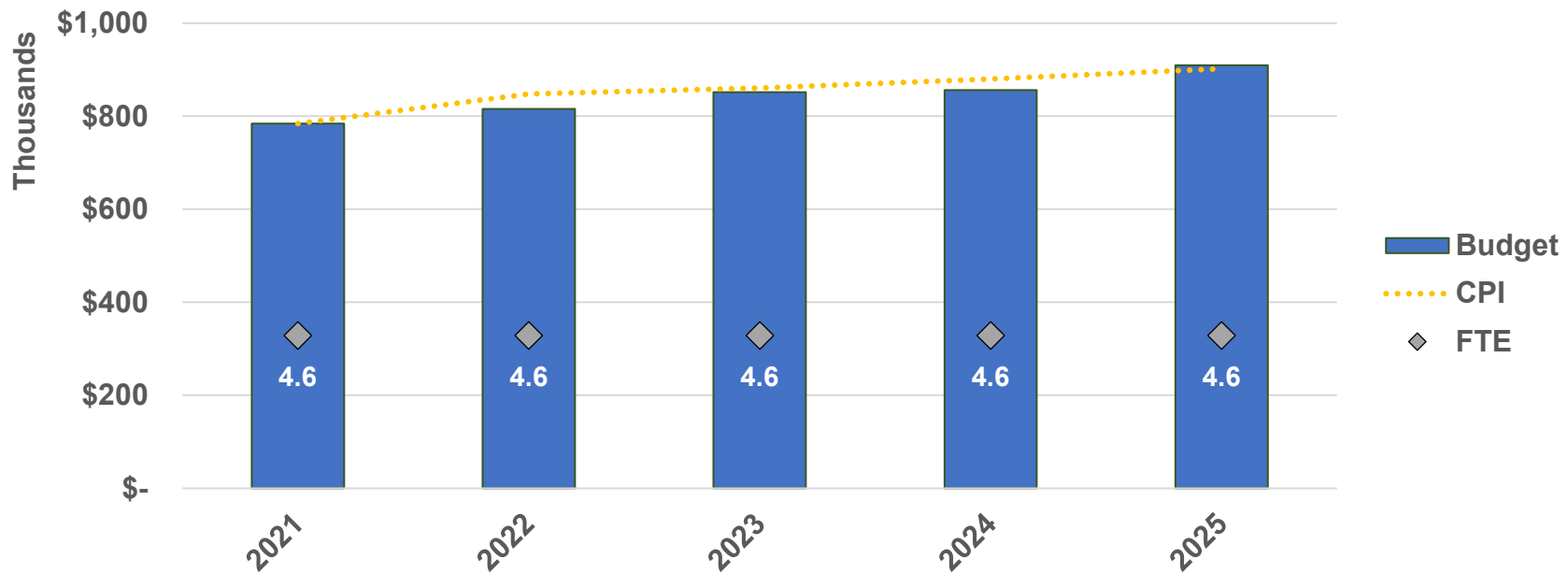
- Robert has obtained his “Certified Festivals & Events Associate” certificate for Event Management School through NRPA in January
- Event Temple came online to streamline and upgrade our booking processes.
- Hosting the Alaska Recreation and Park Association conference in 2025 & 2026.
- Working on the development of post booking surveys to better understand our customers’ needs.

Budget Requests

- *Commercial Kitchen Equipment Preventive Maintenance - \$5,000*
- *Advertising - \$10,000*



Civic Center Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories										5-Year Growth	
	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025		
FTE Payroll	\$	503,166	\$	534,989	\$	584,789	\$	602,128	\$	627,695	5.7%
Other Personnel	\$	94,570	\$	91,583	\$	99,420	\$	103,804	\$	114,464	4.9%
Other Operating	\$	176,866	\$	171,761	\$	140,219	\$	138,516	\$	158,600	-2.7%
Contracts	\$	9,584	\$	17,284	\$	26,941	\$	12,000	\$	8,500	-3.0%
Grand Total	\$	784,186	\$	815,617	\$	851,370	\$	856,448	\$	909,259	3.8%

Community Development

Mission: Support community development that enhances the economy of Valdez, while protecting public health, safety and welfare, and ensuring compatibility with the Valdez Comprehensive Plan and applicable city codes.

Kate Huber
Community Development Director
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Overview

The Community Development Department programs include building permits and inspections, current and long-range planning, hazard mitigation planning, land use permitting, management of city-owned lands, and GIS mapping.

A core priority of the department has been addressing local housing and development challenges by removing barriers in our municipal codes. We are seeking to increase flexibility and ease of development while protecting public health, safety, and welfare. We've seen positive results from the implementation of our revised Title 17 zoning code and are close to completion of the revised Title 15 Building Code and Title 16 Subdivision code.

Following code revisions, we are focused on providing additional educational outreach to help residents of Valdez navigate the development process and provide quality customer service and efficient application review times.

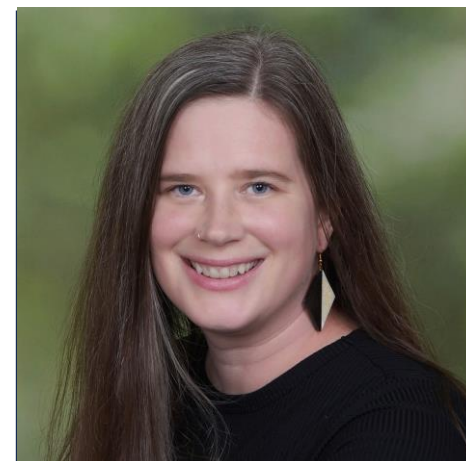
On the horizon in 2026 is addressing the lands management and leasing guidelines for the city, including refining and establishing a new process for review and disposal of city-owned lands.

Highlights

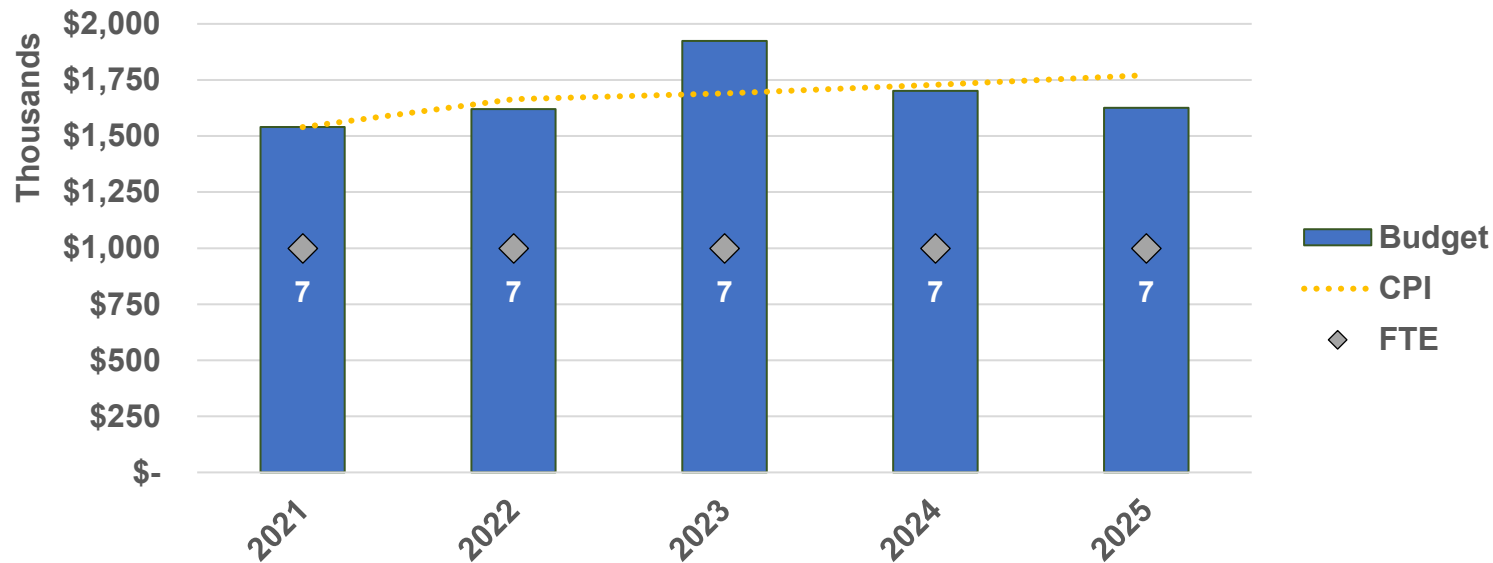
- Building Code Revision (adoption Fall 2025)
- Subdivision Code Revision (adoption December 2025)
- Housing Needs Assessment (final report Fall 2025)
- Permitting and Plans Management Software (implementation ongoing)
- Community Development Director presented on zoning code revision and housing incentive programs at AML sessions in 2024 & 2025.

Budget Requests

- *Comprehensive Plan Refresh (5-year Plan Valdez update)*
- *Backup Building Inspector Training and Development*
- *Expanded educational materials and public outreach*
- *Mobile Home Replacement code development*
- *Platting Grant Program*



Community Development Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories						5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
FTE Payroll	\$ 980,475	\$ 1,035,191	\$ 1,124,477	\$ 1,171,992	\$ 1,293,005	7.2%
Other Personnel	\$ 91,938	\$ 80,744	\$ 83,540	\$ 85,419	\$ 71,083	-6.2%
Other Operating	\$ 32,310	\$ 29,950	\$ 27,705	\$ 39,950	\$ 30,962	-1.1%
Contracts	\$ 435,000	\$ 474,000	\$ 688,750	\$ 404,000	\$ 231,000	-14.6%
Grand Total	\$ 1,539,723	\$ 1,619,885	\$ 1,924,472	\$ 1,701,360	\$ 1,626,050	1.4%

Economic Development

Mission: To promote an environment of opportunity through the attraction of new businesses and retention of existing businesses, by providing the resources that enable and advance the wellbeing for all citizens of Valdez.

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Overview

The Economic Development Department actively works to advance the City Council's priorities through various initiatives:

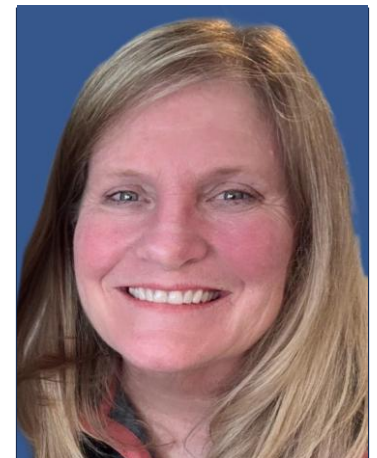
- Hosting events like the Valdez Small Business Conference to provide entrepreneurs with resources, networking opportunities, and support for business growth.
- Assisting startups and small business owners with resources, planning tools, and development opportunities.
- Developing the Valdez Economic Strategic Action Plan, which includes initiatives to build upon the core economy, pursue a diverse and self-reliant economy, promote Valdez as a destination, and improve regional connectivity.
- Collaborating with schools, training centers, and employers to align skills development with current and future job markets.
- Partnering with the Valdez Convention & Visitors Bureau and other stakeholders to grow the local tourism economy.
- Collaborating with stakeholders to address the shortage of quality early care options, including conducting needs assessments and exploring solutions to improve childcare services.

Highlights

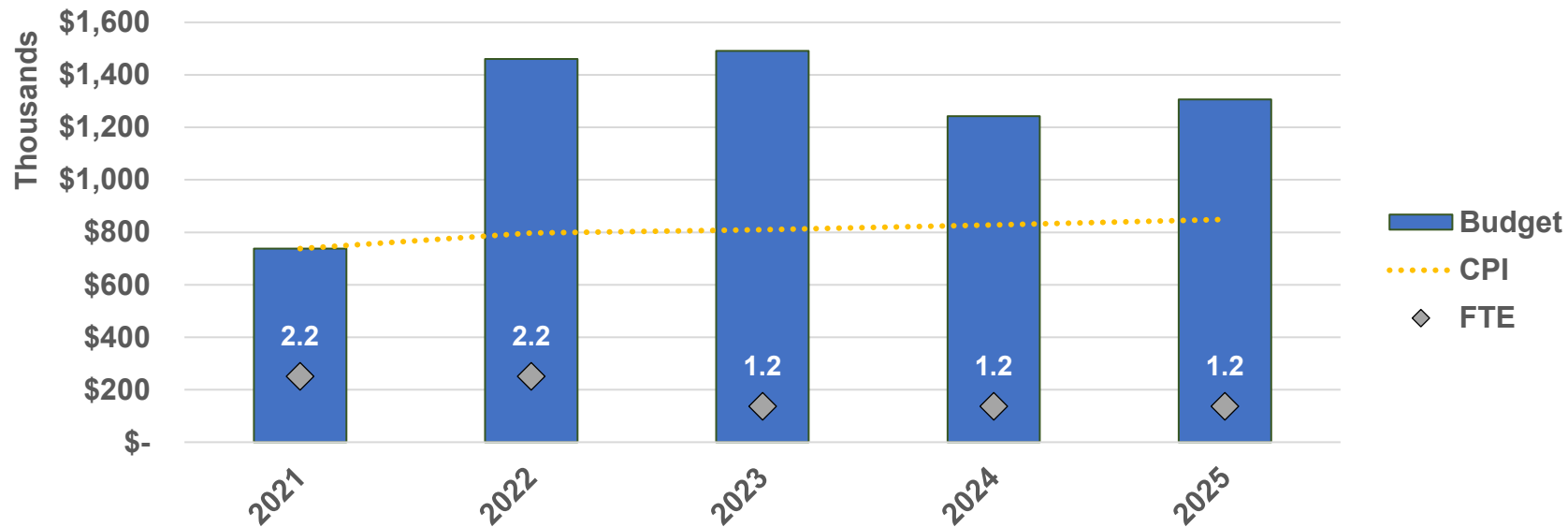
- 1st Valdez Small Business Conference • Essential Air Service
- Childcare start up and operating grants • Economic Strategic Plan Completed
- Old Town Wayfinding

Budget Requests

- *Additional Wayfinding & Beautification*
- *Possible grant applications*
- *Valdez Small Business conference*
- *Most Budget categories status quo*



Economic Development Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories								5-Year Growth			
	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025		
FTE Payroll	\$	328,898	\$	338,079	\$	235,159	\$	232,105	\$	262,305	-5.5%
Other Personnel	\$	29,138	\$	15,020	\$	33,049	\$	28,350	\$	35,150	4.8%
Other Operating	\$	113,000	\$	29,900	\$	186,500	\$	36,750	\$	30,250	-28.1%
Contracts	\$	60,000	\$	36,000	\$	147,243	\$	170,000	\$	162,000	28.2%
Support			\$	844,479	\$	689,626	\$	652,151	\$	686,065	-6.7%
Grand Total	\$	737,866	\$	1,460,268	\$	1,490,767	\$	1,242,756	\$	1,306,566	15.4%

Emergency Management

Mission: Coordinating essential efforts and services toward a safer and more resilient community

Kalin King
Chief of Police
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Overview

The City Emergency Manager (EM) supports the creation and expansion of City capabilities to successfully identify, prepare for, and respond to natural and manmade disasters.

Creating a well-trained Incident Management Team (IMT), one that includes depth of city personnel in numerous positions, has been an ongoing priority of the EM. This is being achieved due to the support of the City's manager, directors, and employees who willingly embrace these critical positions as "other duties as assigned," despite their primary day-to-day responsibilities.

The City's emergency management program is built by organizing and acquiring essential resources, and through ongoing training and exercises with the IMT that involve not only city government but stakeholders in the community, as well as key state and federal partners.

Public education and preparation is also a priority, taking shape through in-person presentations, videos, signage, brochures, advertisements and the development of the Emergency and Disaster Management page of the City's website. Public support in these efforts has been productive.

The City's emergency management program is instrumental in building community resilience.

Budget Requests

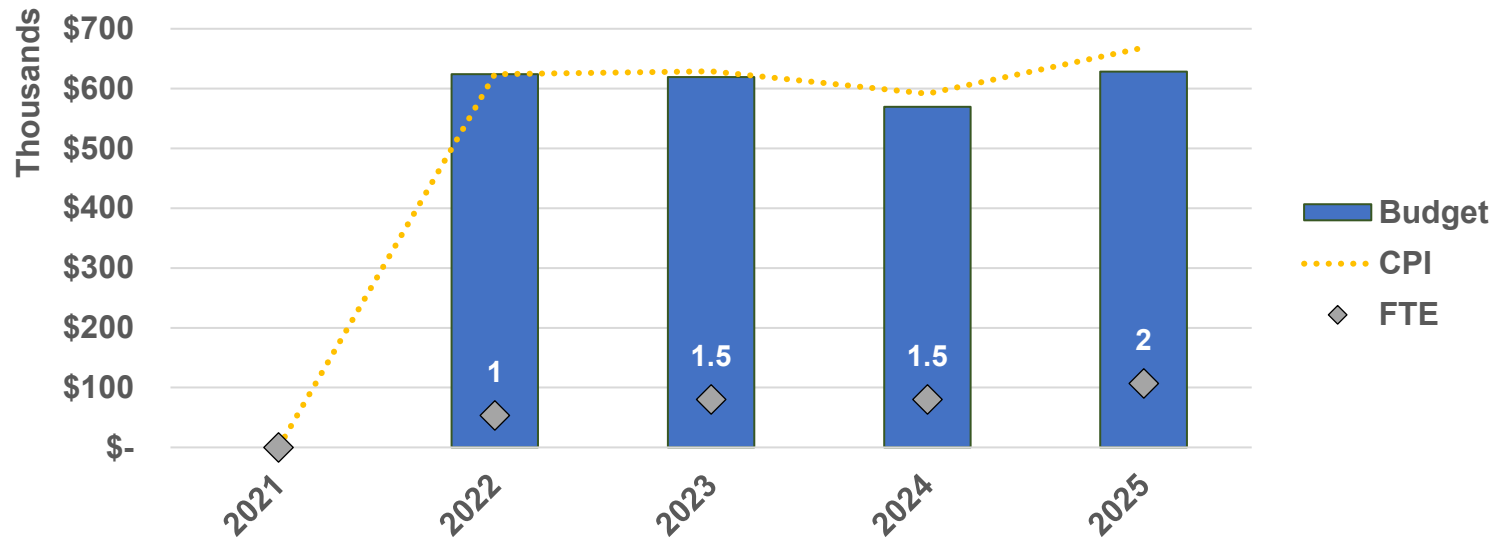
- 2,000 Shelter cots \$120K
- IMT 0305 AHIMT \$37K
- Stakeholder MOUs \$35K
- Slope Instability and Valdez Glacier Survey/Mapping \$70K
- All other budget categories status quo

Highlights

- 2024 Full-scale earthquake/tsunami exercise with community stakeholders and local resident participation
- Hosted ICS All-Hazards position-specific training events, in partnership w/ local response stakeholders
- Slope instability presentation at annual AGU conference in Washington D.C., educational video, & ongoing efforts to create a monitoring program in Valdez
- Began a beta-process to certify City IMT members, in ICS positions, through the SOA and the National Qualification System



Emergency Management Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories								5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025			
FTE Payroll	\$ -	\$ 176,758	\$ 297,891	\$ 297,014	\$ 384,234			29.5%
Other Personnel	\$ -	\$ 53,500	\$ 24,700	\$ 93,750	\$ 69,300			9.0%
Other Operating	\$ -	\$ 291,200	\$ 162,650	\$ 66,750	\$ 73,150			-36.9%
Contracts	\$ -	\$ 102,900	\$ 133,900	\$ 112,000	\$ 101,500			-0.5%
Grand Total	\$ -	\$ 624,358	\$ 619,141	\$ 569,514	\$ 628,184			0.2%

Engineering

Mission: Provide engineering and project management services for Major Maintenance and Capital Improvement Projects in support of the Mission of the City of Valdez and its corresponding master planned priorities.

Scott Benda
Capital Facilities Director
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Overview

Manage Capital Projects in accordance with goals of the City Council and Masterplan documents. Manage Major Maintenance Projects prioritizing life safety and asset longevity. Maintain Long Range Plan with focus on long term sustainability and vitality of the community. Provide support for Community and Economic Diversification through building/utility inspections and application of engineering, design construction management expertise. Provide administrative support and oversight for approval of non-City projects built within right-of-way. Support the management of projects for City owned but third party managed properties.

The Engineering Dept. consists of one .5 FTE Director, 1.0 FTE Administrative Assistant/Contract Specialist, 1.0 FTE Senior Project Manager (currently vacant) 2.0 FTE Project Manager II, 1.0 FTE Project Manager I. Total FTE's 5.5

Highlights

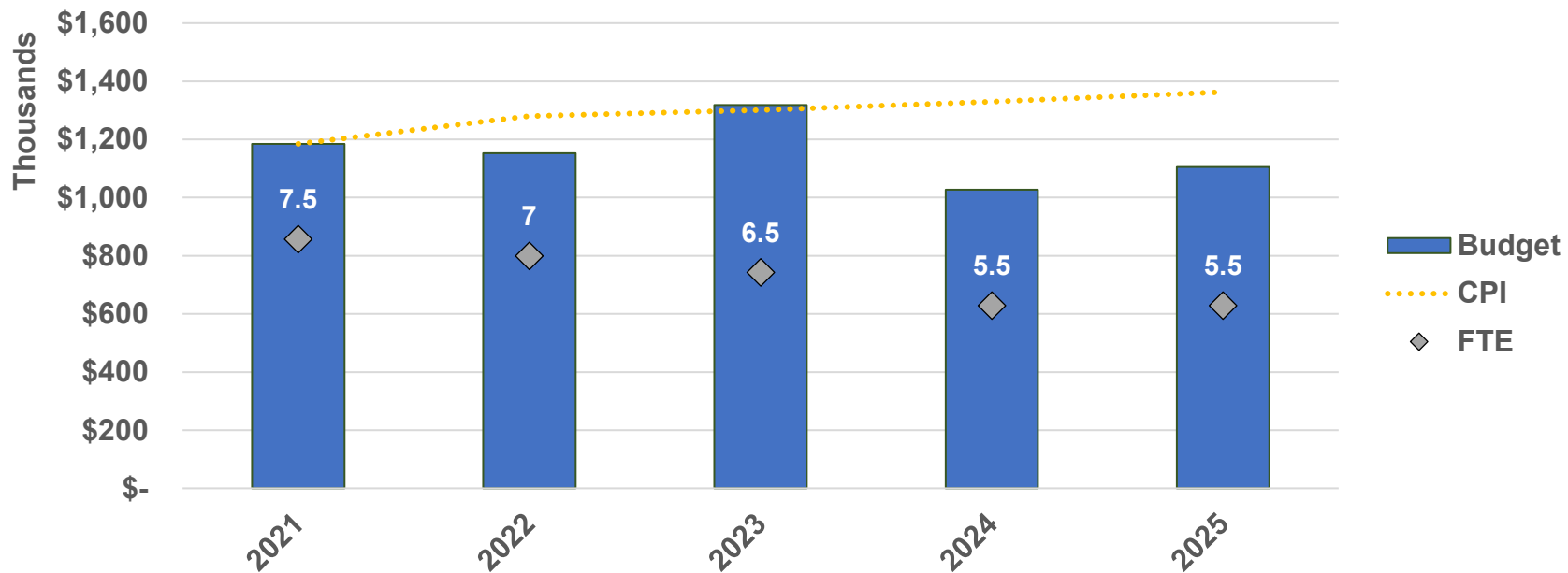
- Sewer Force Main Project nearing final stages of completion.
- HHES roof, doors, upper windows replaced, siding repaired/re-stained door card reader system installed.
- CM/GC HHES/Child Care Phase 1 started
- Small Boat Harbor H-K Float Replacement Substantially Complete

Budget Requests

- *All categories status quo.*



Engineering Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories								5-Year Growth			
	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025		
FTE Payroll	\$	1,033,711	\$	1,030,085	\$	1,133,039	\$	929,713	\$	1,006,439	-0.7%
Other Personnel	\$	51,665	\$	46,908	\$	38,200	\$	30,859	\$	31,909	-11.4%
Other Operating	\$	19,420	\$	16,300	\$	16,250	\$	14,650	\$	14,650	-6.8%
Contracts	\$	80,000	\$	60,000	\$	130,912	\$	52,500	\$	52,500	-10.0%
Grand Total	\$	1,184,795	\$	1,153,293	\$	1,318,400	\$	1,027,722	\$	1,105,498	-1.7%

Finance

Mission: Optimize and Preserve the City's Financial Resources

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Overview

The City of Valdez Finance Department reflects a culture of excellence in Financial Stewardship.

A priority of the City Council has been pursuing grant funding, the department is currently conducting a Gap Analysis with a contractor to determine the scope needed of a full-time position or a contractor, as well as training for staff and evaluation of resources such as software.

Assessment Assistance activity reflects council priorities around taxation by local ordinance.

The Finance Department is responsible for unstaffed departments Insurance, Permanent Fund, and Debt Service. Insurance carriers have seen claims expenses balloon in recent history and may continue to require premium renewals that outpace inflation.

Insurance, Grant Administration, and Assessment aside, all other Finance initiatives are status quo and should be at or below anticipated inflation.

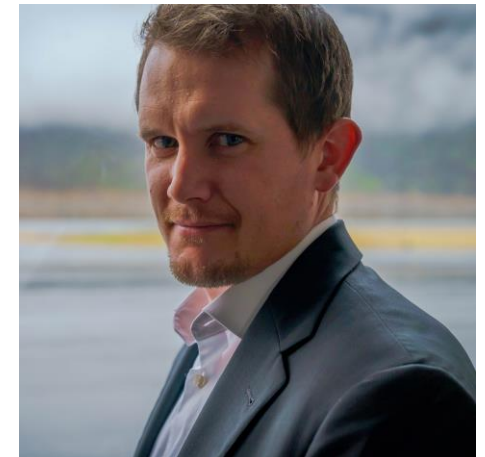
Looking ahead, leveraging AI with automation is on the horizon. We're seeing some cutting-edge use cases of AI through Robotic Process Automation (RPA). Finance has a keen interest in developing this topic over the coming years.

Highlights

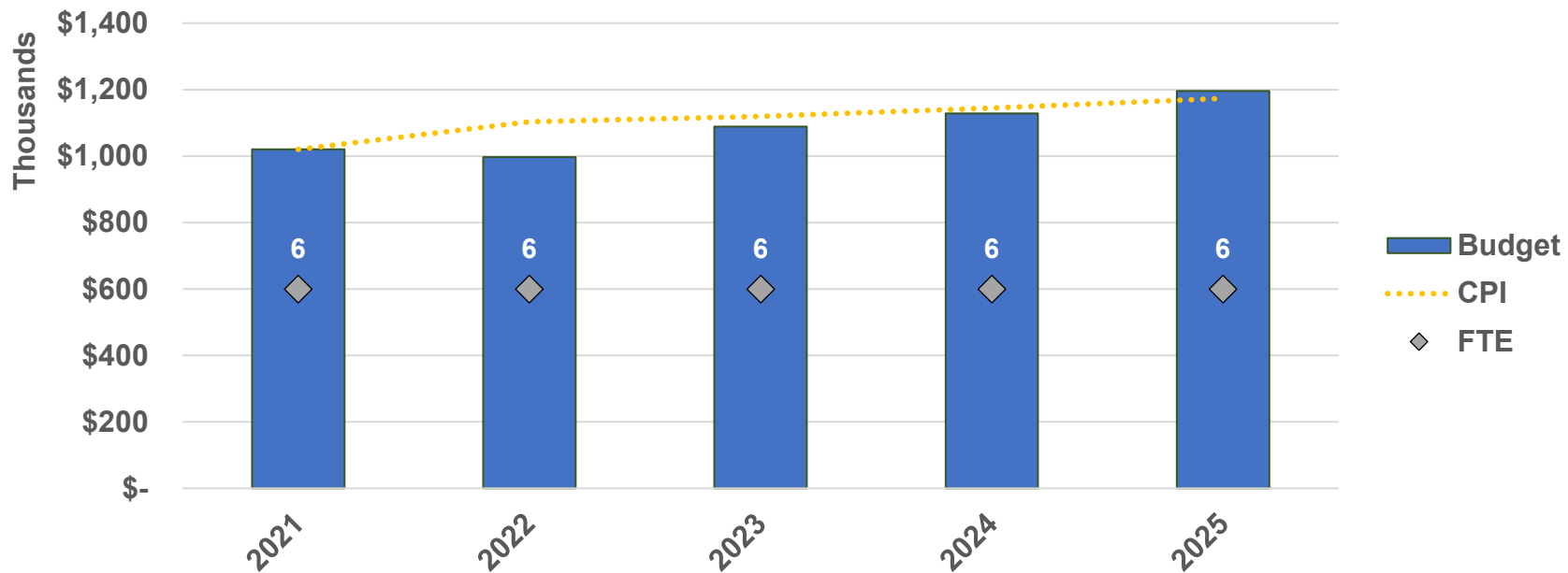
- 2024 Financial Audit: No Audit Findings
- Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Award
- Certificate of Excellence from DAC Bond for 10 yrs of issuance disclosure
- Finance Director serving as 2025 President-Elect of Alaska Government Finance Officers Association (AGFOA)

Budget Requests

- *\$100,000 for Assessment Assistance Contract in 2026 Budget*
- *All other budget categories status quo*
- *TBD \$ or Personnel for contracted management, likely in 2027 Budget based on results from Grant Management Assessment*



Finance Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories										5-Year Growth	
	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025		
FTE Payroll	\$	750,219	\$	798,760	\$	832,884	\$	872,215	\$	960,409	6.4%
Other Personnel	\$	30,533	\$	26,198	\$	26,198	\$	33,551	\$	32,869	1.9%
Other Operating	\$	18,135	\$	17,610	\$	14,220	\$	12,800	\$	13,300	-7.5%
Contracts	\$	221,251	\$	154,300	\$	215,936	\$	210,170	\$	189,650	-3.8%
Grand Total	\$	1,020,137	\$	996,869	\$	1,089,238	\$	1,128,736	\$	1,196,228	4.1%

Fire/EMS

Mission: Provide protection of life, property, and the environment from the effects of fires, medical emergencies, and hazards. We accomplish this with highly trained and dedicated members. We serve with professionalism and excellence.

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Overview

The fire department continues to provide emergency services for fires, emergency medical calls, hazardous materials response, back country search and rescue and technical rescue incidents, as well as public service calls.

The fire department strives to maintain an ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating of Class 4.

We continue to work towards meeting national standards for staffing levels, training facility design, equipment design/testing standards.

Training requirements are a large focus area for the fire department, meeting national and state requirements, such as NFPA, ISO, OSHA, DHHS and the city mandated trainings.

Highlights

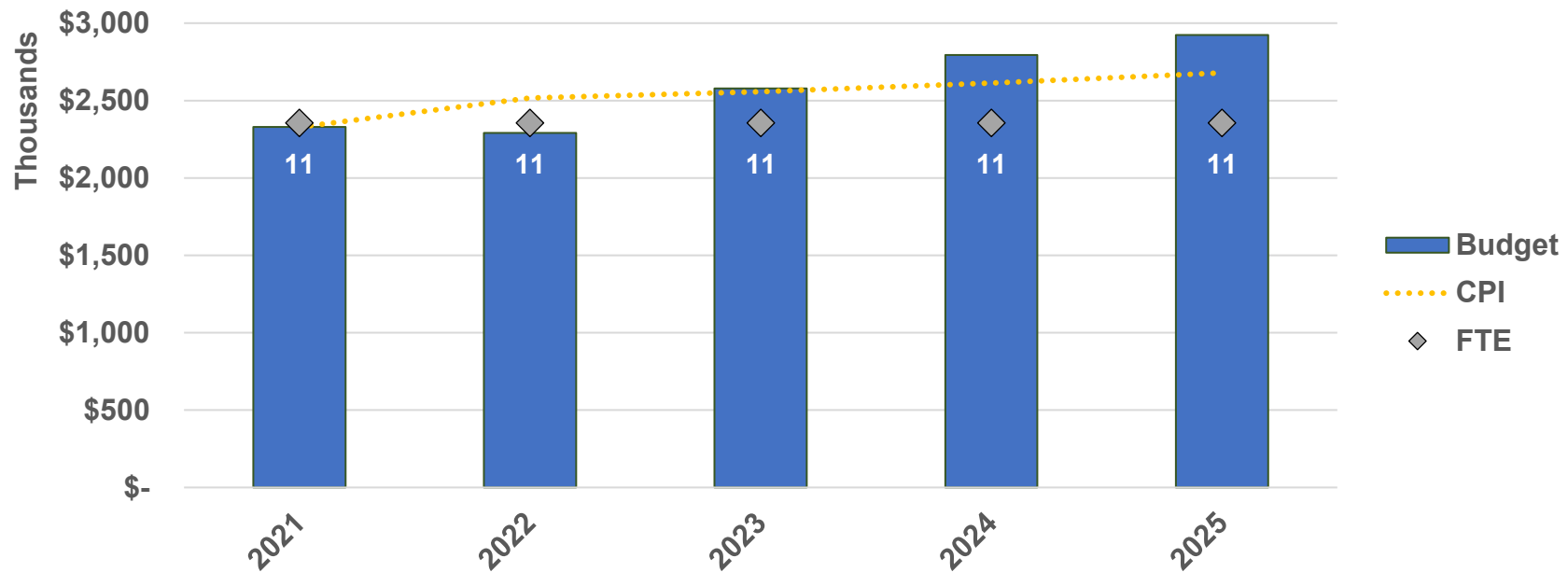
- 2024 Calls for Service - 532
 - EMS Calls – 292
 - Fire Calls – 18
 - Other Calls - 222
- Training Events - 499
- 2024 EMT I Academy – 14 members

Budget Requests

- *SAFER Grant – 3 Grant Funded FTE's*
- *Equipment Decon Unit \$35K*



Fire/EMS Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories							5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
FTE Payroll	\$ 1,632,389	\$ 1,723,100	\$ 1,885,096	\$ 1,947,983	\$ 2,051,840		5.9%
Other Personnel	\$ 402,924	\$ 281,931	\$ 374,529	\$ 474,714	\$ 478,449		4.4%
Other Operating	\$ 146,300	\$ 194,300	\$ 212,260	\$ 281,180	\$ 299,900		19.7%
Contracts	\$ 146,870	\$ 92,000	\$ 106,468	\$ 90,000	\$ 93,000		-10.8%
Grand Total	\$ 2,328,483	\$ 2,291,331	\$ 2,578,352	\$ 2,793,877	\$ 2,923,188		8.5%

Harbor

Mission: Guided by our core values, it is our pleasure to provide a sustainable world-class maritime experience. Above all, we will remain responsible members of our community and the industries we serve, a leading resource for our customers, and committed to empowering economic growth through our first-rate facilities.

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Ports & Harbors Director
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Overview - The Valdez Harbor Department continues to provide critical maritime infrastructure and exceptional customer service to residents, commercial users, and visitors alike. While we’re proud of our operational achievements this year—including maintaining full staffing, achieving Platinum-level Clean Harbor status, zero workplace injuries, and successfully completing the H-K Float Reconstruction Project with an additional 5 million dollars of support from the State Harbor Grant—the department also faces growing fiscal challenges.

Chief among these are narrowing budget margins against relatively flat harbor revenues, compounded by slow progress in softening longstanding harbor slip waitlists. With the cost of maintaining and improving aging infrastructure rising, the Ports and Harbors Commission has recommended a General Fund subsidy to maintain service levels and avoid immediate rate increases or service reductions. Staff is concurrently preparing for internal budget reductions should a subsidy or rate adjustment not materialize.

A joint meeting with the City Council is anticipated to collaboratively explore budget solutions that protect vital services while ensuring long-term financial sustainability. The Harbor Department remains committed to delivering safe, clean, and efficient operations while adapting to the economic realities of a working waterfront.

Highlights

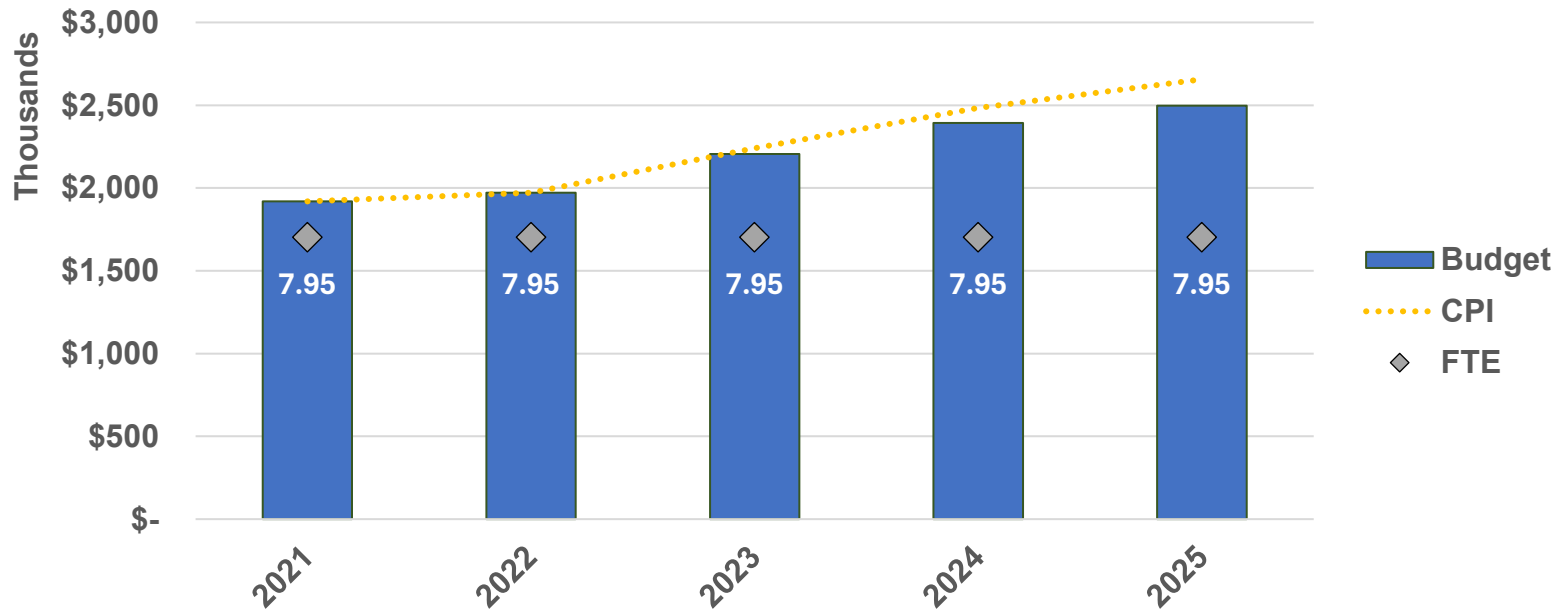
- First harbor to achieve platinum-level certification (the highest standard) in the Alaska Clean Harbors program
- Removal of four derelict boats
- H-K Float Replacement project completed
- Zero Days Missed due to Workplace Related Injury.

Budget Requests

- *Travel Lift Replacement*
- *Increase in contractual services to update the waterfront masterplan.*



Harbor Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories							5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
FTE Payroll	\$ 823,824	\$ 878,555	\$ 966,773	\$ 1,149,044	\$ 1,250,103		12.5%
Other Personnel	\$ 306,641	\$ 329,488	\$ 386,520	\$ 392,983	\$ 409,975		7.6%
Other Operating	\$ 193,569	\$ 185,218	\$ 224,575	\$ 219,494	\$ 227,659		7.1%
Contracts	\$ 361,128	\$ 274,760	\$ 278,890	\$ 331,419	\$ 283,880		1.1%
Utilities	\$ 234,051	\$ 303,401	\$ 349,212	\$ 300,400	\$ 324,700		2.3%
Grand Total	\$ 1,919,213	\$ 1,971,421	\$ 2,205,970	\$ 2,393,340	\$ 2,496,317		6.8%

Transfer / Revenue						5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Total Other Revenue	\$ (1,919,213)	\$ (1,971,421)	\$ (2,205,970)	\$ (2,393,340)	\$ (2,496,317)	6.8%

Human Resources

Mission: To support our employees with compassion and integrity while protecting the organization through ethical and informed business practices

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Overview: The City of Valdez Human Resources Department is committed to building a resilient, high-performing workforce through strategic investments in succession planning, leadership development, compliance, employee engagement, and safety culture.

Succession planning is a Council priority. We have partnered with departments to build career paths and are now moving to expand this to a citywide strategy, including updated job descriptions, classifications, and training support for current and emerging supervisors.

ADA Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan per the Comprehensive Plan Goal 1.3. & Titles I, II, and V of ADA.

Human Resources will continue to monitor health and wellness benefits costs to minimize impacts while still providing for our employees with a quality health and wellness program.

Our strong safety commitment continues to earn us the AMLJIA 5% discount and AKOSH praise during bi-annual inspections. As we transition to APRA, we will work with their Risk and Training teams to maintain and enhance our safety and legal compliance.

These efforts will help us meet future challenges, retain talent, and serve our employees who serve our community with excellence.

Highlights

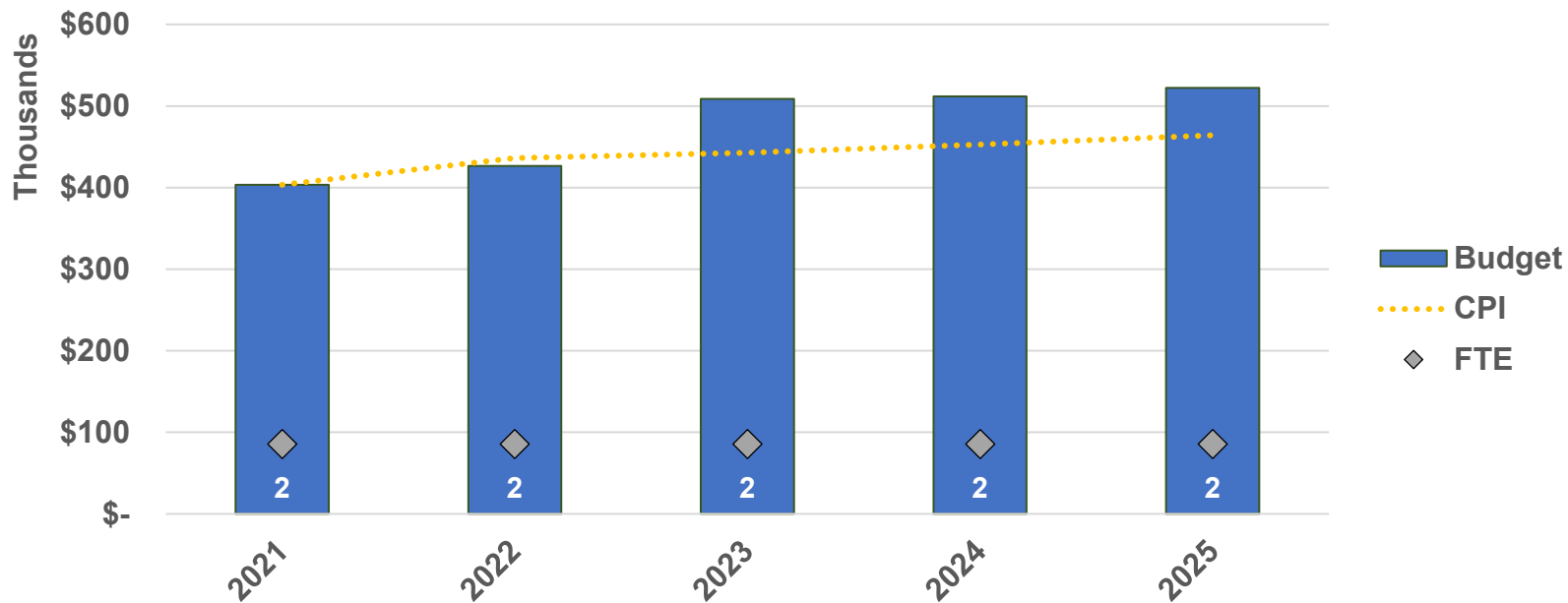
- Recruitment and promotion of several key senior leadership positions. City Manager, Chief of Police, and Capital Facilities Director.
- Successfully Completing AMLJIA Loss Control Incentive Program (LCIP) for the full 5% reduction in member contribution costs.
- Maintain Experience Mode below 1.0%, resulting in premium savings
- The Human Resources Manager currently serves on the ASHRM Board of Directors.
- The Human Resources Director served on the AMLJIA Board of Directors through June 2025, when AMLJIA merged into APRA.

Budget Requests

- Increased training budget for leadership development and succession planning*
- All other budget categories status quo*



Human Resources Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories						5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
FTE Payroll	\$ 294,512	\$ 315,685	\$ 352,401	\$ 371,310	\$ 407,635	8.5%
Other Personnel	\$ 56,573	\$ 49,648	\$ 52,675	\$ 49,505	\$ 62,435	2.5%
Other Operating	\$ 43,320	\$ 26,300	\$ 49,800	\$ 50,800	\$ 32,300	-7.1%
Contracts	\$ 9,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 53,998	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000	22.1%
Grand Total	\$ 403,405	\$ 426,633	\$ 508,874	\$ 511,615	\$ 522,370	6.7%

Information Services

Mission: Innovative IT for a Connected Community

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Overview

The City of Valdez Information Technology Department reflects a culture of excellence in Digital Stewardship and Innovation. Cybersecurity and Digital Access reflect council priorities around secure and equitable technology access for all departments and residents.

The IT Department also provides oversight and technical support for unstaffed functions, including Enterprise Systems, Cloud Services, and Data Governance. Like many municipalities, the city is facing rising costs in cybersecurity insurance and data protection, which may continue to see premium increases beyond typical inflation. Our goal is to enhance security without incurring a financial impact, if possible.

Aside from major initiatives in Cybersecurity, Emergency Communications, and Infrastructure Resiliency, most ongoing IT services are expected to remain status quo, operating efficiently within budget and at or below inflation-adjusted levels.

We are actively working and have implemented several key redundancy systems to better prepare for emergency events and enhance the continuity of city operations.

Highlights

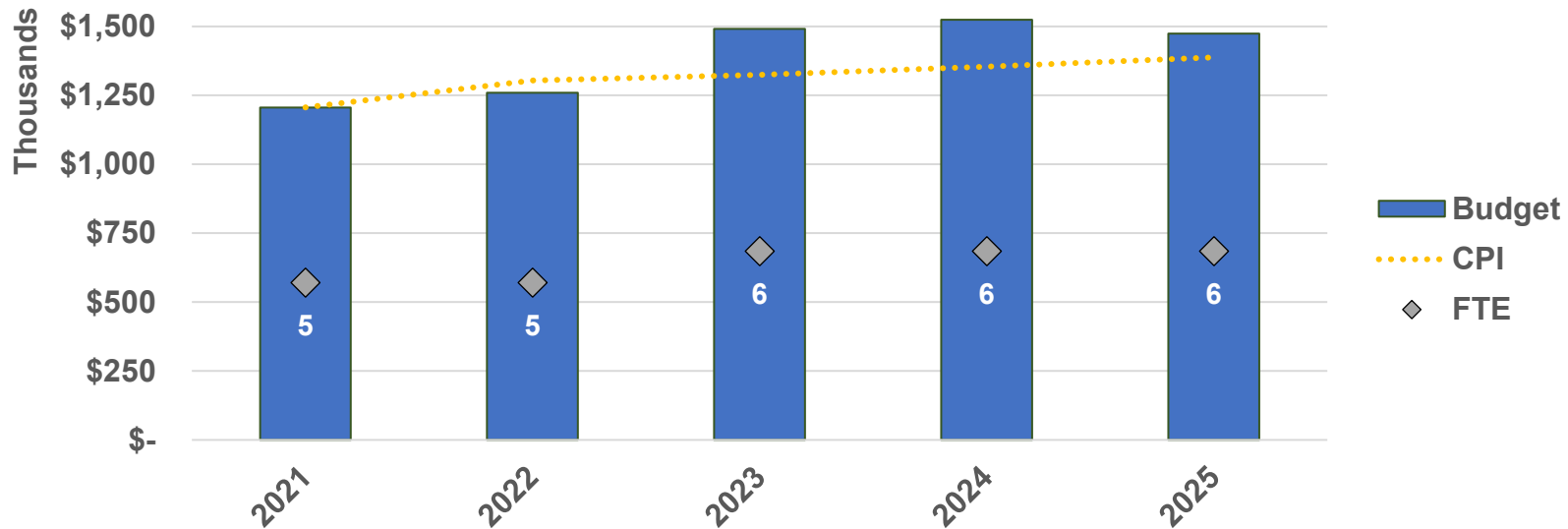
- Technology Audit
- MS365 Enhancement
- Radio Upgrades
- Private LTE / City Fiber

Budget Requests

- *2 to 4 Million for Emergency Coms System*



Information Services Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories						5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
FTE Payroll	\$ 785,722	\$ 817,381	\$ 1,060,623	\$ 1,076,156	\$ 1,056,271	7.7%
Other Personnel	\$ 53,800	\$ 53,800	\$ 63,860	\$ 63,800	\$ 63,100	4.1%
Other Operating	\$ 306,880	\$ 304,880	\$ 303,300	\$ 314,300	\$ 305,000	-0.2%
Contracts	\$ 60,000	\$ 83,000	\$ 64,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 50,000	-4.5%
Grand Total	\$ 1,206,402	\$ 1,259,061	\$ 1,491,783	\$ 1,524,256	\$ 1,474,371	5.1%

Law Enforcement

Mission: Our Mission is to Provide Excellent Service and Protection through Leadership and Partnership With the Community.

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Overview

The Valdez Police Department is committed to serving and protecting our community with integrity, respect, professionalism and valor.

With 14 sworn Law Enforcement Officers & 1 Code Enforcement Officer, our department operates with a clear focus on public safety, community partnership, and continuous improvement. We provide law enforcement services for citizens and visitors in an area over 270 square miles, encompassing Thompson Pass to Jack Bay and including the City of Valdez, Port of Valdez, and the Alyeska Valdez Marine Terminal. The base population of about 4,000 persons increases dramatically at different times during the year based on tourism, commercial fishing, and industrial production seasons.

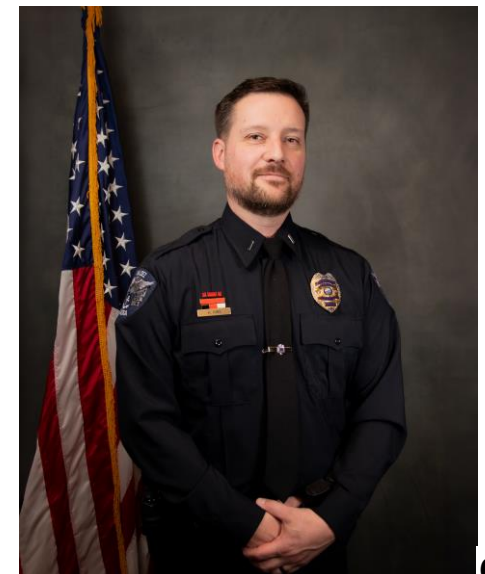
We are prioritizing active succession planning, retention of current personnel and ongoing recruitment efforts.

Highlights

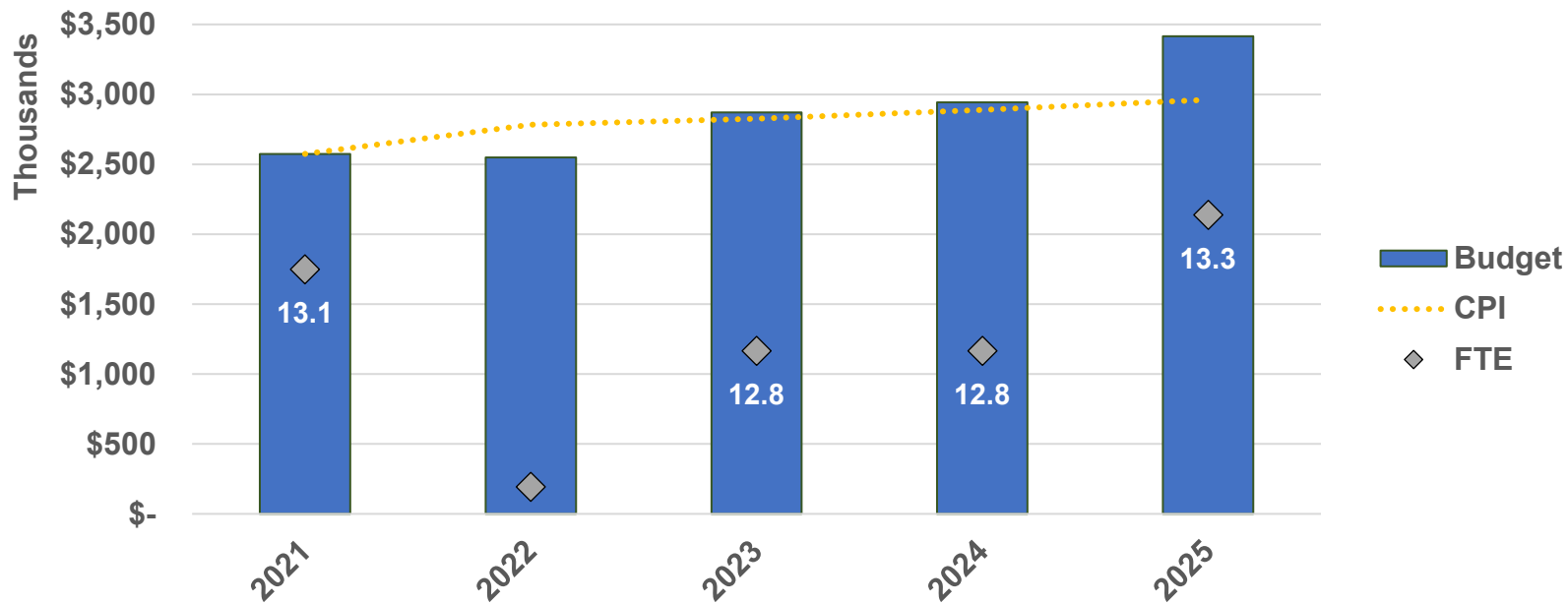
- Bolster recruitment through attendance at job fairs and outreach programs
- Development of a dedicated PD header webpage
- Execution of a recruitment web page design and video production for the Department
- Creation of unique LE image: Class A+ uniform, new patch design, modern challenge coin, etc.
- Hiring of new law enforcement officers and retention of current law enforcement personnel through retention incentive program

Budget Requests

- *Upgrade Firearms Equipment*
- *Emphasize Comprehensive Training – Locally*
- *Implementation of the Spillman Mobile e-Ticketing/e-Citation Module (replacing TRAX)*
- *All other budget categories status quo*



Law Enforcement Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories						5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
FTE Payroll	\$ 2,119,345	\$ 2,092,070	\$ 2,315,964	\$ 2,430,900	\$ 2,745,696	6.7%
Other Personnel	\$ 233,299	\$ 214,926	\$ 233,807	\$ 253,775	\$ 254,444	2.2%
Other Operating	\$ 139,645	\$ 133,145	\$ 186,425	\$ 162,675	\$ 189,450	7.9%
Contracts	\$ 81,800	\$ 108,500	\$ 134,015	\$ 96,000	\$ 225,300	28.8%
Grand Total	\$ 2,574,089	\$ 2,548,641	\$ 2,870,211	\$ 2,943,350	\$ 3,414,890	7.3%

Library

Mission: Provide barrier-free access to robust collections, communication technologies, and meaningful experiences that will inform, engage, and connect patrons and foster community.

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Overview

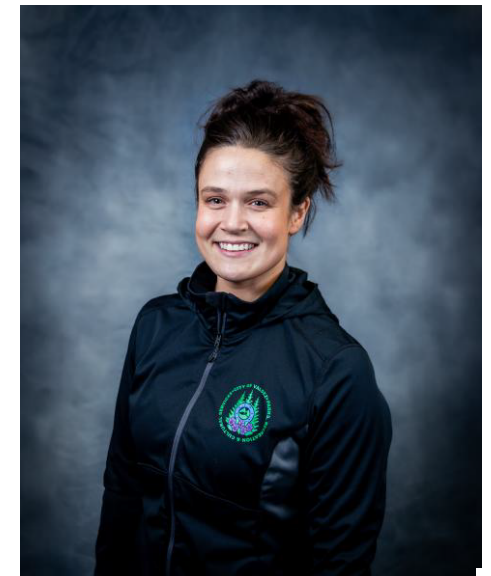
- The Library is creating a more welcoming space with new seating, lighting, and AV room upgrades, and is developing an accessibility policy.
- Streamlined book ordering and a significant collection update are underway ahead of August inventory.
- Free faxing, public computer use tracking, and tech help sessions launching this fall support digital literacy.
- New children's programs include toddler playtime, summer reading for grades 4–5, and robotics.
- Adult programs, such as Make-it Mondays and Book Club in the Wild, are thriving.
- Outreach with the Senior Center, Swan Health, and schools is expanding.
- A community needs assessment is guiding the Library's first strategic plan, while the "Ask an Alaskan" series connects residents to local history and culture.
- The Community Care Cabinet is a new feature at the library, consisting of personal items that are freely available to anyone who needs them.

Highlights

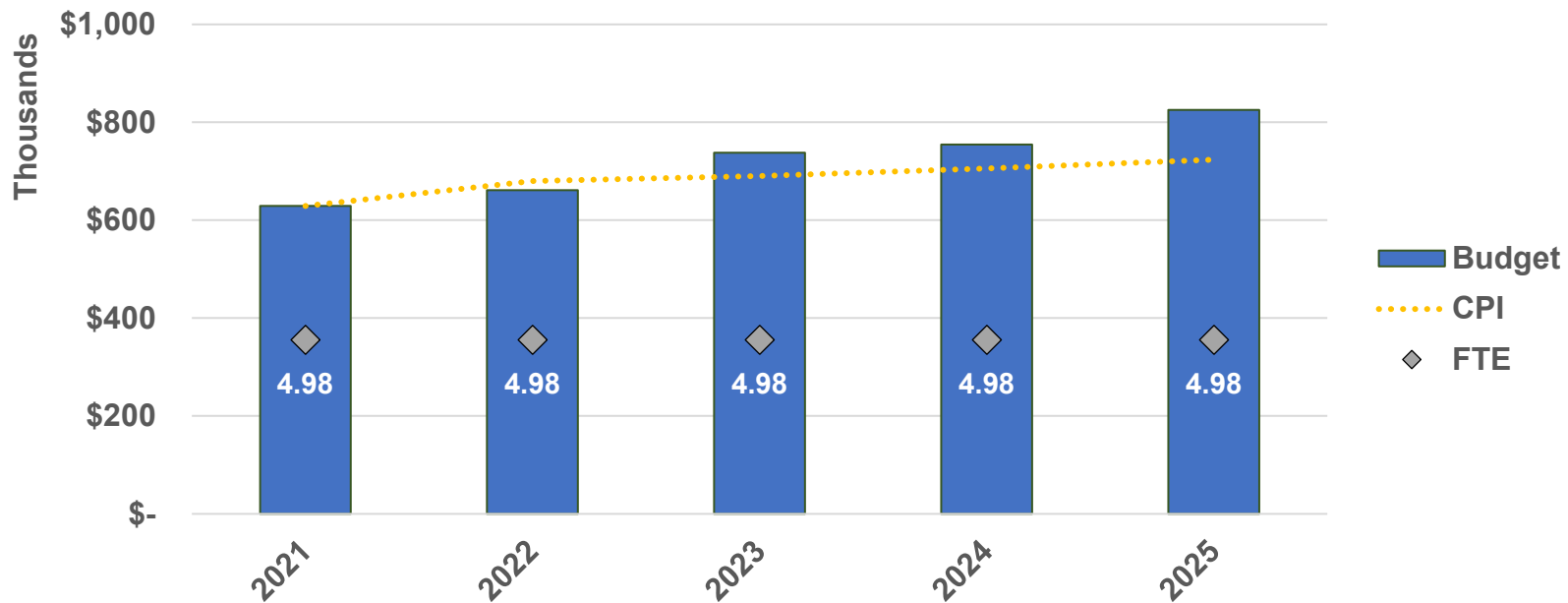
- 2024 Book Basket Auction – record-breaking proceeds
- 450 spring break participants in Youth Services
- Author visit from Pulitzer Prize winner, Tessa Hulls, author of *Feeding Ghosts: A Graphic Memoir*
- The Community Care Cabinet project is up and running

Budget Requests

- *Status Quo*



Library Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories						5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
FTE Payroll	\$ 554,540	\$ 592,519	\$ 639,825	\$ 656,559	\$ 708,170	6.3%
Other Personnel	\$ 10,898	\$ 10,568	\$ 15,044	\$ 17,654	\$ 34,625	33.5%
Other Operating	\$ 53,610	\$ 48,050	\$ 66,050	\$ 67,800	\$ 59,200	2.5%
Contracts	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 23,400	23.7%
Grand Total	\$ 629,048	\$ 661,136	\$ 737,918	\$ 754,513	\$ 825,395	7.7%

Park Maintenance

Mission: Provide inclusive, high-quality parks and programs that utilize our unique resources for a fun and healthy community.

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Overview

Winter Trails: Maintained 33 miles of groomed winter trail weekly. Maintained and groomed Salmonberry Ski Hill. Provided 75 hours of grooming services to community service organizations. Continuing to develop and update new processes for our department in relation to cemetery management.

Spring playground inspections: All playgrounds will be inspected by a certified playground inspector before May 15.

Parks Open: Opened all parks & trails, cleaned and set out all assets, tables, benches, and trash cans.

Volunteer Days & Events: Coordinated three volunteer workdays. (GMS, Coast Guard, church group). Assisted with Clean Up Day, Memorial Day Picnic, and Pups in the Park. Including operations.

Flower care: Reworked 85 flowerpots to improve drainage and soil quality.

Fertilizing: Park Maintenance now applies fertilizer on all lawns, working to improve our parks and green spaces.

Highlights

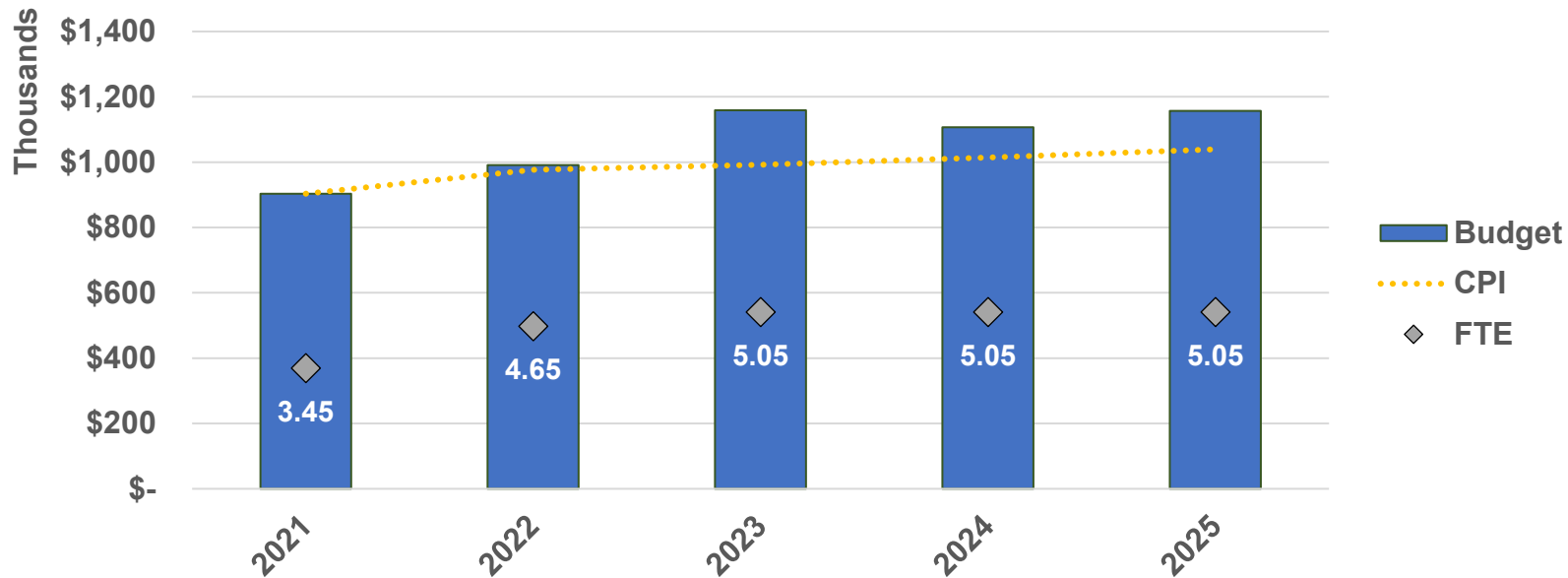
- Cameron Bowden earned his state certified herbicide applicators license
- 2 new staircases on Ruth Pond trail
- Cleaned unwanted organics off all Gold Fields fence lines
- Began trail evaluation surveys with P&R commission

Budget Requests

- *All categories status quo*



Park Maintenance Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories						5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
FTE Payroll	\$ 429,210	\$ 522,941	\$ 639,653	\$ 665,765	\$ 688,476	12.5%
Other Personnel	\$ 156,332	\$ 136,481	\$ 113,948	\$ 108,304	\$ 118,793	-6.6%
Other Operating	\$ 82,000	\$ 57,196	\$ 38,750	\$ 37,400	\$ 58,720	-8.0%
Contracts	\$ 235,861	\$ 274,330	\$ 366,965	\$ 295,800	\$ 291,390	5.4%
Grand Total	\$ 903,402	\$ 990,947	\$ 1,159,317	\$ 1,107,269	\$ 1,157,379	5.3%

Recreation

Mission: Provide inclusive, high-quality parks and programs that utilize our unique resources for a fun and healthy community.

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Overview

The Recreation Division continues to deliver high-quality, accessible programming that supports youth development and community well-being.

Youth Programs

Summer Fun Camp continues to be one of our most popular offerings, providing full-day care, enrichment, and active play for children in grades K–4. Our after-school programs also remain strong, offering structured, safe environments during critical out-of-school hours. Both programs have seen steady enrollment and positive feedback from families.

Drop-In Activities & Family Engagement

In response to community needs, we've expanded drop-in opportunities, including open gym, general swims, Mighty Mites, and other passive recreation options. These efforts provide families with more flexibility to participate in recreation on their own schedule and promote year-round use of our facilities.

Looking Ahead

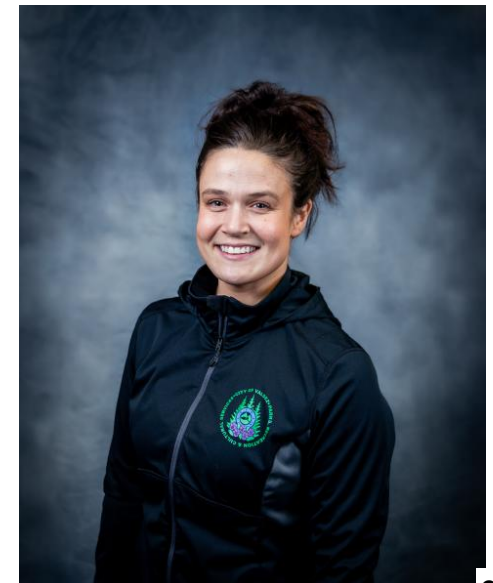
We remain focused on enhancing access, improving program quality, and supporting families. Continued investments in flexible programming and inclusive spaces will guide our efforts moving forward.

Highlights

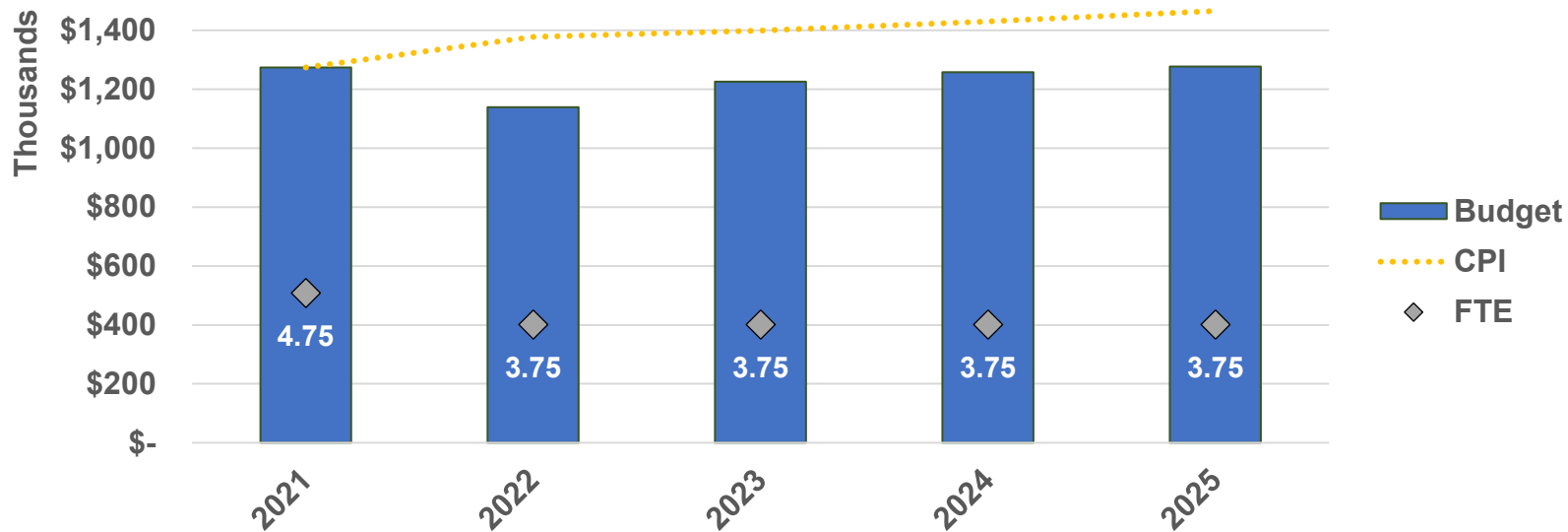
- We will host the Alaska Recreation & Park Association Conference for two consecutive years starting in fall 2025, bringing in professionals from across the state. We look forward to showcasing our facilities, parks & programming.
- Welcomed new talent to our team, and have promoted from within our organization to fill vacancies.
- The addition of support aides in our youth programs has increased accessibility, allowing more families, particularly those facing barriers to participation, to engage in our services.

Budget Requests

- *Budget categories status quo.*



Parks & Recreation Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories						5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
FTE Payroll	\$ 590,138	\$ 519,898	\$ 552,953	\$ 573,936	\$ 588,571	-0.1%
Other Personnel	\$ 458,883	\$ 439,902	\$ 496,259	\$ 463,098	\$ 443,302	-0.9%
Other Operating	\$ 126,660	\$ 108,170	\$ 108,170	\$ 107,720	\$ 119,320	-1.5%
Contracts	\$ 98,365	\$ 70,545	\$ 68,134	\$ 52,100	\$ 71,600	-7.6%
Events			\$ -	\$ 61,000	\$ 54,400	-10.8%
Grand Total	\$ 1,274,046	\$ 1,138,514	\$ 1,225,515	\$ 1,257,855	\$ 1,277,194	0.1%

Port

Mission: Guided by our core values, it is our privilege to provide a sustainable world-class maritime experience. Above all, we will remain responsible members of our community and the industries we serve, a leading resource for our customers, and committed to empowering economic growth through our first-rate facilities.

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Overview - The Port of Valdez continues to thrive as a dynamic and strategic asset for the City, experiencing a marked increase in port calls—driven largely by growing cruise ship traffic and other passenger vessel activity. This resurgence underscores the Port’s growing role in tourism, regional logistics, and maritime commerce.

Operationally, we proudly report zero workplace injuries, clean results with no findings in our annual security audits, and two successful military resupply operations—reinforcing Valdez’s readiness and strategic importance. The Port team also welcomed two new full-time maintenance staff and celebrated the promotion of a dedicated internal candidate to Maintenance Shop Foreman, strengthening our workforce and internal leadership.

We remain forward-focused with the pending implementation of two new software systems to enhance operational efficiency and asset management. The Port team has been actively engaged in major City initiatives, including emergency planning, rebranding efforts, and impactful federal lobbying—efforts that directly contributed to preserving the presence of the United States Coast Guard Cutter in Valdez. With continued momentum and a capable team, the Port of Valdez is well-positioned to support the City's long-term economic resilience, maritime readiness, and community connection.

Highlights

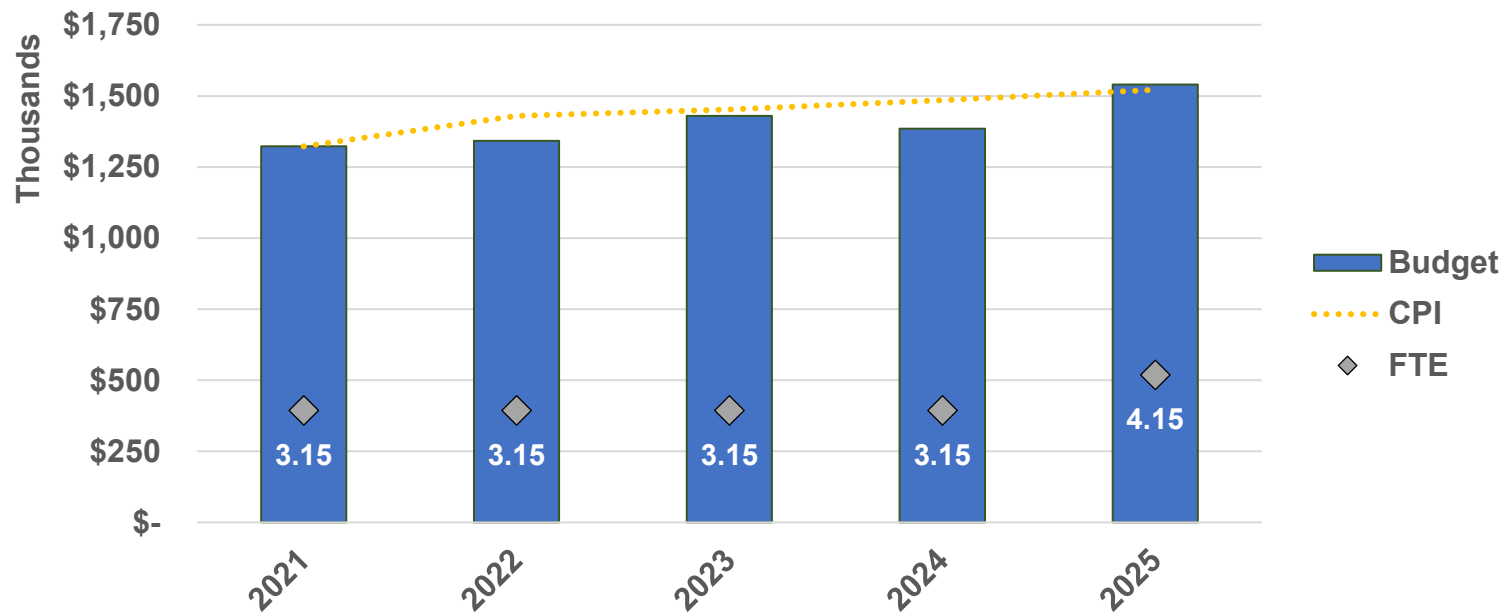
- 4 new future cruise line companies for the 2026 & 2027 seasons.
- Completed VCT barge landing public/private partnership project.
- An additional Viking and Princess Cruise Ship vessels added to the 2025 season
- Sustainable Budget

Budget Requests

- *Waterfront Masterplan funds*
- *Small Utility Trailer*



Port Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories						5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
FTE Payroll	\$ 542,975	\$ 551,559	\$ 585,750	\$ 504,457	\$ 666,365	5.3%
Other Personnel	\$ 210,921	\$ 221,170	\$ 228,308	\$ 206,347	\$ 249,305	4.3%
Other Operating	\$ 149,326	\$ 132,425	\$ 132,621	\$ 151,115	\$ 153,653	0.7%
Contracts	\$ 104,349	\$ 117,200	\$ 125,800	\$ 152,200	\$ 140,700	7.8%
Utilities	\$ 315,000	\$ 320,000	\$ 357,500	\$ 370,000	\$ 330,000	1.2%
Grand Total	\$ 1,322,571	\$ 1,342,354	\$ 1,429,979	\$ 1,384,119	\$ 1,540,024	3.9%

Transfer / Revenue						5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Operating Subsidy	\$ (476,264)	\$ (188,408)	\$ -	\$ -		-100.0%
Total Other Revenue	\$ (846,307)	\$ (1,153,946)	\$ (1,429,979)	\$ (1,384,119)	\$ (1,540,024)	16.1%

Public Safety

Mission: Process requests for assistance and initiate timely dispatch of emergency resources by utilizing technology to receive and dispatch information to the Emergency Responders and the citizens of Valdez

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Overview

The Valdez Public Safety Department is staffed with 6 public safety technicians, 2 public safety teams leads, and 1 public safety supervisor.

The public safety technicians work both dispatch and corrections shifts. The department is responsible for taking emergency/nonemergency calls.

The Public Safety department dispatches police, fire, and EMS services. The department is also responsible for processing criminal cases, booking inmates, and supervising incarcerated individuals.

The Public Safety department is responsible for the transportation of incarcerated individuals to court, to other facilities, and for medical emergencies.

Highlights

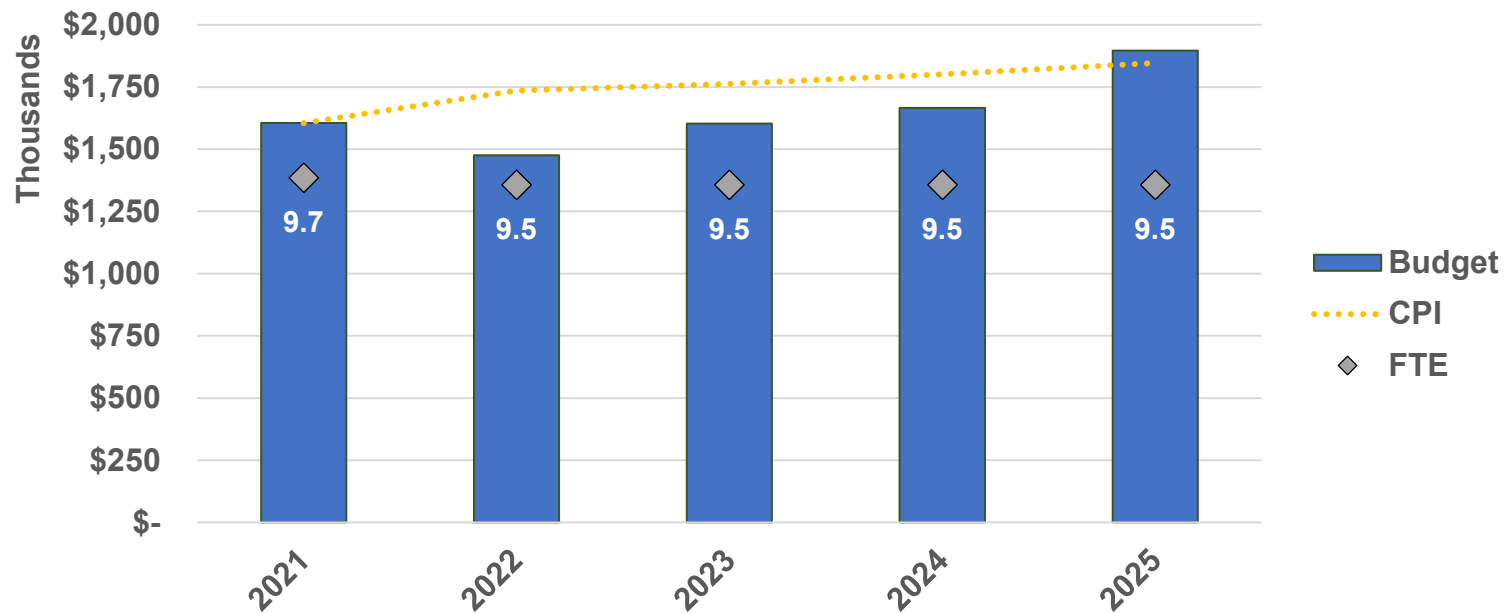
- Began dispatching services for Whittier/Girdwood.
- Jail/EM numbers on target for 2025
- After a year of training, Roberta Sayre is fully trained in Dispatch and Corrections

Budget Requests

- *PROGQ software for dispatching Medical Calls \$17K. Cost shared between law enforcement and Fire Department*
- *All other budget categories status quo*



Public Safety Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories						5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
FTE Payroll	\$ 1,233,381	\$ 1,277,032	\$ 1,396,486	\$ 1,429,870	\$ 1,608,909	6.9%
Other Personnel	\$ 135,817	\$ 134,542	\$ 148,063	\$ 180,230	\$ 234,134	14.6%
Other Operating	\$ 219,352	\$ 48,450	\$ 44,450	\$ 44,326	\$ 41,560	-34.0%
Contracts	\$ 16,527	\$ 15,574	\$ 13,450	\$ 11,945	\$ 11,832	-8.0%
Grand Total	\$ 1,605,076	\$ 1,475,598	\$ 1,602,449	\$ 1,666,371	\$ 1,896,434	4.3%

Sewer Department

Mission: To effectively manage and uphold the City's wastewater treatment and collection system. This encompasses sewage pump stations, the treatment plant, lagoon aeration systems, and the laboratory. Through diligent operation and maintenance, we ensure the proper functioning of these essential systems for a cleaner and healthier community.

John Witte
Public Works Director
907-835-4300
jwitte@valdezak.gov

Overview

From January 1 to June 1, 2025, the City of Valdez Sewer Treatment Plant successfully treated 4.6 million gallons of wastewater, with projections estimating an additional 7 million gallons to be treated by year-end. The plant continues to provide essential wastewater services to the community while supporting critical infrastructure projects and ensuring regulatory compliance.

Significant efforts were made to support the Sewer Force Main Project, ensuring alignment with city infrastructure upgrades. The treatment plant team also provided inspection and oversight for major projects, including the DOT Airport Road improvements, the Pioneer Street Project, the Hospital Water Project, and the Clark and Pioneer Housing Project, ensuring proper sewer main connections and environmental protection.

Additionally, we will have completed all necessary NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) data collection and initiated the five-year wastewater permit renewal process, a key component of continued environmental compliance by year-end.

Highlights

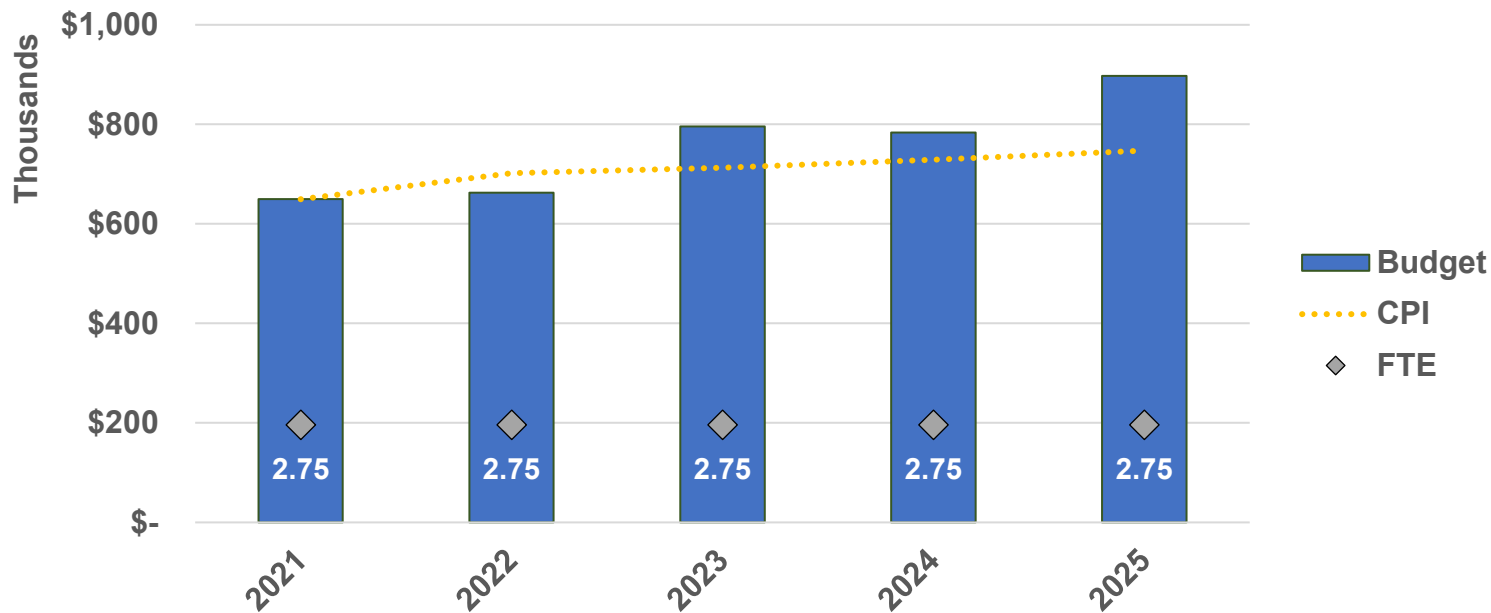
- 4.6 million gallons treated as of June 1; projected 11.6 million by year-end.
- Ongoing support for the Sewer Force Main Project
- Oversight and inspections for DOT and community infrastructure projects
- Completion of NPDES five-year permit renewal.

Budget Requests

- *New Aeration Lagoon #2*
\$35K
- *2 Pumps Lift Station #1*
\$35K
- *2 Pumps Lift Station #2*
\$20K



Sewer Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories						5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
FTE Payroll	\$ 403,213	\$ 417,363	\$ 453,455	\$ 451,095	\$ 483,230	4.6%
Other Personnel	\$ 26,197	\$ 26,839	\$ 32,840	\$ 34,132	\$ 35,285	7.7%
Other Operating	\$ 48,478	\$ 48,673	\$ 61,265	\$ 69,206	\$ 61,828	6.3%
Contracts	\$ 38,600	\$ 26,500	\$ 30,097	\$ 25,950	\$ 113,900	31.1%
Utilities	\$ 133,000	\$ 143,000	\$ 218,000	\$ 203,000	\$ 203,000	11.2%
Grand Total	\$ 649,488	\$ 662,375	\$ 795,657	\$ 783,382	\$ 897,243	8.4%

Transfer / Revenue						5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Operating Subsidy	\$ (457,731)	\$ (470,727)	\$ (611,988)	\$ (573,932)	\$ (620,765)	7.9%

Solid Waste Department

Mission: Enabling a cleaner Valdez, we collect refuse and recyclables from homes and businesses. Our responsible operation of the Baler Facility and Landfills aligns with state and federal permits, ensuring a sustainable and healthy community.

John Witte
Public Works Director
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Overview

From January 1 to June 1, the Solid Waste Division collected and processed 6,490 cubic yards of refuse and 671 bales. We anticipate reaching 15,576 cubic yards and 1,611 bales by year-end. The Free Scrap Metal Drop-Off Program continues to run smoothly and will remain available to the public through 2027.

The team is focused on key planning efforts, including development of the Landfill Master Plan (2025–2026) and preparation for the Landfill Permit Renewal (2025–2026). We're also working with Capital Facilities to replace the baler system to improve processing efficiency and extend landfill lifespan.

Additional operational support includes assistance with the sewer force main project, cleanup efforts for the Fire Department at both the Baler Facility and in-town station, and support for paving projects with Harris Sand & Gravel and DOT. The division also leads the Physical workload for the VCA program.

Solid Waste remains a key contributor to city operations and long-term planning.

Highlights

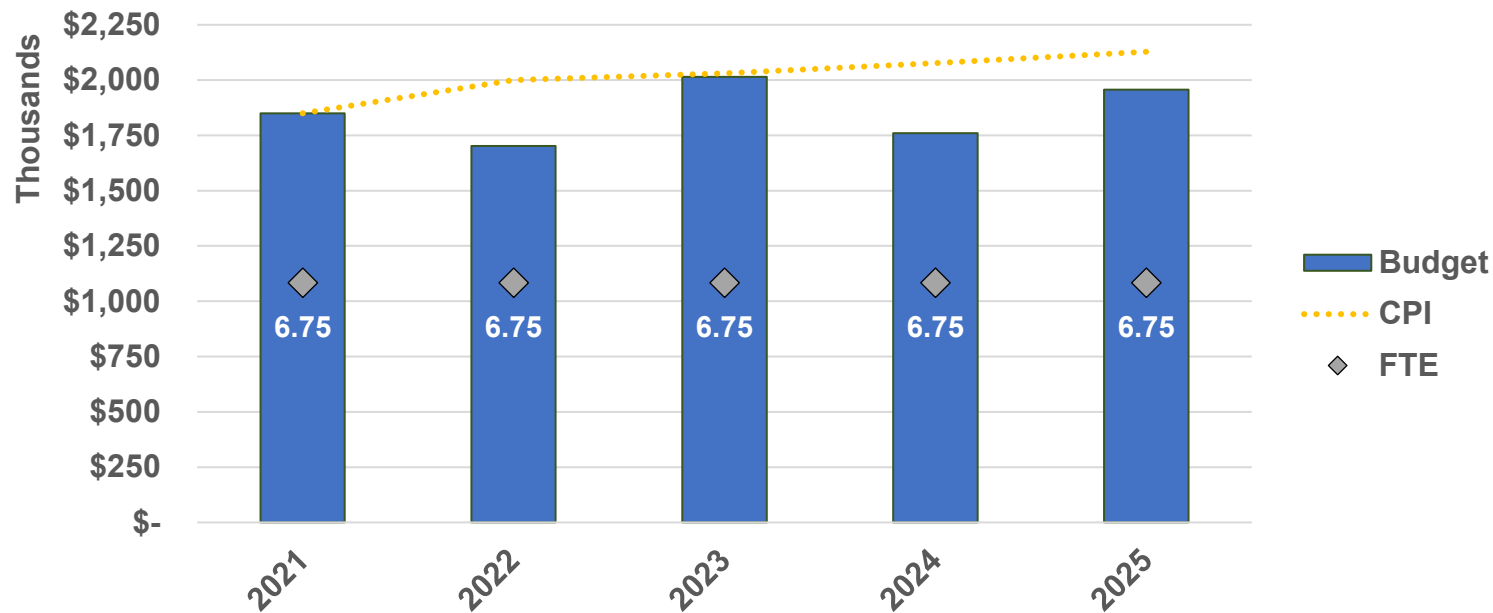
- Processed 6,490 cubic yards of refuse and 671 bales (Jan–June)
- Landfill Master Plan and Permit Renewal in progress
- Supporting baler replacement for improved compaction
- Leading cleanup, paving support, and VCA program workload

Budget Requests

- *Permit Renewal Preparation \$42K*
- *Comprehensive Landfill Master Plan \$55K*



Solid Waste Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	5-Year Growth
FTE Payroll	\$	865,951	\$	926,124	\$	987,529	\$	992,295	\$ 1,096,367	6.1%
Other Personnel	\$	171,568	\$	138,384	\$	171,510	\$	147,335	\$ 173,975	0.3%
Other Operating	\$	192,685	\$	185,335	\$	295,260	\$	300,010	\$ 380,250	18.5%
Contracts	\$	619,719	\$	452,500	\$	559,671	\$	321,000	\$ 306,000	-16.2%
Grand Total	\$	1,849,924	\$	1,702,343	\$	2,013,970	\$	1,760,640	\$ 1,956,593	1.4%

Streets/Shop Department

Mission: Our mission is to ensure safe streets, sidewalks, and signs while efficiently managing snow removal using our City's equipment. We provide valuable support to various departments for their tasks and events and maintain and enhance our vehicle fleet's safety and value. Additionally, we contribute to the maintenance of City water, sewer, and storm drain systems, fostering a secure and well-functioning community.

John Witte
Public Works Director
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Overview

This season, the Street Department cleared and maintained roads through 150 inches of snow, facing unique challenges from excessive rain and ice. In response, we are exploring new strategies to better manage extreme winter conditions. Avalanche risks were closely monitored, with coordination between our team, the Police Department, and the High School to ensure public safety.

We used over 20 tons of recycled asphalt to patch deteriorating roads—a 50% increase from previous years, driven by worsening surface conditions. We expect to use an additional 10 tons by the year's end. The department also supported other divisions with heavy equipment, including five water digs, crushing boats at the harbor, and assisting DOT operations.

A full audit of major equipment revealed 225 fleet vehicles. After adjusting for low-maintenance assets, the weighted total is 191.5 vehicles. This workload supports our request for an additional mechanic to meet growing maintenance demands.

Additionally, snow removal contracts for rural areas are scheduled for renewal in 2026 as we continue to improve service coverage beyond city-maintained roads.

Highlights

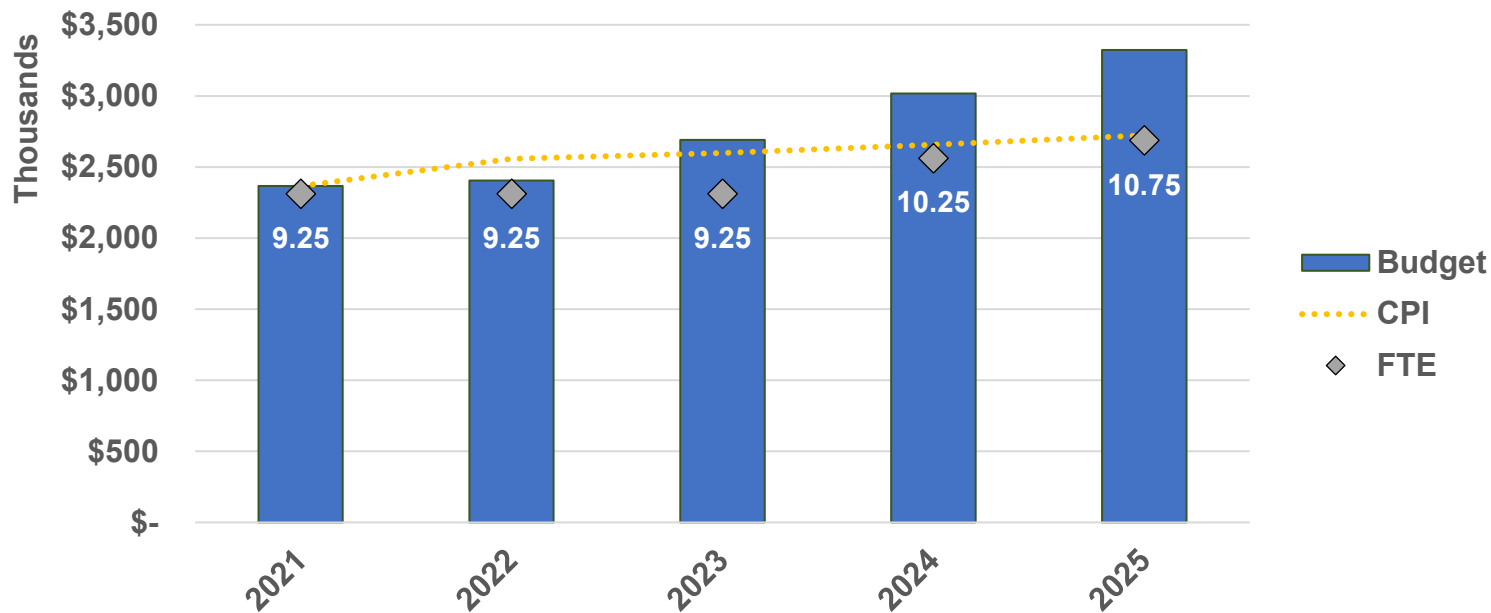
- Winter Response: 150" Snow—cleared roads in a tough rain and ice season.
- Rural Snow Contracts- Snow removal contracts set for renewal in 2026.
- More Repairs – Asphalt use up 50%
- Fleet Load – 191.5 weighted units; need an additional mechanic.

Budget Requests

- *Increases to parts budget related to inflation and fleet size*



Streets/Shop Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	5-Year Growth
FTE Payroll	\$ 1,255,509	\$ 1,318,105	\$ 1,439,717	\$ 1,609,464	\$ 1,798,790	9.4%
Other Personnel	\$ 155,543	\$ 159,530	\$ 174,691	\$ 213,582	\$ 171,696	2.5%
Other Operating	\$ 291,325	\$ 287,625	\$ 287,675	\$ 296,925	\$ 312,625	1.8%
Contracts	\$ 615,000	\$ 640,000	\$ 788,250	\$ 897,000	\$ 1,040,000	14.0%
Grand Total	\$ 2,366,377	\$ 2,405,260	\$ 2,690,333	\$ 3,016,971	\$ 3,323,111	8.9%

Water Department

Mission: To operate and maintain the City's three water systems with the utmost dedication. We prioritize safe drinking water, regulatory compliance, fire protection, and continuous service. Through our commitment, we aim to provide the community with reliable and high-quality water resources.

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Public Works Director
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Overview

The City of Valdez Water Department is a dedicated four-person team consisting of a Manager, Lab Technician, and two Utility Technicians. Between January 1 and June 1, 2025, the department supported the delivery of 275 million gallons of water, with usage expected to reach 660 million gallons by the end of the year.

In addition to providing clean, safe drinking water to the community, the department was actively engaged in key infrastructure efforts. Staff played a critical role in the approval, inspection, and connection processes for major projects, including the DOT Airport Road project, the Pioneer Street Project, the Hospital Water Project, and the Clark and Pioneer Housing Project. Compliance and environmental stewardship remain top priorities.

The team also completed two main water repairs, two service line repairs, and a harbor water line repair, ensuring reliable water service throughout the community.

Highlights

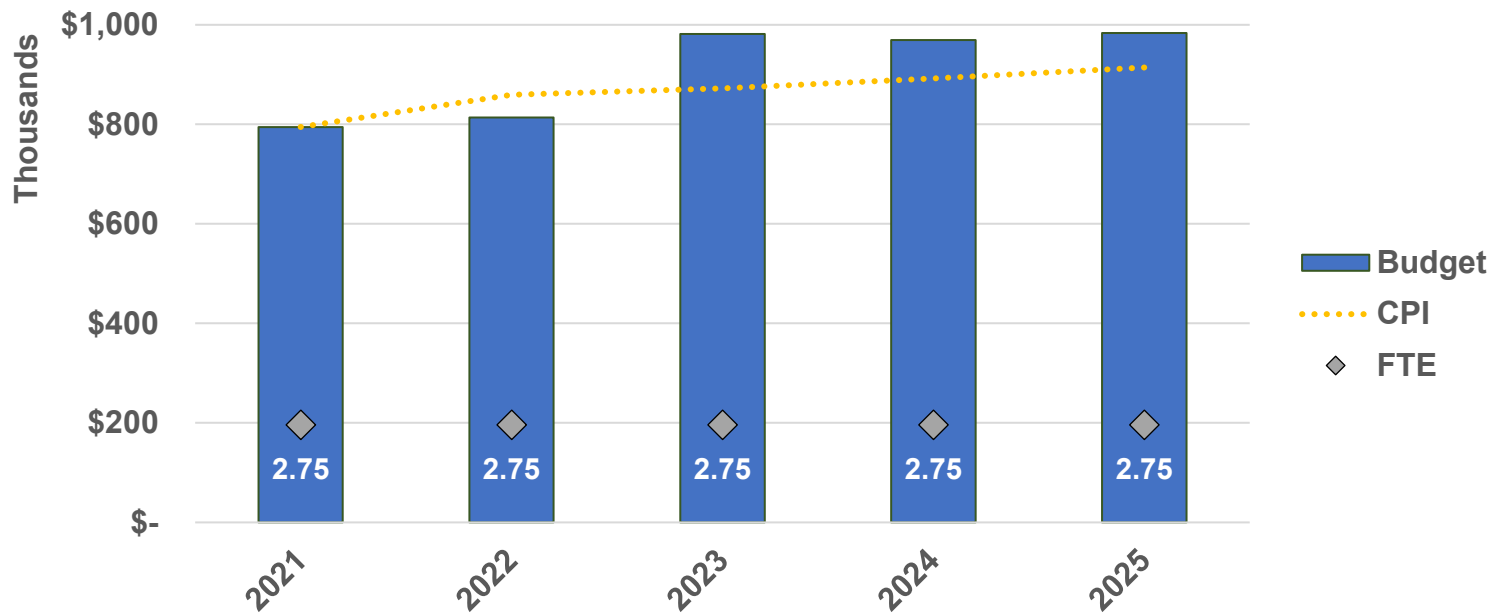
- Delivered 275 million gallons of water (January–June); projected 660 million gallons for the full year.
- Staffed by a skilled 4-person team supporting operations.
- Assisted with water main connections on 4 major infrastructure projects.
- Provided 24/7 on-call and emergency response coverage to ensure uninterrupted service to the community.

Budget Requests

- Shaft Driven Pump replacement Wellhouse #1*
\$75K(OME)
- Shaft Driven Pump replacement Wellhouse #4*
\$60K (OME)
- Shaft Driven Pump replacement Wellhouse #2*
\$40K (OME)



Water Adopted Budget vs AK-Urban CPI 2021-2025



Budget Categories						5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
FTE Payroll	\$ 402,772	\$ 416,914	\$ 452,870	\$ 450,495	\$ 482,616	4.6%
Other Personnel	\$ 27,193	\$ 22,619	\$ 28,420	\$ 29,463	\$ 30,636	3.0%
Other Operating	\$ 52,409	\$ 54,325	\$ 60,277	\$ 59,529	\$ 62,445	4.5%
Contracts	\$ 15,300	\$ 12,800	\$ 12,800	\$ 12,950	\$ 12,700	-4.5%
Utilities	\$ 297,000	\$ 307,000	\$ 427,000	\$ 417,000	\$ 395,000	7.4%
Grand Total	\$ 794,674	\$ 813,658	\$ 981,367	\$ 969,437	\$ 983,398	5.5%

Transfer / Revenue						5-Year Growth
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Operating Subsidy	\$ (457,731)	\$ (470,727)	\$ (611,988)	\$ (573,932)	\$ (620,765)	7.9%

2025 Budget; Unfilled Staffing Requests

Request Type:	Department	Position Title	Total New FTE
Contingent (SAFER Grant)	Fire/EMS	Fire Engeneer	3.00
FTE Request	Streets/Shop	Mechanic	1.00
FTE Request	Fire/EMS	Deputy Fire Chief	1.00
Pending Assessment	Finance	Grant Administation	1.00
Pending Review	Animal Control	Animal Shelter Attendent	0.50





Legislation Text

File #: 25-0318, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Valdez Avalanche Center

SUBMITTED BY: Jordan Nelson, Assistant City Manager / Finance Director

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: \$0, in-kind services only

Unencumbered Balance: n/a

Funding Source: n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The following MOU formalizes operations and provides clarity on points of contact for daily weather information collection currently taking place at the Blueberry Weather Plot located at City of Valdez Wellhouse #4.

Until 2016 such weather observations were made by the National Weather Service. Valdez Avalanche Center has maintained the integrity of the dataset by recording weather observations since 2016.

This MOU formalizes and lists the operational duties associated with site access and maintenance and ensures operations can take place successfully, and has been approved by legal.

Memorandum of Understanding Valdez Avalanche Center

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between Valdez Avalanche Center ("VAC") and the City of Valdez ("COV"), is dated _____, _____

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service discontinued daily weather observation operations in the Valdez area in 2016;

WHEREAS, daily weather data is crucial to the Valdez community in many respects as it is used for daily operational decisions, ground truthing remote weather station data, weather and avalanche forecasting and modeling, and climate data;

WHEREAS, COV is charged with the facilitation of a community group to record weather observations.

NOW THEREFORE, the VAC will be referred to as "the Operator" of the Blueberry Weather Observation Plot located at City of Valdez Wellhouse #4, and the Parties agree to the following responsibilities in addition to all other applicable laws and regulations:

1. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES:

1.0. The City of Valdez will:

1.0.1. Public Works

- Standby as main point of contact 907-835-4473
- Assist with site access and building
- Assist with plot maintenance including brushing when availability allows
- Continue winter access snow removal pursuant to normal route and City operations
- Retain priority access and control of facility for any needs related to City Water/Sewer Utility infrastructure

1.0.2. Park Maintenance

- Assist with plot maintenance and annual brushing when availability allows

1.0.3. Information Technology

- Maintain and monitor Wi-Fi connectivity

2.0. The Operator will:

2.0.1. When requesting brushing or maintenance: clearly mark area in order to avoid damage to sensitive equipment

2.0.2. The following shall be submitted to City Finance simultaneously

with the due date of Community Service Organization Grant Application or the last business day in August whichever is earlier

- A roster of members of VAC seeking permission to access the weather observation site
- An operational plan as it relates to the weather observation site and public communication
- Intentions of renewal of the MOU for additional terms

2.0.3. Record and post Weather Observations in a way that is accessible and understandable to the general public

2.0.4. Shall notify the City immediately of any accidents involving personal injury. Written incident forms must be completed and turned into the City within 24 hours of notification. Forms will be provided by the City.

3.0 REVIEW OF AGREEMENT: This MOU will be reviewed on or around the anniversary of its effective date in its entirety.

4.0. MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT: This MOU may only be modified by the written agreement of the Parties, duly signed by their authorized representatives

5.0. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT: This MOU may be terminated by either Party giving at least 30 days written notice to the other Party. The MOU may also be terminated at any time upon the mutual written consent of the Parties.

6.0. EFFECTIVE/EXPIRATION DATE:

6.0.1. The term of this MOU is one (1) year beginning on _____ and expiring _____. Provided the Operator has, in the judgment of the City, provided satisfactory services, the Operator may apply for an additional one (1) year terms up to a total of five (5) years for operation of the Weather Observation Unit

6.0.2. Weather Observations must be recorded and posted in a way that is accessible and understandable to the public

_____ Date:

(Operator signature)

(<Name>, <Title>, Valdez Avalanche Center)

_____ Date:

(City of Valdez signature)

City of Valdez representative



Legislation Text

File #: 25-0319, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Approval to Purchase 2025 Ford F550 Mini Rear Load Truck

SUBMITTED BY: John Witte, Director, Public Works Department

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: \$181,459.10

Unencumbered Balance: \$8,889,226.43

Funding Source: 350-0400-58000

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the purchase of one (1) 2025 Ford F550 Mini Rearload Truck with custom lifting device from BSI Equipment, using Sourcewell Government Purchasing Contract, for a total amount not to exceed \$181,459.10.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Public Works Department is requesting approval to purchase a new 2025 Ford F550 Mini Rearload Truck manufactured by Leach, with a custom-fabricated lifting device on the rear of the vehicle to assist with lifting heavy bags and containers into the hopper. The vendor is BSI Equipment, located at 16924 Snowmobile Ln., Eagle River, AK 99577.

This new vehicle will replace a 2008 Ford F550 currently used at the City's Baler Facility, which has reached the end of its service life. The existing vehicle features a Stellar hook with a Haul-All box and has been in operation for over 16 years. By continuing with an F550 chassis, this replacement vehicle can be operated by employees without a Commercial Driver's License (CDL), providing added flexibility in staffing.

The new truck will support ongoing Baler Facility operations, including collection of yard waste, trash during community clean-up events, and tasks not requiring full-size refuse trucks.

Funds for the replacement were initially allocated in the 2020 budget at \$165,000. Due to inflation and additional customization (rear lifting device), the total project cost in 2025 is \$181,459.10. The purchase will be made through the Sourcewell Government Purchasing Contract to ensure compliance with procurement standards and competitive pricing.

Approval of this item will ensure continued reliable service and operational efficiency for the City's solid waste collection efforts.



Seller

BSI Equipment, LLC
16924 Snowmobile Ln.
Eagle River, AK 99577



Phone : 907-841-9999

Website : www.bsiequipment.com

QUOTE FORM

Quote # / Rev. #	Reference #	Quoted Date
8347 / 1		2025-06-13
Price List / Currency	Last Revision Date	Quote Valid Until
2025-B / USD	2025-06-16	2025-08-27
Regional Sales Manager	Customer Service Rep.	Product Specialist
Opportunity Type	Carrier	Departure Region

SOLD TO	SHIP TO	END CLIENT
BSI Equipment, LLC 16924 Snowmobile Ln Eagle River, AK 99577 United States Email : jlackey@bsiequipment.com Phone : 907-841-9999	BSI Equipment, LLC 16924 Snowmobile Ln Eagle River, AK 99577 United States Email : Phone :	City of Valdez Contact: Joe Russell Email : JRussell@ValdezAK.Gov Phone :

CHASSIS INFORMATION

Chassis Provided By : Supplied by Customer	Engine Make : Ford
Chassis Manufacturer : Ford	Engine Model : 6.7L V8 (DIESEL)
Chassis Model : F-550	Engine Power : To Be Confirmed
Cab Style : Conventional Cab	Engine Torque : To Be Confirmed
Drivetrain : 4X2	Transmission Make : Ford
Auxiliary Axle : Without Auxiliary Axle	Transmission Model :
CNG System Upon Arrival : Without	Transmission Type : Automatic Transmission
Driving Configuration at Delivery : Sit-Down from Company on Streetside Only	
Chassis Delivery Address : Mexico: 919 Urtuzuastegui St., San Luis, AZ 85349	

COLOR INFORMATION

Cab Color : Blue from Factory	Cab Color Code : Color Code NOT Required
Body Color : To Be Confirmed	Body Color Code : To Be Confirmed
Chassis Color : Black from Factory	Chassis Color Code : Color Code NOT Required
Paint Scheme Number : Without	Match Cab :

CARTS INFORMATION

Cart Make : Without or NOT Required	Cart Type : Without or NOT Required
Cart Capacity : Without or NOT Required	

BODY CONFIGURATION

Body Model : LEACH MINI REAR	Total Capacity : 8yd ³
Arm Model : Base Model II	Body Capacity : 8yd ³
Body Type : Factory Mounted	Tailgate Capacity : N/A
Body Division : Without Divison	

BASE PRICE 76,690.00\$

OPTIONS

#	Category	Option Description	Price
2	Cans and Tipper	BDDS-0003 Leach RS-130 (1) American	0.00 \$
3	Cans and Tipper	BCDS-0045 Residential Cart Tipper (1) Centered (Single Function Valve)	6,970.00 \$
#	Category	Option Description	Price
4	Consoles & Controls	PCCT-STD01 Packer/Carrier Controls on Curbside	0.00 \$



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5	Hydraulic	HCON-STD01 JIC	0.00 \$
6	Hydraulic	HPTO-STD01 No Particular Specifications From Customer	0.00 \$
7	Hydraulic	CCPM-STD01 No Particular Specifications From Customer	0.00 \$
8	Hydraulic	EPOP-STD01 Engine Speedup at 1200 RPM and Pump Overspeed Protection at 1600 RPM	0.00 \$
9	Hydraulic	CHFT-STD05 Hydraulic Tank Mounted Inside Body	0.00 \$

#	Category	Option Description	Price
10	Accessories	BTDP-STD01 Tailgate Drip Pan	0.00 \$
11	Accessories	EEEB-STD01 Pump Shut-Off Switches (2) One on Each Side of the Hopper	0.00 \$
12	Accessories	BLSH-STD01 Standard Riding Steps (2)	0.00 \$
13	Accessories	BBTS-STD01 Standard Tailgate Seal	0.00 \$

#	Category	Option Description	Price
14	Lighting	LBLR-STD01 Backup Lights on Rubrails Mid-Body - LED (2)	0.00 \$
15	Lighting	LWLK-STD01 Work Light Hopper Flush Mount - LED (1)	0.00 \$
16	Lighting	LWLT-STD01 Work Lights Tailgate Sides - LED (2)	0.00 \$
17	Lighting	LCBL-STD01 Central Brake Light	0.00 \$
18	Lighting	LMTS-STD01 Mid-Body Turn Signals - LED (2)	0.00 \$
19	Lighting	LAFL-STD01 Alternating Strobing Lights 6" Oval Amber on Tailgate Upper Bar - LED (2)	0.00 \$

#	Category	Option Description	Price
20	Electronic	CCCC-0101 1X EnviroLink Camera(s) - 1X Standard Position(s) With Heater/Without Shutter	2,410.00 \$
21	Electronic	CL29-0000 Tailgate Top Offset Curbside (29) - Pointing Back	0.00 \$
22	Electronic	CCCM-INC11 EnviroLink 7" Color Monitor (Included in Camera System Base Price) (4 Channels)	0.00 \$
23	Electronic	CCML-INC01 On Ceiling, Centered, Near the Windshield (If Possible)	0.00 \$
24	Electronic	CCMM-STD01 Monitor Mounting Brackets for Labrie Standard Installation	0.00 \$

#	Category	Option Description	Price
25	Electrical	ESYV-STD01 12V Body Electrical System	0.00 \$

#	Category	Option Description	Price
26	Unit Appearance	PCBP-STD01 Urethane Body Paint	0.00 \$
27	Unit Appearance	UAPP-STD01 One (1) Coat of Urethane Primer	0.00 \$
28	Unit Appearance	BODL-STD01 Informative Decals English	0.00 \$

#	Category	Option Description	Price
29	Chassis	CFTD-STD01 Diesel Tank from Company or CNG/Electric	0.00 \$

SUBTOTAL OPTIONS : 9,380.00\$

NON-STANDARD OPTIONS

SUBTOTAL NON-STANDARD OPTIONS : 0.00\$



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COMMENTS

End-User: City of Valdez

Expected Delivery Date :	
Chassis Terms (if applicable) : Net on delivery for release of MSO. Weight Distribution: Quotes and pricing are subject to changes according to WD analysis which can alter specs. Upon receipt of PO and chassis specs, WD will be conducted and a confirmation of acceptance will be issued. Taxes : Not Included. Disclaimer : It is the quoting distributor's responsibility to verify the accuracy of this quote versus the specifications for the body and chassis. Labrie Environmental Group will not be responsible for any price differential between this quotation and what is required by the provided specifications. Interest fees on past due account of 1.5% per month (18% annual). Price list subject to change at all time due to the steel price index. Labrie Environmental Group (LEG) does not accept floorplan charges, back charges, liquidated damages or third-party claims for any reason or cause, whether expressed or implied by specifications or other form of communication, including purchase order terms and conditions unless approved in writing by CEO or CFO at time of quotation. Labrie Environmental Group (LEG) and/or seller shall not be responsible for any failure to perform, or delay in performance of, its obligations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic or any future epidemic.	Subtotal Base Price and Options : 86,070.00 \$
	Discount (2.00%) : 1,721.40 \$
	Subtotal Base Price and Options (Net) : 84,348.60 \$
	Body Miscellaneous Charge #1 : 0.00 \$
	Body Miscellaneous Charge #2 : 0.00 \$
	Base Coat/Clear Cost for Paint : 2,630.00 \$
	Sourcewell Fee : 0.00 \$
	Material Surcharge : 0.00 \$
	Extended Warranty : 0.00 \$
	Extended Warranty Other : 0.00 \$
	Additional Trade Discount : 0.00 \$
	Inter Factory Transport : 0.00 \$
	Charge : 0.00 \$
	Chassis Price : 73,495.00 \$
	Subtotal Unit (Net) : 160,473.60 \$
	FET (12%) : 0.00 \$
	Change Fee #1 : 0.00 \$
	Change Fee #2 : 0.00 \$
	EV Fee : 0.00 \$
	Freight - Yuma, AZ to San Luis, AZ : 448.50 \$
	Freight - San Luis, AZ to Tacoma, WA : 5,689.00 \$
	Freight - Tacoma, WA to Anchorage, AK: 8,773.00 \$
	Drive to Valdez and Fuel/Return to ANC Ticket : 500.00 \$
	Total Unit (Net) : 175,784.10 \$
	Pre-Delivery Inspection : 675.00 \$
	Grand Total : 176,459.10 \$
	Currency : USD

Labrie Representative :

Customer : City of Valdez

PRICE \$73,495
SPECIAL ORDER
FOB YUMA, AZ

*DMV & DOC FEE'S NOT INCLUDED

2026 F-550 Chassis 4x2 SD Regular Cab 193" WB DRW XL (F5G)

Price Level: 530



Client Proposal

Prepared by:
Justin Potter
Office: 907-793-8213
Email: justinpotter@kendallauto.com
Date: 06/16/2025



Kendall Ford Fleet | 431 Unga Street, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501
Office: 907-793-8233



Prepared by: Justin Potter

06/16/2025

Kendall Ford Fleet | 431 Unga Street Anchorage Alaska | 99501

2026 F-550 Chassis 4x2 SD Regular Cab 193" WB DRW XL (F5G)

Price Level: 530

As Configured Vehicle

Code	Description
Base Vehicle	
F5G	Base Vehicle Price (F5G)
Packages	
660A	Order Code 660A <i>Includes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Transmission: TorqShift 10-Speed Automatic <i>Includes SelectShift, selectable drive modes: normal, tow/haul, eco, slippery roads and trail and transmission power take-off provision.</i>- Wheels: 19.5" x 6" Argent Painted Steel <i>Hub covers/center ornaments not included.</i>- HD Vinyl 40/20/40 Split Bench Seat <i>Includes center armrest, cupholder, storage, 2-way adjustable driver/passenger headrests and driver's side manual lumbar.</i>- Radio: AM/FM Stereo w/MP3 Player <i>Includes 4 speakers.</i>- SYNC 4 Communication & Entertainment System <i>Includes enhanced voice recognition, 911 Assist, 8" LCD center stack screen, AppLink and 1 smart-charging USB port.</i>
Powertrain	
99T	Engine: 6.7L 4V OHV Power Stroke V8 Turbo Diesel B20 Ford is restricting sales of 6.7L diesel (99T) with payload plus upgrade package 2 (68H) to customers for registration outside of California. Additionally, Ford is restricting sales of 6.7L diesel (99T) with payload plus upgrade package 1 (68M) to customers for registration in California only. <i>Includes Operator Commanded Regeneration (OCR), Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) tank and manual push-button engine-exhaust braking.</i> <i>Includes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dual 68 AH/65 AGM Battery
44G	Transmission: TorqShift 10-Speed Automatic <i>Includes SelectShift, selectable drive modes: normal, tow/haul, eco, slippery roads and trail and transmission power take-off provision.</i>
X4L	Limited Slip w/4.30 Axle Ratio
68H	GVWR: 19,550 lb Payload Plus Upgrade Package 2 Ford is restricting sales of this option on 6.7L diesel (99T) to customers for registration outside of California. <i>Includes upgraded frame, upgraded rear-axle and low deflection/high capacity rear springs. Increases max RGAWR to 14,706 lbs. Note: See Order Guide Supplemental Reference for further details on GVWR.</i>

Wheels & Tires

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As Configured Vehicle (cont'd)

Code	Description
TGM	Tires: 225/70Rx19.5G BSW Traction <i>Includes 4 traction tires on the rear and 2 A/P tires on the front.</i>
64Z	Wheels: 19.5" x 6" Argent Painted Steel <i>Hub covers/center ornaments not included.</i>
Seats & Seat Trim	
A	HD Vinyl 40/20/40 Split Bench Seat <i>Includes center armrest, cupholder, storage, 2-way adjustable driver/passenger headrests and driver's side manual lumbar.</i>
Other Options	
PAINT	Monotone Paint Application
193WB	193" Wheelbase
STDRD	Radio: AM/FM Stereo w/MP3 Player <i>Includes 4 speakers.</i> <i>Includes:</i> <i>- SYNC 4 Communication & Entertainment System</i> <i>Includes enhanced voice recognition, 911 Assist, 8" LCD center stack screen, AppLink and 1 smart-charging USB port.</i>
535	High Capacity Trailer Tow Package <i>Includes trailer brake wiring kit. Increases GCW from 32,500 lbs. to 40,000 lbs. Note: Salesperson's Portfolio or Trailer Towing Guide should be consulted for specific trailer towing or camper limits and corresponding required equipment, axle ratios and model availability. See Supplemental Reference for vehicle height consideration.</i>
41H	Engine Block Heater
86M	Dual 68 AH/65 AGM Battery
67B	410 Amp Dual Alternators <i>Includes 250 Amp + 160 Amp.</i>
65M	26.5 Gallon Mid Ship Fuel Tank <i>Removes 40 gallon fuel tank.</i>
872	Rear View Camera & Prep Kit <i>Pre-installed content includes cab wiring and frame wiring to the rear most cross member. Upfitters kit includes camera with mounting bracket, 20' jumper wire and camera mounting/aiming instructions.</i>
Fleet Options	
WARANT	Fleet Customer Powertrain Limited Warranty

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Code	Description
	Requires valid FIN code. <i>Ford is increasing the 5-year 60,000-mile limited powertrain warranty to 5-years, 100,000 miles. Only Fleet purchasers with a valid Fleet Identification Number (FIN code) will receive the extended warranty. When the sale is entered into the sales reporting system with a sales type fleet along with a valid FIN code, the warranty extension will automatically be added to the vehicle. The extension will stay with the vehicle even if it is subsequently sold to a non-fleet customer before the expiration. This extension applies to both gas and diesel powertrains. Dealers can check for the warranty extension on eligible fleet vehicles in OASIS. Please refer to the Warranty and Policy Manual section 3.13.00 Gas Engine Commercial Warranty. This change will also be reflected in the printed Warranty Guided distributed with the purchase of every new vehicle.</i>
Emissions	
425	50-State Emissions System
Exterior Color	
HX_02	Antimatter Blue Metallic
Interior Color	
AS_03	Medium Dark Slate w/HD Vinyl 40/20/40 Split Bench Seat

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Selected Equip & Specs

Dimensions

- Conventional Capacity: 18,500 lbs.
- * **Fifth-wheel towing capacity: 33,600 lbs.**
- Front brake diameter: 15.4"
- Vehicle body length: 278.8"
- Vehicle body height: 82.5"
- Vehicle turning radius: 27.3'
- Rear track: 74.0"
- Rear tire outside width: 93.9"
- Frame section modulus: 12.7 cu.in.
- Frame rail width: 34.2"
- Front bumper to back of cab: 123.7"
- Max interior rear cargo volume: 11.6 cu.ft.
- Headroom first-row: 40.8"
- Shoulder room first-row: 66.7"
- * **GCWR: 43,000 lbs.**
- * **Gooseneck towing capacity: 33,800 lbs.**
- Rear brake diameter: 15.8"
- Vehicle body width: 80.0"
- Wheelbase: 193.0"
- Front track: 74.8"
- Cab to axle: 108.0"
- Axle to end of frame: 47.2"
- Frame yield strength (psi): 50000.0
- Front bumper to front axle: 38.3"
- Interior rear cargo volume: 11.6 cu.ft.
- Total passenger volume: 64.6 cu.ft.
- Leg room first-row: 43.9"
- Hip room first-row: 62.5"

Powertrain

- * **Compression ignition system**
- Engine cylinders: V-8
- * **Torque: 950 lb.-ft.@1800 RPM**
- Radiator
- Auxiliary power take-off
- Rear-wheel drive
- Driveline managed traction control
- * **Powerstroke 6.7L V-8 diesel direct injection, DEVCT intercooled turbo, diesel, engine with 330HP**
- * **Horsepower: 330 HP@2200 RPM**
- * **Engine block heater**
- * **Engine retarder system**
- 10-speed automatic
- * **Recommended fuel: diesel**
- * **Mechanical limited slip differential**

Fuel Economy and Emissions

- * **Diesel secondary fuel type**
- Federal emissions

Suspension and Handling

- Firm ride suspension
- Heavy-duty rear shock absorbers
- Heavy-duty front shock absorbers

Driveability

- 4-wheel disc brakes
- 4-wheel antilock (ABS) brakes
- Brake assist system
- Mono-beam rigid axle front suspension
- Front coil springs
- Front and rear ventilated disc brakes
- Four channel ABS brakes
- Hill Start Assist
- Front anti-roll bar
- * **Rigid axle rear suspension**

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Selected Equip & Specs (cont'd)

- Rear anti-roll bar
- Hydraulic power-assist steering system
- 2-wheel steering system
- Leaf spring rear suspension
- Re-circulating ball steering

Body Exterior

- Trailer wiring harness
- Monotone paint
- Black side window trim
- Black windshield trim
- 2 front tow hooks
- Black grille
- 2 doors
- Black fender flares
- Black door handles
- Black front bumper
- Black front bumper rub strip
- Convex spotter in driver and passenger side door mirrors
- Turn signal indicator in door mirrors
- LT225/70RS19.5 AS BSW front and rear tires
- Manual extendable trailer mirrors
- Black door mirrors
- 19.5 x 6-inch front and dual rear argent steel wheels

Convenience

- Power door locks with 2 stage unlocking
- All-in-one remote fob and ignition key
- Cruise control with steering wheel mounted controls
- Power first-row windows
- Front beverage holders
- 6 beverage holders
- Instrument panel covered bin
- Retained accessory power
- Upfitter switches
- PRND in IP
- Keyfob activated door locks
- Auto-locking doors
- Day/Night rearview mirror
- Fixed rear windshield
- Illuminated locking glove box
- Illuminated glove box
- Dashboard storage
- Trip computer
- Over the air updates

Comfort

- Manual climate control
- Cloth headliner material
- Full vinyl floor covering
- Urethane steering wheel
- Manual telescopic steering wheel
- Cabin air filter
- Full headliner coverage
- Full floor coverage
- Manual tilting steering wheel

Seats and Trim

- Seating capacity: 3
- Driver seat with 4-way directional controls
- Height adjustable front seat head restraints
- Split-bench front seat
- Front seat armrest storage
- Manual driver seat fore/aft control
- 40-20-40 split-bench front seat
- Front passenger seat with 4-way directional controls
- Manual front seat head restraint control
- Front seat center armrest
- Manual reclining driver seat
- Manual reclining passenger seat

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Selected Equip & Specs (cont'd)

- Manual passenger seat fore/aft control
- Vinyl front seat upholstery
- Manual driver seat lumbar

Entertainment Features

- 2 total number of 1st row displays
- Primary touchscreen display
- AM/FM
- AM radio
- Seek scan
- Standard grade speakers
- Steering wheel mounted audio controls
- Speed sensitive volume
- Fixed audio antenna
- 8 inch primary display
- AM/FM stereo radio
- In-vehicle audio
- FM radio
- SYNC 4 external memory control
- Speakers number: 4
- SYNC 4 voice activated audio controls
- Wireless audio streaming

Lighting, Visibility and Instrumentation

- Digital/analog instrumentation display
- Trip odometer
- Compass
- Driver information center
- Engine/electric motor temperature gauge
- Transmission fluid temperature gauge
- * **Diesel exhaust fluid (def) gauge**
- Light tinted windows
- Halogen headlights
- Multiple enclosed headlights
- DRL preference setting
- Illuminated entry
- Variable instrument panel light
- Cab clearance lights
- Fade interior courtesy lights
- Configurable instrumentation gauges
- In-radio display clock
- Exterior temperature display
- Tachometer
- * **Turbo/supercharger boost gauge**
- Engine hour meter
- Gauge cluster display size (inches): 4.20
- Reflector headlights
- Autolamp auto on/off headlight control
- Delay-off headlights
- Variable intermittent front windshield wipers
- Front reading lights
- Daytime running lights
- Remote activated perimeter approach lighting

Technology and Telematics

- SYNC 4 911 Assist emergency SOS system via mobile device
- Smart device wireless mirroring
- FordPass Connect 5G mobile hotspot internet access
- SYNC 4 handsfree wireless device connectivity
- FordPass App mobile app access
- 2 USB ports

Safety and Security

- Driver front impact airbag
- Safety Canopy System curtain first-row overhead airbags
- Seat mounted side impact driver airbag
- Cancellable front passenger air bag

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Selected Equip & Specs (cont'd)

- Seat mounted side impact front passenger airbag
- Front height adjustable seatbelts
- Ford Security Package (1-year included with activation) security system
- Lane Departure Warning
- * **Rear mounted camera**
- 6 airbags
- SecuriLock immobilizer
- Remote panic alarm
- Pre-Collision Assist with Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB) forward collision mitigation

Dimensions

General Weights

* Curb weight	7,488 lbs.	* Rear curb weight	3,055 lbs.
* GVWR	19,550 lbs.	* Payload	11,790 lbs.

Trailer Weights

* Fifth-wheel towing capacity	33,600 lbs.	* Gooseneck towing capacity	33,800 lbs.
Conventional capacity	18,500 lbs.	* GCWR	43,000 lbs.

Front Weights

* Front curb weight	4,433 lbs.	* GAWR front	6,500 lbs.
Axle capacity front	7,000 lbs.	* Spring rating front	6,500 lbs.
Tire/wheel capacity front	7,500 lbs.		

Rear Weights

* GAWR rear	14,706 lbs.	* Axle capacity rear	14,706 lbs.
* Spring rating rear	14,706 lbs.	Tire/wheel capacity rear	15,000 lbs.

Off Road

Min ground clearance	8.6"
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Exterior Measurements

Vehicle body length	278.8"	Vehicle body width	80.0"
Vehicle body height	82.5"	Wheelbase	193.0"
Front brake diameter	15.4"	Rear brake diameter	15.8"
Rear frame height loaded	28.6"	Rear frame height unloaded	34.3"
Front track	74.8"	Rear track	74.0"
Vehicle turning radius	27.3'	Cab to axle	108.0"
Rear tire outside width	93.9"	Axle to end of frame	47.2"
Frame section modulus	12.7 cu.in.	Frame yield strength (psi)	50000.0
Frame rail width	34.2"	Front bumper to front axle	38.3"
Front bumper to back of cab	123.7"		

Interior Measurements

Interior rear cargo volume	11.6 cu.ft.	Max interior rear cargo volume	11.6 cu.ft.
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Selected Equip & Specs (cont'd)

Interior Volume

Total passenger volume 64.6 cu.ft.

Headroom

Headroom first-row 40.8"

Legroom

Leg room first-row 43.9"

Shoulder Room

Shoulder room first-row 66.7"

Hip Room

Hip room first-row 62.5"

Powertrain

Engine

* Engine	Powerstroke 6.7L V-8 diesel direct injection, DEVCT intercooled turbo, diesel, engine with 330HP	* Valves per cylinder	4
Engine cylinders	V-8	Engine location	Front mounted engine
* Ignition	Compression ignition system	Engine mounting direction	Longitudinal mounted engine
Engine block material	Iron engine block	Cylinder head material	Aluminum cylinder head

Engine Specs

* Displacement	6.7L	* cc	405.9 cu.in.
* Bore	3.9"	* Stroke	4.25"
* Compression ratio	15.2	SAEJ1349	AUG2004 compliant

Engine Power

* Horsepower	330 HP@2200 RPM	* Torque	950 lb.-ft.@1800 RPM
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Alternator

* Alternator amps	250A	* Alternator type	Dual alternator
* Alternator rating	160A		

Battery

Battery amps	68Ah	* Battery type	Dual lead acid battery
Battery rating	750CCA	Battery run down protection	Battery run down protection

Engine Extras

* Block heater	Engine block heater	Radiator	Radiator
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Auxiliary power take-off	Auxiliary power take-off	* Engine retarder	Engine retarder system
<i>Transmission</i>			
Transmission	10-speed automatic	Transmission electronic control	Transmission
		electronic control	
Overdrive transmission	Overdrive transmission	Lock-up transmission	Lock-up transmission
First gear ratio	4.615	Second gear ratio	2.919
Third gear ratio	2.132	Fourth gear ratio	1.773
Fifth gear ratio	1.519	Sixth gear ratio	1.277
Reverse gear ratio	4.695	Seventh gear ratio	1
Eighth gear ratio	0.851	Ninth gear ratio	0.687
Tenth gear ratio	0.632	Stall ratio	1.97
Selectable mode transmission	Selectable mode	Sequential shift control	SelectShift Sequential shift
transmission		control	
Transmission oil cooler	Transmission oil cooler	PTO transmission provision	PTO transmission
		provision	
<i>Drive Type</i>			
Drive type	Rear-wheel drive		
<i>Drivetrain</i>			
* Axle ratio	4.3		
<i>Exhaust</i>			
Tailpipe	Stainless steel single exhaust		
<i>Fuel</i>			
* Fuel type	diesel		
<i>Fuel Tank</i>			
* DEF capacity	7.20 gal.	* Fuel tank capacity	26.50 gal.
<i>Drive Feature</i>			
* Limited slip differential	Mechanical limited slip	Traction control	Driveline managed traction control
differential	differential		

Fuel Economy and Emissions

Fuel Economy

* Secondary fuel type Diesel secondary fuel type

Emissions

Emissions Federal emissions

Suspension and Handling

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Selected Equip & Specs (cont'd)

Suspension

Suspension	Firm ride suspension	Front shock absorbers absorbers	Heavy-duty front shock absorbers
Rear shock absorbers absorbers	Heavy-duty rear shock absorbers		

Driveability

Brakes

Brake type	4-wheel disc brakes	Ventilated brakes brakes	Front and rear ventilated disc brakes
ABS brakes	Four channel ABS brakes	ABS brakes	4-wheel antilock (ABS) brakes

Brake Assistance

Hill start assist	Hill Start Assist	Brake assist system	Brake assist system
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Front Suspension

Front anti-roll	Front anti-roll bar	Suspension ride type front Mono-beam rigid axle front suspension	
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Front Spring

Regular front springs	Regular front springs	Springs front	Front coil springs
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Rear Spring

Springs rear	Rear leaf springs	Rear springs	Heavy-duty rear springs
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Rear Suspension

Rear anti-roll	Rear anti-roll bar	Suspension type rear	Leaf spring rear suspension
*Suspension ride type rear suspension	Rigid axle rear suspension		

Steering

Steering	Hydraulic power-assist steering system	Steering type	Re-circulating ball steering
Steering type number of wheels	2-wheel steering system		

Exterior

Front Wheels

Front wheels diameter	19.5"	Front wheels width	6"
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Rear Wheels

Rear wheels diameter	19.5"	Rear wheels width	6"
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Front And Rear Wheels

Appearance	argent	Material	steel
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Front Tires

Aspect	70	Diameter	19.5"
Sidewalls	BSW	Speed	S
Tread	AS	Type	LT
Width	225mm	Front wheel - RPM	647

Rear Tires

Aspect	70	Diameter	19.5"
Sidewalls	BSW	Speed	S
* Tread	AT	Type	LT
Width	225mm	* Rear wheel - RPM	645

Body Exterior

Trailer

Towing wiring harness	Trailer wiring harness	Towing trailer sway	Trailer sway control
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Exterior Features

Number of doors	2 doors	Front splash guards	Front splash guards
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Body

Body panels Aluminum body panels with side impact beams

Mirrors

Convex spotter	Convex spotter in driver and passenger side door mirrors	Turn signal in door mirrors	Turn signal indicator in door mirrors
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Tires

Front tires LT load rating	G	Rear tires LT load rating	G
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Wheels

Dual rear wheels	Dual rear wheels
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Convenience

Door Locks

Door locks	Power door locks with 2 stage unlocking	Keyfob door locks	Keyfob activated door locks
All-in-one key	All-in-one remote fob and ignition key	Auto door locks	Auto-locking doors

Cruise Control

Cruise control	Cruise control with steering wheel mounted controls
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Rear View Mirror

Day/Night rearview mirror	Day/Night rearview mirror
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Selected Equip & Specs (cont'd)

Exterior Mirrors

Door mirrors	Power door mirrors	Folding door mirrors	Manual folding door mirrors
Heated door mirrors side door mirrors	Heated driver and passenger		

Front Side Windows

First-row windows	Power first-row windows
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Overhead Console

Overhead console	Full overhead console	Overhead console storage	Overhead console storage
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Passenger Visor

Visor passenger mirror	Passenger visor mirror
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Power Outlets

12V power outlets	2 12V power outlets
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Rear Windshield

Rear windshield	Fixed rear windshield
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Storage

Number of beverage holders	6 beverage holders	Beverage holders	Front beverage holders
Glove box	Illuminated locking glove box	Illuminated glove box	Illuminated glove box
Instrument panel storage	Instrument panel covered bin	Dashboard storage	Dashboard storage

Windows Feature

One-touch up window touch up windows	Driver and passenger one-touch up windows	One-touch down window touch down windows	Driver and passenger one-touch down windows
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Miscellaneous

Trip computer	Trip computer	PRND in IP	PRND in IP
Upfitter switches	Upfitter switches	Accessory power	Retained accessory power
Over the air updates	Over the air updates		

Comfort

Climate Control

Climate control	Manual climate control	Cabin air filter	Cabin air filter
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Headliner

Headliner material	Cloth headliner material	Headliner coverage	Full headliner coverage
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Floor Trim

Floor covering	Full vinyl floor covering	Floor coverage	Full floor coverage
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Steering Wheel

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Steering wheel material	Urethane steering wheel	Steering wheel telescopic	Manual telescopic steering wheel
Steering wheel tilt	Manual tilting steering wheel		

Seats and Trim

Seat Capacity

Seating capacity	3
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Front Seats

Front seat type	Split-bench front seat	Driver seat direction	Driver seat with 4-way directional controls
Driver seat fore/aft control	Manual driver seat fore/aft control	Passenger seat direction	Front passenger seat with 4-way directional controls
Split front seats	40-20-40 split-bench front seat	Reclining passenger seat	Manual reclining passenger seat
Passenger seat fore/aft control	Manual passenger seat fore/aft control	Front head restraints	Height adjustable front seat head restraints
Front head restraint control	Manual front seat head restraint control	Armrests front center	Front seat center armrest
Armrests front storage	Front seat armrest storage	Reclining driver seat	Manual reclining driver seat

Lumbar Seats

Driver lumbar	Manual driver seat lumbar
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Front Seat Trim

Front seat upholstery	Vinyl front seat upholstery	Front seatback upholstery	Vinyl front seatback upholstery
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Interior Accents

Interior accents	Chrome interior accents
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Gearshifter Material

Gearshifter material	Urethane gear shifter material
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Entertainment Features

Displays

Primary touchscreen display	Primary touchscreen display	Number of first-row displays	2 total number of 1st row displays
Primary display size	8 inch primary display		

Radio Features

External memory	SYNC 4 external memory control	Seek scan	Seek scan
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Speakers

Speakers	Standard grade speakers	Speakers number	4
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Selected Equip & Specs (cont'd)

Audio Features

Steering mounted audio control	Steering wheel	Speed sensitive volume	Speed sensitive volume
mounted audio controls			
Voice activated audio	SYNC 4 voice activated audio	Wireless streaming	Wireless audio streaming
controls			

Lighting, Visibility and Instrumentation

Instrumentation

Trip odometer	Trip odometer	Instrumentation display	Digital/analog instrumentation display
Configurable instrumentation gauges	Configurable instrumentation gauges		

Instrumentation Displays

Temperature display	Exterior temperature display	Driver information center	Driver information center
Clock	In-radio display clock	Compass	Compass

Instrumentation Gauges

Tachometer	Tachometer	Transmission temperature gauge	Transmission fluid temperature gauge
		Engine/electric motor temperature gauge	Engine/electric motor temperature gauge
* Turbo gauge	Turbo/supercharger boost gauge	Engine hour meter	Engine hour meter
Gauge cluster display size (inches)	4.20		
* DEF fluid gauge	Diesel exhaust fluid (def) gauge		

Instrumentation Warnings

Engine temperature warning	Engine temperature warning	Oil pressure warning	Oil pressure warning
Low fuel warning	Low fuel warning	Low brake fluid warning	Low brake fluid warning
Battery charge warning	Battery charge warning	Headlights on reminder	Headlights on reminder
Key in vehicle warning	Key in vehicle warning	Door ajar warning	Door ajar warning
Service interval warning	Service interval indicator	* Low diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) warning	Low diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) warning

Glass

Tinted windows	Light tinted windows
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Headlights

Headlights	Halogen headlights	Headlight type	Reflector headlights
Auto headlights	Autolamp auto on/off headlight control	Multiple headlights	Multiple enclosed headlights
Delay off headlights	Delay-off headlights	DRL preference setting	DRL preference setting

Front Windshield

Wipers	Variable intermittent front windshield wipers
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Kendall Ford Fleet | 431 Unga Street Anchorage Alaska | 99501

2025 F-550 Chassis 4x2 SD Regular Cab 193" WB DRW XL (F5G)

Price Level: 530

Selected Equip & Specs (cont'd)

Interior Lighting

Illuminated entry
Front reading lights

Illuminated entry
Front reading lights

Variable panel light

Variable instrument panel light

Lights

Running lights
Clearance lights

Daytime running lights
Cab clearance lights

Interior courtesy lights
Perimeter approach lighting
perimeter approach lighting

Fade interior courtesy lights
Remote activated

Technology and Telematics

Connectivity

Handsfree SYNC 4 handsfree wireless device
connectivity
Emergency SOS SYNC 4 911 Assist emergency SOS
system via mobile device

Smart device integration
mirroring

Smart device wireless

Internet Access

Internet access FordPass Connect 5G mobile hotspot
internet access

USB Ports

USB ports 2 USB ports

Safety and Security

Airbags

Front impact airbag driver Driver front impact airbag
Front impact airbag passenger Cancellable front
passenger air bag
Front side impact airbag passenger Seat mounted
side impact front passenger airbag

Number of airbags 6 airbags
Front side impact airbag driver Seat mounted side
impact driver airbag
Overhead airbags Safety Canopy System curtain first-
row overhead airbags

Seatbelts

Height adjustable seatbelts Front height adjustable
seatbelts

Security System

Immobilizer SecuriLock immobilizer
Security system Ford Security Package (1-year
included with activation) security system

Remote panic alarm

Remote panic alarm

Active Driving Assistance

Lane departure Lane Departure Warning

Forward collision warning Pre-Collision Assist with
Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB) forward
collision mitigation

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Selected Equip & Specs (cont'd)

Cameras

***Rear camera**

Rear mounted camera

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Mini Rear

Compact, Lightweight, Highly Maneuverable

- 8 yd³ to 13 yd³ body sizes available
- 8 yd³ and 10 yd³ bodies can be mounted on non-CDL chassis
- Up to 800 lbs/yd³ compaction
- Container handling options available
- Single piece body walls for increased strength and seamless appearance
- FET exempt
- Large hopper suitable for commercial containers
- Flat floor design
- Fully integrated Labrie CNG system – roof and back of cab mount – 50 to 82 DGE available



Body Specifications

	Mini 8yd ³ - 10yd ³	Mid-Range 8yd ³ - 13yd ³
Body Floor	11ga 55,000psi	3/16" 55,000psi
Body Sides	12ga 45,000psi	3/16" 72,000psi
Body Roof	11ga 36,000psi	11ga 36,000psi

Ejector Specifications

	Mini 8yd ³ - 10yd ³	Mid-Range 8yd ³ - 13yd ³
Ejector Panel Face Plate	1/8"	1/8"

Packer-Carrier Specs

	Mini 8yd ³ - 10yd ³	Mid-Range 8yd ³ - 13yd ³
Compaction ratio (lbs/yd ³)	800	800
Packer Panel Face Plate	3/16" 72,000psi	3/16" 72,000psi
Carrier Panel Face Plate	3/16" 72,000psi	3/16" 72,000psi

Hydraulic Specs

	Mini 8yd ³ - 10yd ³	Mid-Range 8yd ³ - 13yd ³
Pump	Gear	Gear
Pump Capacity	13 gpm @ 1200 rpm	22 gpm @ 1200 rpm
Max. Operating Pressure	2,500 psi	2,500 psi
Oil Reservoir	30 gal	30 gal

Hopper Specifications

	Mini 8yd ³ - 10yd ³	Mid-Range 8yd ³ - 13yd ³
Hopper Size (yd ³)	1.5	2.2
Hopper Opening Width	75"	80"
Hopper Opening Height	44"	58"
Hopper Depth	14"	17-1/2"
Loading Sill vs Chassis Frame	+1"	-2-1/2"
Hopper Floor	0.197" AR450 175,000psi	0.197" AR450 175,000psi
Hopper Sides	0.197" AR450 175,000psi	0.197" AR450 175,000psi

Cylinder Specifications

	Mini 8yd ³ - 10yd ³	Mid-Range 8yd ³ - 13yd ³
Ejector Cylinder (8 yd ³ bodies)	2 stages 5-1/2" bore x 46-7/16" stroke	-
Ejector Cylinder (10 yd ³ bodies)	3 stages 6" bore x 71-7/16" stroke	-
Ejector Cylinder (13 yd ³ bodies)	-	3 stages 6" bore x 71-7/16" stroke
Ejector Cylinder (17 yd ³ bodies)	-	3 stages 6" bore x 86-1/4" stroke
Packer Cylinders	3" bore x 1-3/4" rod x 20" stroke	4" bore x 2-1/2" rod x 23-5/8" stroke
Carrier Cylinders	3-1/4" bore x 1-1/2" rod x 22-7/16" stroke	4" bore x 1-3/4" rod x 28-15/16" stroke
Tailgate Cylinders	3-1/2" bore x 3" rod x 19-5/8" stroke	4" bore x 3-1/2" rod x 24-1/2" stroke

Note: Specifications subject to change without notice

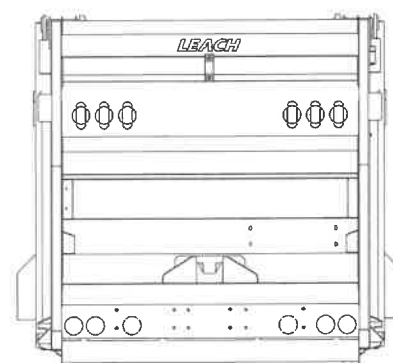
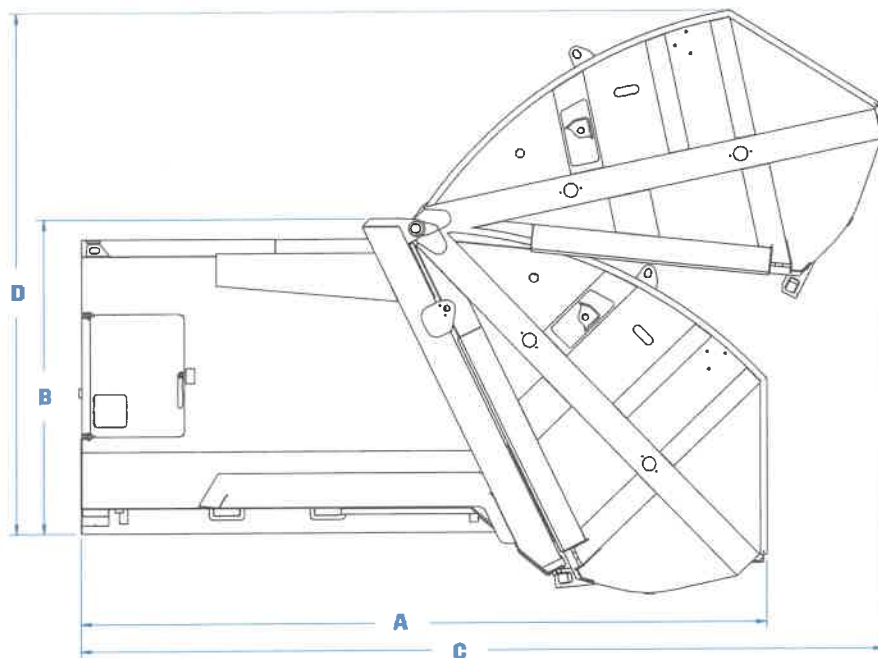


Mini Rear



Performance Specifications

	Mini 8yd³ - 10yd³	Mid-Range 8yd³ - 13yd³
Packer/Carrier Cycle Time	20-23 sec	20-23 sec
Tailgate Open	10 sec @ 700 rpm	10 sec @ 700 rpm
Tailgate Close (with Safety Flow limiter)	30 sec @ 700 rpm	30 sec @ 700 rpm



Body Dimensions

	Mini 8yd³	Mini 10yd³	Mid-Range 13yd³
A. Overall Length, Tailgate Closed (in.)	161	187	198
Overall Width (in.)	102	102	102
B. Overall Height Above Frame, Tailgate Closed (in.)	74	74	85
C. Overall Length, Tailgate Open (in.)	189	216	222
D. Overall Height Above Frame, Tailgate Open (in.)	121	121	156



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ITEM TITLE:

#25-07- Amending Chapter 2.24 of the Valdez Municipal Code Titled Code of Ethics. Second Reading. Adoption.

SUBMITTED BY: Jake Staser, City Attorney/Sheri Pierce, City Clerk

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: n/a

Unencumbered Balance: n/a

Funding Source: n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City Council requested a review of the city code of ethics and clarification regarding what constitutes a conflict of interest for city officials. After a review of Chapter 2.24 - Code of Ethics, the City Attorney found the existing language to be over restrictive, taking into consideration that Valdez is a small community. The proposed amendments to Chapter 2.24 align with current language in State Statute.

Ordinance #25-07 was amended on 6/17/25 at first reading following public hearing an additional first reading took place 7/1/25.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

ORDINANCE #25-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.24 OF THE VALDEZ MUNICIPAL CODE TITLED CODE OF ETHICS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA that:

Section 1: Title 2, Chapter 2.24, of the Valdez Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.24

CODE OF ETHICS

Sections:

- 2.24.010 Title
- 2.24.015 Purpose.
- 2.24.020 Definitions.
- 2.24.030 Prohibited acts.
- 2.24.040 Business dealings with city.
- 2.24.050 Enforcement.
- 2.24.060 Advisory opinions.
- 2.24.070 Penalties—Forfeited position—Exemptions—Injunction.
- 2.24.080 Distribution of code of ethics.
- 2.24.090 Application of state statutes.

2.24.010 Title

This chapter may be cited and referred to as the Code of Ethics.

2.24.015 Purpose.

A. The purpose of this chapter is to set reasonable standards of conduct for elected and appointed city officials, and for city employees so that the public may be assured that its trust in such persons is well placed and that the officials and employees themselves are aware of the standards of conduct demanded of persons in like office and position. However, it is not the intent of this chapter to set unreasonable barriers that will serve

only to deter aspirants from public service, but rather it is recognized that Valdez is a small, isolated community with a limited pool of talented people from which to draw its leaders. These factors are to be considered in the construction and application of these provisions.

B. This chapter is also intended to establish a process which will ensure that complaints or inquiries regarding the conduct of elected and appointed city officials and employees are resolved in the shortest practicable time in order to protect the rights of the public at large and the rights of the elected or appointed official. (Ord. 22-09 § 1; prior code § 8A-1)

C. Where provisions of this chapter differ from the common law principle that an appearance of impropriety alone is sufficient to establish a conflict of interest or an ethical violation, the provisions of this chapter supersede the common law.

D. Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to create a private cause of action against an official, executive, or employee of the municipality.

2.24.020 Definitions.

A. As used in this chapter:

“City employee” or “employee” means any person employed or retained by the city, whether full-time or part-time, temporarily or permanently and includes, but is not limited to, all contract employees and volunteers.

“City official” or “official” means a person who holds elective or appointive office under the Charter or ordinances of the city, or who is a member of a city board, commission, committee, task force or other agency of the city.

“Engaging in business” or “engage in business” means submitting a written or oral proposal or bid to supply goods, services or other things of value, or furnishing goods, services or other things of value, for consideration or otherwise entering into any contract or transaction with the city including but not limited to the lease, sale, exchange or transfer of real or personal property.

“Substantial financial interest” means a direct or indirect monetary pecuniary or material benefit, privilege, interest, or contractual relationship accruing to a city official or employee as a result of the city’s consideration of a matter. A determination that an employee or official has a substantial financial interest in a matter must be considered on a case-by-case basis pursuant to Section 2.24.030(A).~~a contract or transaction by or with the city except for such contracts or transactions which by their terms and by substance of their provisions confer the opportunity and right to realize the accrual of similar benefits to all other persons and/or property similarly situated. A financial interest does not include city paid remuneration for official duties or city employment. A person has a financial interest in a decision if a substantial possibility exists that a financial interest of that person might vary with the outcome of the decision. A financial interest of an employee or official includes:~~

- ~~1. Any financial interest of a member of that person's immediate family;~~
- ~~2. Any financial interest in an entity in which that person or a member of his immediate family has an ownership interest, or is a director, officer or employee;~~
- ~~3. Any financial interest of a person or entity with whom the employee or official or a member of his immediate family or an entity described in subsection 2 of this definition has or is likely to acquire a contractual relationship relating to the transaction in question.~~

"Gratuity" means a thing having value given voluntarily or beyond lawful obligation. Gratuities that are not connected with the recipient's status as a public servant are outside the scope of this chapter.

"Harassment" means unwelcome conduct, whether verbal, physical, or visual, that is based on a person's race, color, ancestry, religion, national origin, age, gender, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, or veteran status. Harassment may include unwelcome conduct that occurs outside of work during non-work hours if it has consequences in the workplace. Harassment does not include a minor annoyance or disappointment that an employee may encounter in the course of performing the employee's work. Harassment becomes unlawful where:

1. Enduring the offensive conduct becomes a condition of continued employment; or
2. The conduct is severe or pervasive enough to create a work environment that a reasonable person would consider intimidating, hostile, or abusive.

"Immediate family" of a person means anyone related to that person by blood or current marriage or adoption in a degree up to and including the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity or any relative or nonrelative who lives in that person's household.

"Official act" or "action" means participation in a process, including deliberation, in which a decision or recommendation is reached. Official action does not include: ~~any legislative, administrative, appointive or discretionary act of any officer or employee of the city or any agency, board, committee or commission thereof.~~

1. Clerical or ministerial action on a matter. For purposes of this chapter, ministerial describes an act or duty that conforms to an instruction of prescribed procedure with limited or no use of judgment by the person performing the act or duty.
2. Action on a matter that does not substantially evaluate or impact the merits of the recommendation or decision.

"Organization" means any corporation, partnership, firm or association, whether organized for profit or nonprofit.

"Political activity" means any act for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of any person to public office, or for the purpose of influencing the outcome of any ballot proposition or question. Informing the public about a ballot proposition or question without

attempting to influence the outcome of the ballot proposition or question is not political activity.

“Sexual harassment” means unwelcome sexual advances, or requests for sexual favors, or verbal/physical/visual conduct of a sexual nature when:

1. Submission to the conduct is made an explicit or implicit term or condition of employment;
2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for an employment decision; or
3. The conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual’s work performance or creating an intimidating or hostile work environment. (Ord. 22-09 § 1; prior code § 8A-2)

2.24.030 Prohibited acts.

A. Conflicts of interest.

1. Intent. The city recognizes that in a representative democracy, the representatives are drawn from society and, therefore, cannot and should not be without personal and financial interests in the decisions and policies of government. Standards of ethical conduct must distinguish those minor and inconsequential conflicts that are unavoidable in a free society, and those conflicts of interest that are substantial and material. This chapter is not intended to preclude employee or official participation in volunteer activities or on behalf of non-profit corporations.

2. Public interest. Officials and employees shall place the public interest above any financial or private interest when taking official action. If a public official employee’s relationships or interests prevent the servant from placing the public interest above a financial or private interest, or will diminish the public trust, the public servant shall disclose this fact on the record and may be excused from participation.

3. General Rule. An official or employee shall not participate in an official action in which they or a member of their immediate family has a substantial financial interest. Prior to participation in official action, the official or employee shall disclose financial interests for determination of whether they are substantial.

4. Substantial financial interest determination. Whether the financial interest disclosed is substantial shall be determined on a case-by-case basis, with evaluation and balancing of these factors:

a. Whether the financial interest is a substantial part of the matter under consideration.

b. Whether the financial interest directly and substantially varies with the outcome of the official action.

c. Whether the financial interest is immediate and known or conjectural and dependent on factors beyond the official action.

d. Whether the financial interest is significant monetarily.

e. Whether the financial interest is of a type which is generally possessed by the public or a large class of persons to which the member belongs.

f. Other factors deemed appropriate by the presiding official under the specific circumstances of the disclosure and the nature of the action.

4. Procedure for disclosure.

a. Employees: Employees who identify a potential financial interest requiring disclosure shall disclose to their department director the nature of the interest and how the employee's duties could influence the official action. The department director shall determine if the interest is substantial or refer the matter to the city attorney for an advisory opinion.

b. Directors: Directors who identify a potential financial interest requiring disclosure shall disclose to the city manager the nature of the interest and how the director's duties could influence the official action. The city manager shall determine if the interest is substantial or refer the matter to the city attorney for an advisory opinion.

c. City manager and city clerk: A city manager or city clerk who identifies a potential financial interest requiring disclosure shall disclose to the city attorney the nature of the interest and how the city clerk or city manager's duties could influence the official action. The city attorney shall issue an advisory opinion, which may be shared with the city council.

d. Board members and elected officials: A board member or elected official who identifies a potential financial interest requiring disclosure should seek an advisory opinion from the city attorney in advance of the meeting during which the issue implicating the financial interest is taken up. The following procedure applies:

i. Prior to comment, deliberation, or decision on a matter coming before the body, the official shall disclose the nature of the interest in sufficient detail to permit the other members of the body to determine if the interest is substantial.

ii. The presiding officer shall make an initial ruling on whether a disclosed financial interest is substantial, the decision of the presiding officer may be overridden by the majority vote of the body.

iii. The member of the body making the disclosure shall not rule or vote on whether the financial interest is substantial.

iv. A member or official shall not be sanctioned for acting in compliance with the determination of the body if the financial interest is fully and fairly disclosed.

v. The jurisdiction of the body to determine a violation under this chapter by an elected official for participation in a matter after disclosure of a financial interest is expressly limited to the sufficiency of the disclosure.

A. ~~Official Action. A city official or employee shall not participate in any official action in which he has a financial interest. An official or employee who is a voting member of the city council or a city board, commission or other agency shall publicly disclose any existing or potential financial interest in any matter before the council, board, commission or agency before debate or vote upon the matter and may not participate in the debate or vote upon the decision. No official or employee may testify before the council, board, commission or other agency without first disclosing any financial interest which the official or employee has in the subject of the testimony.~~

B. Business Prohibition. No official or employee may engage in business with the city when that person has had substantial involvement in planning, recommending or otherwise supporting the project or transaction at issue. No official or employee shall attempt to influence the city's selection of any bid or proposal, or the city's conduct of business, in which the official or employee has a substantial financial interest. Newly elected or appointed officials and newly hired employees who have preexisting contracts with the city may fulfill the terms and conditions of such contracts without penalty.

C. Use of Office for Personal Gain. No official or employee shall seek or hold office or position for the purpose of obtaining anything of value for themselves, himself, their his immediate family or a business that they he owns or in which they he holds an interest or for any matter in which they he have has a financial interest. This prohibition shall not apply to the receipt of authorized remuneration for that office or position.

D. Representing Private Interests. No official or employee shall represent, for compensation, or assist those representing private business or personal interests before the city council, administration, or any city board, commission or agency. Nothing herein shall prevent an official from making verbal or written inquiries on behalf of constituents or the general public to elements of city government or from requesting explanations or additional information on behalf of such constituents. No official may solicit a benefit or anything of value or accept same from any person for having performed this service. This subsection shall not apply if the official or employee, is a party or has an ownership interest or a private interest in an adjudicatory matter before the public body; or the official or employee is appearing at the specific request of the elected or appointed public body.

E. Confidential Information. No official or employee may disclose information he knows to be confidential concerning the property, government, or affairs of the city unless authorized or required by law to do so.

F. Outside Activities. An official or employee may not engage in business or accept employment with, or render services for, a person other than the city or hold an office or position where that activity or position is incompatible with the proper discharge of his city duties. ~~or would tend to impair his independence of judgment in performing his city duties.~~ This prohibition shall include but not be limited to the following activities:

1. During the term of employment, a city employee shall not be eligible for election to a city office. A city employee shall not be eligible for appointment to a city board that has oversight over the department of employment of that employee.

~~2. A person who holds an appointed city office shall not be eligible for employment with the city, during their term of office, in the department that the appointed office or board has jurisdiction over until one year has elapsed following the term of appointment. An exception may be made with the approval of four or more members of the city council.~~

2. ~~3.~~ Pursuant to Section 2.3 of the Valdez City Charter, a person who holds or has held an elective city office shall not be eligible for appointment to an office or for employment with the city until one year has elapsed following the term for which he was elected or appointed. An exception may be made with the approval of four or more members of the city council.

G. Gratuities.

1. General rule. No official or employee shall accept a gratuity from any person engaging in business with the city or having a financial interest in a decision pending with the city. No official or employee shall give a gratuity to another official or employee for the purpose of influencing that person's opinion, judgment, action, decision or exercise of discretion as a city official or employee. This subsection does not prohibit accepting:

1. A meal.

2. Discounts or prizes that are generally available to the public or large sections thereof.

3. Gifts presented by employers in recognition of meritorious service or other civic or public awards.

4. A candidate for public office accepting campaign contributions.

5. An occasional nonpecuniary gift insignificant in value.

6. Tickets, including entry and meal, to events held by a non-profit organization.

7. Any gift which would have been offered or given to the official or employee ~~him~~ if they ~~he~~ were not an official or employee.

H. Use of City Property. No official or employee may request or permit the use of city vehicles, equipment, materials or property for a noncity purpose, including but not limited to private financial gain, unless that use is available to the general public on the same terms or unless specifically authorized by the city council.

I. Political Activities—Limitations of Individuals. Appointed officials and employees may not take an active part in a political campaign or other matter to be brought before the voters when on duty. Nothing herein shall be construed as preventing appointed officials or employees from exercising their voting franchise, contributing to a campaign

or candidate of their choice or expressing their political views when not on duty or otherwise conspicuously representing the city.

J. Political Activity—Limitation on City Government. The city may prepare and disseminate general, objective information about the issues to be voted on in local elections. Such material shall be devoid of biased statements or slant and, where appropriate, may contain pro and con statements of equal weight and value.

K. Influencing Another Council Member's Vote. A city council member may not attempt to influence another council member's vote or position on a particular item through contact with a city council member's employer or by threatening financial harm to another city council member.

L. Harassment and Discrimination. The city will not tolerate, condone, or permit unlawful harassment, including sexual harassment, or discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, physical or mental disability, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, or parenthood. All officials or employees who instigate or participate in unlawful harassment, including sexual harassment, or discrimination against any employee or official will be subject to disciplinary action. All officials and employees shall also refrain from discriminating against or harassing citizens and others while acting in an official capacity.

M. Retaliation. It is a violation of law to retaliate against a person who has opposed practices forbidden under Alaska Statutes Sections 18.80.220 through 18.80.280 or who has reported or participated in the investigation of an allegation of harassment or discrimination. An employee or official may not engage in retaliation. All officials or employees who instigate or participate in retaliation against any employee or official will be subject to disciplinary action.

N. Hostile Work Environment. Discriminatory behavior or harassment sufficiently severe or pervasive to alter the conditions of the subject's employment and to create a hostile work environment violates Alaska Statutes Section 18.80.220 and is prohibited. All officials or employees who instigate or participate in unlawful harassment or discrimination that creates a hostile work environment will be subject to disciplinary action. (Ord. 22-09 § 1; Ord. 94-13 § 1; Ord. 94-12 § 1; prior code § 8A-3)

2.24.040 Business dealings with city.

In accordance with Section 12.4 of the Charter of the city of Valdez:

A. Before a city official or employee, or an organization or entity in which the official or employee has a financial interest, engages in business with the city, the official or employee shall file with the city clerk a statement, under oath, setting forth the nature of such business dealings and their his interest therein, not less than ten days before the date when official action may be taken by the council or by any officer, employee, commission or other agency of the city upon the matter involved. If all other provisions of this chapter are complied with, the statement shall be sufficient for continuing transactions of a similar or like nature for one year from the date of its filing. However, if an employee

or official has violated any of the provisions of this chapter, ~~they~~ he shall be precluded from dealing with the city on that particular matter.

B. Upon taking office, or upon subsequently acquiring the interest, an official or employee shall file with the city clerk a statement disclosing any financial interests of the official or employee in an organization engaging in business with the city. (Ord. 22-09 § 1; prior code § 8A-4)

2.24.050 Enforcement.

A. The city council shall have the primary responsibility for the enforcement of this chapter with regard to the conduct of city officials and shall ensure that a determination of the validity of a complaint is made within thirty days or as soon as practicable after receipt of the complaint. The city manager shall have the primary responsibility for the enforcement of this chapter with regard to the conduct of employees pursuant to the personnel regulations and other applicable policies.

B. With regard to complaints regarding the conduct of city officials, the city council may direct the city attorney to investigate or prosecute any apparent violation of this chapter or it may employ or appoint any qualified attorney to investigate or prosecute any violation or series of violations by one or more persons of this chapter. The city council may establish policies and procedures related to the investigation of complaints against city officials for violation of any portion of this chapter. Investigation of complaints regarding the conduct of employees or complaints made by employees regarding the conduct of the city manager shall proceed in accordance with the personnel regulations.

C. Any person who believes that a violation of any portion of this chapter has occurred may file a complaint with the city attorney, city manager or the city council. Complaints by employees related to the conduct of other employees or the city manager shall be made in accordance with the personnel regulations. However, nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent complainants from instituting direct legal action through the appropriate judicial authority. A complainant who is also an employee or official shall be protected from any official acts of retaliation for filing a complaint that has a reasonable foundation. (Ord. 22-09 § 1; prior code § 8A-5)

2.24.060 Advisory opinions.

A. Where any official or employee has a doubt as to the applicability of any provision of this chapter to a particular situation, or as to the definition of terms used herein, ~~they~~ he may apply in writing to the city attorney for an advisory opinion. The official or employee shall have the opportunity to present ~~their~~ his interpretation of the facts at issue and of the applicability of provisions of the chapter before such advisory opinion is made.

B. Such opinion until amended or revoked shall be binding on the city in any subsequent actions concerning the public official or employee who sought the opinion and acted on it in good faith, unless material facts were omitted or misstated in the request for the advisory opinion. An advisory opinion shall be applicable and binding only to the particular set of facts and instance of conduct for which it was requested and shall have

no force or effect for purposes of general application. Such opinion shall not be binding or admissible in evidence in any action initiated by any private citizen.

C. Any advisory opinion prepared by the city attorney may be made public. However, the name of the person requesting the opinion and the names of all persons or business entities mentioned in the opinion and other such identifying criteria shall be deemed confidential information and shall not be disclosed by the city attorney unless the official or employee waives such confidentiality. (Ord. 22-09 § 1; prior code § 8A-6)

2.24.070 Penalties—Forfeited position—Exemptions—Injunction.

A. Any official or employee who willfully and knowingly violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation subject to punishment pursuant to Section 1.08.010.

B. Upon conviction for any violation of this chapter of any official or employee, such official or employee shall immediately forfeit his office or position.

C. The city council may elect not to prosecute an employee or official whose conduct is believed to constitute a violation of this chapter if it is determined that prosecution of the employee or official is not necessary in the public interest.

D. Any contract or transaction which was the subject of an official act or action of the city in which there is an interest prohibited by this chapter, or which involved the violation of a provision of this chapter, shall be voidable at the option of the city.

E. The city may, where a violation of the provisions of this chapter is threatened or has occurred, bring civil action or proceeding at law or in equity for a judgment enjoining any violation of the provisions of this chapter or requiring the relinquishment of any prohibited interest or the voiding of any such contract or transaction, taking into account the interests of the city and any third persons who may be injured thereby. Where it is determined that the public interest may best be served by not voiding a contract or transaction entered into in violation of this chapter, such contract or transaction may be enforced. An action or proceeding may be brought against any official or employee found in violation of provisions of this chapter for damages not to exceed twice the damages suffered by the city or twice the profit or gain realized by the official or employee, whichever is greater. (Ord. 22-09 § 1; prior code § 8A-7)

2.24.080 Distribution of code of ethics.

The city clerk shall cause a copy of this chapter to be distributed to every official and employee of the city within thirty days after its enactment. Each official and employee elected, appointed or engaged thereafter shall be furnished a copy before entering upon the duties of his office or employment. (Ord. 22-09 § 1; prior code § 8A-8)

2.24.090 Application of state statutes.

A. Nothing in this chapter is intended to curtail, modify or otherwise circumvent the application of the Alaska Statutes to any conduct involving bribery or other offenses against public administration.

B. City “officers” as defined by Alaska Statutes Chapter 39.50 are exempt from making the financial disclosures required by that statute. (Ord. 22-09 § 1; prior code § 8A-9)

Section 2: This ordinance shall take effect immediately following adoption by the Valdez City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA this _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

ATTEST:

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

First Reading:
Second Reading:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:
Abstain:

Jake Stasser, City Attorney
Brena, Bell, & Walker, P.C.



Legislation Text

File #: ORD 25-0008, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

#25-08 - Repealing Chapter 10.20 of the Valdez Municipal Code Titled Recreational Vehicle Parks and Tent Campgrounds and Enacting Chapter 12.14 of the Valdez Municipal Code Entitled Recreational Vehicles and Tent Camping. Second Reading. Adoption.

SUBMITTED BY: Sheri Pierce, City Clerk, MMC/ Jake Staser, City Attorney

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: n/a

Unencumbered Balance: n/a

Funding Source: n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Ordinance 25-08 in second reading for adoption.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Ordinance 25-08 repeals Chapter 10.20 and enacts Chapter 12.14 of the Valdez Municipal Code related to recreational vehicles and tent camping. This ordinance was drafted following the indefinite postponement of Ordinance 25-04. Based on robust public feedback received on the previous ordinance, City Council indicated a desire that the city not compete with private enterprise, ensure flexibility in use of private land, and allow reasonable opportunities for tent camping.

Ordinance 25-08 seeks to remedy inconsistencies in existing code but also eliminates reference to a city issued permit.

Council held a work session on June 17, 2025, to review this chapter of code in more detail and provide staff with feedback on desired updates. Staff highlighted the minimum necessary requirements to align this section of code adopted provisions in Title 17 and address inconsistencies with other sections of code.

Staff also noted that this chapter would be a better fit under Title 12 related to Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places, rather than Title 10 of the Valdez Municipal Code on Vehicles and Traffic.

As drafted, Ordinance 25-08 does not change various numbers included in existing code, except in the case of removing the number limit for tent camping on private property.

The ordinance and a detailed summary of changes are attached for review.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

ORDINANCE #25-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA REPEALING CHAPTER 10.20 OF THE VALDEZ MUNICIPAL CODE TITLED RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS AND TENT CAMPGROUNDS AND ENACTING CHAPTER 12.14 OF THE VALDEZ MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND TENT CAMPING

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the city to set reasonable standards for recreational vehicles and tent camping within the city; and

WHEREAS, in discussion on the previously considered Ordinance 25-04, which was postponed indefinitely, the City Council indicated a desire that the city not compete with private enterprise, ensure flexibility in use of private land, and allow reasonable opportunities for tent camping; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance brings alignment with Title 17, which includes detailed standards for RV Parks and Campgrounds, as well as other applicable provisions of the Valdez Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of this chapter are better suited to Title 12 of the Valdez Municipal Code entitled Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places, rather than Title 10 of the Valdez Municipal Code entitled Vehicles and Traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA that:

Section 1: Chapter 10.20 of the Valdez Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 2: Chapter 12.14 of the Valdez Municipal Code is hereby enacted as follows:

Chapter 12.14

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE AND TENT CAMPING

Sections:

12.14.010	Purpose.
12.14.020	Definitions.
12.14.030	Use and parking of recreational vehicles outside of a recreational vehicle park

- 12.14.040 Tent camping prohibited - Exceptions.
12.14.050 Other requirements for tent camping in public areas.

12.14.010 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to set reasonable standards for recreational vehicle and tent camping within the city in locations other than established recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds permitted under Title 17 of this code. It is the intent of the city to assure that the public health, safety and welfare of the community is preserved and protected while not creating burdensome and unduly restrictive regulations that would deter recreational vehicle travelers and tent campers from visiting Valdez.

Camping not in conformance with this chapter may be permitted under section 17.12.120 of this code entitled Temporary Land Use Permits.

12.14.020 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

“Recreational vehicle” means a vehicular-type unit primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel use, or other temporary occupancy use, which either has its own motive power, or is mounted on or drawn by another vehicle. Examples include travel trailer, camping trailer, truck camper, motor home, and other similar vehicles.

“Recreational vehicle park or campground” means a lot or portion of a lot where two or more recreational vehicles or tents are parked, camped, leased or rented for temporary occupancy for recreation or vacation purposes. A recreational vehicle park or campground may be improved or unimproved providing remote, rural or nonrural settings that may or may not include improvements and amenities such as water, showers, electricity, a dump station, cable television, internet service or similar services.

“Temporary occupancy” means a period of 180 days or less.

“Tent” means a portable, collapsible, enclosed shelter made of canvas or nylon, or comparable material, stretched and sustained by poles, which has been specifically designed and manufactured for temporary use for camping.

“Tent Camper” means a person or party or persons camping in a tent or in the open.

12.14.030 Use and parking of recreational vehicles outside of a recreational vehicle park.

A. No recreational vehicle may be parked and occupied on city streets or in areas where such prohibition is posted or otherwise prohibited by the code.

B. No recreational vehicles may be parked and occupied in city parking lots or other city controlled property as posted.

C. Recreational vehicles may be parked for temporary occupancy on a lot in residential zoning districts R1, R2, RR, and NMU. Such occupancy must be with the owner's permission and in compliance with applicable laws.

D. One recreational vehicle may be parked for temporary occupancy with water and sewer hookups on a lot in commercial zoning districts CB and G. Such occupancy must be with the owner's permission and in compliance with applicable laws.

E. Up to three recreational vehicles may be parked for overnight camping on property belonging to a local private club or lodge provided the following conditions are met:

1. Sufficient off-street parking remains for patrons of the establishment.
2. The recreational vehicles are fully self-contained.
3. The private club or lodge has granted permission for overnight parking; and
4. The owners of the recreational vehicles must be out-of-town members of the local private club or lodge.

12.14.040 Tent camping prohibited—Exceptions.

No tent campers shall camp in the city, except tent campers who:

- A. Camp in an established recreational vehicle park or campground; or
- B. Camp not less than one-quarter mile from any roadway, or not less than one hundred yards from any public trail, unless posted "No Camping" or "No Trespassing"; or
- C. Camp on private property with the permission of the owner.

12.14.050 Other requirements for tent camping in public areas.

Tent campers shall maintain and keep the tent area:

- A. In a clean, orderly and sanitary condition at all times; and
- B. Free of any hazard or condition which could affect the health and safety of the occupants or the general public; and
- C. Free of refuse while camping and all refuse must be disposed of before leaving the camping area; and

D. Free of conditions which could tend to attract, harbor or breed insects, pests or wildlife.

Section 3: This ordinance shall take effect immediately following adoption by the Valdez City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA this _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

ATTEST:

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jake Stasser, City Attorney
Brena, Bell, & Walker, P.C.

First Reading:
Second Reading:
Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:
Abstain:

Summary of Changes – Existing Chapter 10.20 to Proposed Chapter 12.14

Purpose		
Existing Code	Proposed Ordinance	Changes
<p>10.20.010 Purpose.</p> <p>The purpose of this chapter is to set reasonable standards for recreational vehicle parks and tent campgrounds within the city. It is the intent of the city to assure that the public health, safety and welfare of the community is preserved and protected while not creating burdensome and unduly restrictive regulations that would deter recreational vehicle travelers and tent campers from visiting Valdez.</p>	<p>12.14.010 Purpose.</p> <p>The purpose of this chapter is to set reasonable standards for recreational vehicle and tent camping within the city in locations other than established recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds permitted under Title 17 of this code. It is the intent of the city to ensure that the public health, safety and welfare of the community is preserved and protected while not creating burdensome and unduly restrictive regulations that would deter recreational vehicle travelers and tent campers from visiting Valdez.</p> <p>Camping not in conformance with this chapter may be permitted under section 17.12.120 of this code entitled Temporary Land Use Permits.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mirrors language from Title 17 • References Title 17 as appropriate – including TLUP process • Grammatical fix – assure to ensure

Summary of Changes – Existing Chapter 10.20 to Proposed Chapter 12.14

Definitions		
Existing Code	Proposed Ordinance	Changes
<p>10.20.020 Definitions.</p> <p>As used in this chapter:</p> <p>“Recreational vehicle” means a vehicular-type unit primarily designed as a temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use, which either has its own motive power or is mounted on or drawn by another vehicle. The basic entities are: travel trailer, camping trailer, truck camper, and motor home.</p> <p>“Recreational vehicle park” means a plot of land upon which two or more recreational vehicle sites are located, established or maintained for occupancy by recreational vehicles of the general public as temporary living quarters for recreation or vacation purposes.</p> <p>“Recreational vehicle site” means a plot of ground within a recreational vehicle park intended for the accommodation of a recreational vehicle, a tent, or other individual camping unit on a temporary basis.</p> <p>“Tent” means a portable, collapsible, enclosed shelter made of canvas or nylon, or comparable material, stretched and sustained by poles, which has been specifically designed and manufactured for temporary use for camping.</p> <p>“Tenter” shall be defined as a person or party or persons camping in a tent or in the open.</p> <p>“Tent campground” shall be defined as an area, lot or portion of a lot where two or more recreational vehicles are parked or camped for temporary occupancy.</p>	<p>12.14.020 Definitions.</p> <p>As used in this chapter:</p> <p>“Recreational vehicle” means a vehicular-type unit primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel use, or other temporary occupancy use, which either has its own motive power, or is mounted on or drawn by another vehicle. Examples include travel trailer, camping trailer, truck camper, motor home, and other similar vehicles.</p> <p>“Recreational vehicle park or campground” means a lot or portion of a lot where two or more recreational vehicles or tents are parked, camped, leased or rented for temporary occupancy for recreation or vacation purposes. A recreational vehicle park or campground may be improved or unimproved providing remote, rural or nonrural settings that may or may not include improvements and amenities such as water, showers, electricity, a dump station, cable television, internet service or similar services.</p> <p>“Temporary occupancy” means a period of 180 days or less.</p> <p>“Tent” means a portable, collapsible, enclosed shelter made of canvas or nylon, or comparable material, stretched and sustained by poles, which has been specifically designed and manufactured for temporary use for camping.</p> <p>“Tent Camper” shall be defined as a person or party or persons camping in a tent or in the open.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends definitions of “Recreational vehicle” and “Recreational vehicle park or campground” to mirror Title 17 • Deletes definitions for “tent campground” and “recreational vehicle site” • Changes “tenter” to “tent camper” • Add definition of “temporary occupancy”

Summary of Changes – Existing Chapter 10.20 to Proposed Chapter 12.14

Use and parking of recreational vehicles outside of a recreational vehicle park		
Existing Code	Proposed Ordinance	Changes
<p>10.20.030 Use and parking of recreational vehicles outside of a recreational vehicle park.</p> <p>A. No recreational vehicle may be parked on city streets in areas where such prohibition is posted.</p> <p>B. No recreational vehicles may be parked and occupied in city parking lots and on other city property without obtaining a permit for that purpose from the city manager or his designee.</p> <p>C. Recreational vehicles may be parked for temporary occupancy on a lot in all single-family residential zoned districts. Such occupancy must be with the owner's permission and in compliance with applicable laws.</p> <p>D. One recreational vehicle may be parked for temporary occupancy with water and sewer hookups on a lot in all commercial-zoned districts. Such occupancy must be with the owner's permission and in compliance with applicable laws.</p> <p>E. Except as provided otherwise, it is a violation of this code for a person in charge of a premises within the city to permit or allow camping without a valid permit from the city and if required, a state of Alaska Public Accommodation Permit.</p> <p>F. Up to three recreational vehicles may be parked for overnight camping on property belonging to a local private club or lodge provided the following conditions are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sufficient off-street parking remains for patrons of the establishment; 2. The recreational vehicles are fully self-contained; 3. The private club or lodge has granted permission for overnight parking; and 4. The owners of the recreational vehicles must be out-of-town members of the local private club or lodge. 	<p>12.14.030 Use and parking of recreational vehicles outside of a recreational vehicle park.</p> <p>A. No recreational vehicle may be parked and occupied on city streets or in areas where such prohibition is posted or otherwise prohibited by the code.</p> <p>B. No recreational vehicles may be parked and occupied in city parking lots or other city controlled property as posted.</p> <p>C. Recreational vehicles may be parked for temporary occupancy on a lot in residential zoning districts R1, R2, RR, and NMU. Such occupancy must be with the owner's permission and in compliance with applicable laws.</p> <p>D. One recreational vehicle may be parked for temporary occupancy with water and sewer hookups on a lot in commercial zoning districts CB and G. Such occupancy must be with the owner's permission and in compliance with applicable laws.</p> <p>E. Up to three recreational vehicles may be parked for overnight camping on property belonging to a local private club or lodge provided the following conditions are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sufficient off-street parking remains for patrons of the establishment. 2. The recreational vehicles are fully self-contained. 3. The private club or lodge has granted permission for overnight parking; and 4. The owners of the recreational vehicles must be out-of-town members of the local private club or lodge. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mirrors Title 17 and references currently adopted zoning districts • Strikes references to a city issued permit and designated areas • Removes former 10.20.030(E) relating to city and state issued permits (redundant and confusing language)

Summary of Changes – Existing Chapter 10.20 to Proposed Chapter 12.14

Location		
Existing Code	Proposed Ordinance	Changes
<p>10.20.040 Location.</p> <p>Recreational vehicle parks are permitted in the public lands zoning district; are allowed as a conditional use in the commercial residential zoning district, the general commercial zoning district, and the light industrial zoning district. (Ord. 96-09 § 1 (part))</p>	<p>Not included in Chapter 12.14 – Allowed uses by zoning district can be found in Section 17.16.040.</p>	<p>Section removed.</p>

Summary of Changes – Existing Chapter 10.20 to Proposed Chapter 12.14

Recreational vehicle park standards		
Existing Code	Proposed Ordinance	Changes
<p>10.20.050 Recreational vehicle park standards.</p> <p>A. Standards Generally. Recreational vehicle parks shall meet the design and performance standards set forth herein as well as those mandated by state and local law. Such standards include but are not limited to those regulating wastewater disposal, drinking water and restrooms. The facilities must be in compliance with all building, plumbing, electrical, fire and other applicable codes.</p> <p>B. Site Plan. The applicant shall provide a site plan drawn at a scale in which all of the requirements of this section are clearly shown. In addition, the following shall be shown:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name of the recreational vehicle park or campground, ownership, name of developer, scale, north arrow, date, and location map showing the location of the park or campground; 2. Identification of each recreational vehicle site by number. <p>C. Separation Requirements. The following requirements shall apply to all buildings, structures and recreational vehicles within a park or campground.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Distance Between Structures and Recreational Vehicles. The minimum side-to-side spacing between recreational vehicles and/or other permitted buildings or structures and any subsequent additions thereto shall not be less than ten feet. 2. Site Width. Each recreational vehicle site shall not be less than ten feet plus the width of the recreational vehicle. <p>D. Design of Entrances and Exits. Entrances and exits shall be designed for safe and convenient movement of traffic into and out of the park, and to minimize hazards with traffic on adjacent streets. No entrance or exit shall require a turn at an acute angle for vehicles moving in the direction intended. No object or material impediment to visibility shall be created, placed or maintained which obscures the view of an approaching driver in the right lane of the street. No entrance or exit shall be located nearer than thirty feet from any street intersection, or ten feet from the radius point, whichever is more.</p> <p>E. Internal Streets. Streets shall be provided in the park or campground where necessary to furnish principal trafficways for safe and convenient access to all sites and to facilities for common use by park or campground occupants.</p> <p>F. Street Alignment and Gradient. Street alignment and gradient shall be designed and constructed to ensure the safe movement of traffic, and to satisfactorily control surface water.</p> <p>G. Street Surfacing. Streets shall consist of a sound all-weather driving surface consisting of gravel, cinders, asphalt or concrete.</p> <p>H. Street Widths. Internal streets shall meet the following minimum size standards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Twenty feet wide access road in front of or behind each site; 2. Street widths at access points where traffic enters or leaves the park, shall be of sufficient size to permit free movement from or to the stream of traffic on the adjacent public streets, and no parking shall be permitted which in any way interferes with such free movement. <p>I. Disposal of Sewage and Providing of Water. Disposal of wastewater and providing of drinking water shall comply with the Uniform Plumbing Code as adopted by the city. (Ord. 96-09 § 1 (part))</p>	<p>Not included in Chapter 12.14 - RV Park and Campground specific use standards exist in Section 17.80.140.</p>	<p>Section removed</p>

Summary of Changes – Existing Chapter 10.20 to Proposed Chapter 12.14

Tent camping prohibited—Exceptions		
Existing Code	Proposed Ordinance	Changes
<p>10.20.060 Tent camping prohibited—Exceptions.</p> <p>No tenters shall camp in the city, except tenters who:</p> <p>A. Camp in designated areas within the city;</p> <p>B. Camp in tent campgrounds approved by the city as camping areas;</p> <p>C. Camp not less than one-quarter mile from any roadway, or not less than one hundred yards from any public trail, unless posted “No Camping” or “No Trespassing”;</p> <p>D. Camp on private property with the permission of the owner, limited to no more than two tents. (Ord. 96-09 § 1 (part))</p>	<p>12.14.040 Tent camping prohibited—Exceptions.</p> <p>No tent campers shall camp in the city, except tent campers who:</p> <p>A. Camp in an established recreational vehicle park or campground; or</p> <p>B. Camp not less than one-quarter mile from any roadway, or not less than one hundred yards from any public trail, unless posted “No Camping” or “No Trespassing”; or</p> <p>C. Camp on private property with the permission of the owner.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference to “tent campgrounds” and “designated areas” removed • “Established recreational vehicle park or campground” added • “Tenter” changed to “tent camper” • Two tent limit removed for private property

Summary of Changes – Existing Chapter 10.20 to Proposed Chapter 12.14

Other requirements for tent camping in public areas		
Existing Code	Proposed Ordinance	Changes
<p>10.20.070 Other requirements for tent camping in public areas.</p> <p>A. Tenters shall maintain and keep the tent area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In a clean, orderly and sanitary condition at all times; and 2. Free of any hazard or condition which could affect the health and safety of the occupants or the general public; and 3. Free of refuse while camping and all refuse must be disposed of before leaving the camping area; and 4. Free of conditions which could tend to attract, harbor or breed insects, pests or wildlife. <p>B. The following shall not be permitted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tents that do not fall within the definition of “tent” as set forth in Section 10.20.020(D). Types of shelters or structures that are not permitted include, but are not limited to, those that are not portable or collapsible and those not made of canvas or nylon or comparable material. Shelters or structures made of wood, cardboard, visqueen or porous materials are expressly prohibited. 2. Tenters are prohibited from bringing dogs into or keeping dogs in any tent campground posted off limits to dogs by order of the city manager. (Ord. 96-09 § 1 (part)) 	<p>12.14.050 Other requirements for tent camping in public areas.</p> <p>Tent campers shall maintain and keep the tent area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. In a clean, orderly and sanitary condition at all times; and B. Free of any hazard or condition which could affect the health and safety of the occupants or the general public; and C. Free of refuse while camping and all refuse must be disposed of before leaving the camping area; and D. Free of conditions which could tend to attract, harbor or breed insects, pests or wildlife. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former subsection 10.20.070(B) removed • These provisions are addressed in other parts of the code (Title 6 Animals and Title 8 Health and Safety) • Renumbered accordingly



City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686

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ITEM TITLE:

#25-09 - Amending Chapter 3.30 Titled Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Pipeline Transportation and Spill Prevention and Response Property Tax. Second Reading. Adoption.

SUBMITTED BY: Jake Staser, City Attorney

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: n/a

Unencumbered Balance: n/a

Funding Source: n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Ordinance #25-09 amends Chapter 3.30 to clarify the role of the Board of Equalization in hearing taxability appeals.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 25-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, AMENDING CHAPTER 3.30 ENTITLED OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION, PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION, AND SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROPERTY TAX

WHEREAS, Chapter 3.30 was established through the adoption of Ordinance No. 24-16 on December 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3.30 was amended by Ordinance No. 25-06 to include taxability appeals in the scope of appeals that may be heard by the Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend Chapter 3.30 as provided herein to clarify the role of the Board of Equalization in hearing taxability appeals; and

WHEREAS, the City specifically desires to clarify that Section 3.30.100 does not foreclose direct appeals to the Superior Court under AS 29.45.200(c).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that:

Section 1. The City of Valdez hereby amends Chapter 3.30 entitled Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, and Pipeline Transportation, and Spill Prevention and Response Property Tax as follows:

3.30.100. Appeal. An owner of taxable property receiving an assessment notice may appeal an assessment as provided in Chapter 3.12 . In addition to the grounds for appeal set forth in Chapter 3.12, the Board of Equalization shall hear appeals regarding the taxability of property subject to assessment and taxation under this Chapter. An appellant may file an appeal regarding the taxability of property subject to assessment and taxation under this Chapter by submitting a written appeal specifying: (1) the name of the property owner; (2) a description of the property; (3) grounds for appeal; and (4) supporting evidence. Except for taxability appeals filed under AS 29.45.200(c), an appeal to and decision from the Board of Equalization is required prior to any appeal to the superior court.

Section 2. All other provisions of Chapter 3.30 shall remain unchanged.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final approval and adoption by the Valdez City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Austin Love, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jake Staser, City Attorney
Brena, Bell, & Walker, P.C.

Adoption:
Yeas:
Noes:
Absent:
Abstaining:



Legislation Text

File #: ORD 25-0010, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

#25-10 - Authorizing an Amendment to the Zoning Map to Effect a Change to Lot 2, Tract 3, USS 3538, Plat 2003-7 to Neighborhood Mixed Use. First Reading. Public Hearing.

SUBMITTED BY: Kate Huber, Community Development Director

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Ordinance #25-10 - Authorizing an amendment to the zoning map to effect a change to Lot 2, Tract 3, USS 3538, Plat 2003-7 to Neighborhood Mixed Use.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Magdalena and James McCay submitted an application requesting to change the zoning of Lot 2, Tract 3, USS 3538, Plat 2003-7 (3281 Richardson Highway) to Neighborhood Mixed Use (NMU). The official zoning map indicates that this property is currently zoned General Commercial (G).

The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on this matter on July 9, 2025, and approved a recommendation to the city council to approve the requested rezone.

Please see the attached staff report, that was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission, for the staff's review of the application and how it complies with the city code and the comprehensive plan.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 25-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAPS TO EFFECT A CHANGE ON LOT 2, TRACT 3, USS 3538, PLAT 2003-7 TO NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED USE

WHEREAS, Magdalena and James McCay, the property owners of the subject property, submitted an application to change the zoning district of their property; and

WHEREAS, the official zoning map indicates that the subject properties are currently zoned General Commercial; and

WHEREAS, the McCays desire to rezone said properties from General Commercial to Neighborhood Mixed Use; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission found this rezone to be in accordance with the comprehensive plan and the requirements contained in VMC 17.12.080; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission held a public hearing on this matter on July 9, 2025; and following discussion, approved a recommendation to the city council to approve this rezone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that:

Section 1: The Zoning Maps of the City of Valdez, Alaska are amended to effect a change to Lot 2, Tract 3, USS 3538, Plat 2003-7 from General Commercial to Neighborhood Mixed Use.

Section 2: This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Valdez City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

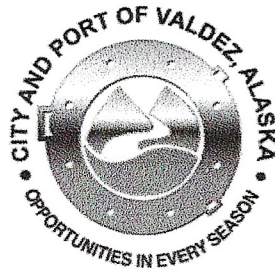
ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

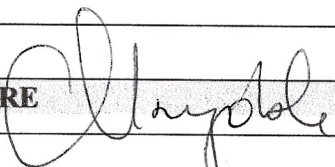
Jake Staser, City Attorney
Brena, Bell & Walker, P.C.

First Reading:
Second Reading:
Adoption:
Yeas:
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:



FEE: \$50.00
SITE PLAN
WAIVED 2013 PER
RESOLUTION #12-72

CITY OF VALDEZ
APPLICATION FOR REZONE

APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE 6/16/2025
NAME OF APPLICANT MAGDALENA & JAMES MCCAY	
ADDRESS OF APPLICANT PO Box 1293 VALDEZ AK 99688	
home address: 455 9th Street	
DAYTIME PHONE 907-255-5515	
LEGAL OWNER MAGDALENA & JAMES MCCAY	
ADDRESS PO. Box 1293 VALDEZ AK 99688	
PHONE NUMBER 907-255-5515	
LOCATION OF PROPERTY AND/OR LEGAL DESCRIPTION/STREET ADDRESS	
3281 Richardson Highway	
Lot 2, Plat # 2003-7, lot size 7.75 AC, Zone G	
CURRENT ZONING G	
PROPOSED ZONING Neighborhood Mixed USE	
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY, INCLUDING SQUARE FOOTAGE OR ACREAGE.	
Lot size 7.75 AC	
WHY IS THE PROPERTY MORE SUITED FOR THE PROPOSED ZONING DISTRICT THAN FOR THE PRESENT ZONING?	
see attached	
SIGNATURE 	DATE 6/16/2025

We are submitting this request to rezone our property in Valdez, Alaska, from **General Use** to **Neighborhood Mixed Use**. This change is essential to support our long-term development vision, which includes building a **small-footprint townhouse community** with **garages specifically designed to accommodate RVs and boats**—a type of housing that reflects the unique lifestyle and needs of Valdez residents.

Our project will be implemented in **phases over the next several years**, starting with necessary groundwork and infrastructure:

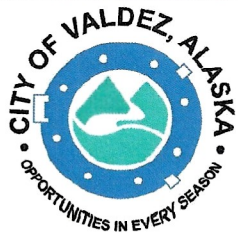
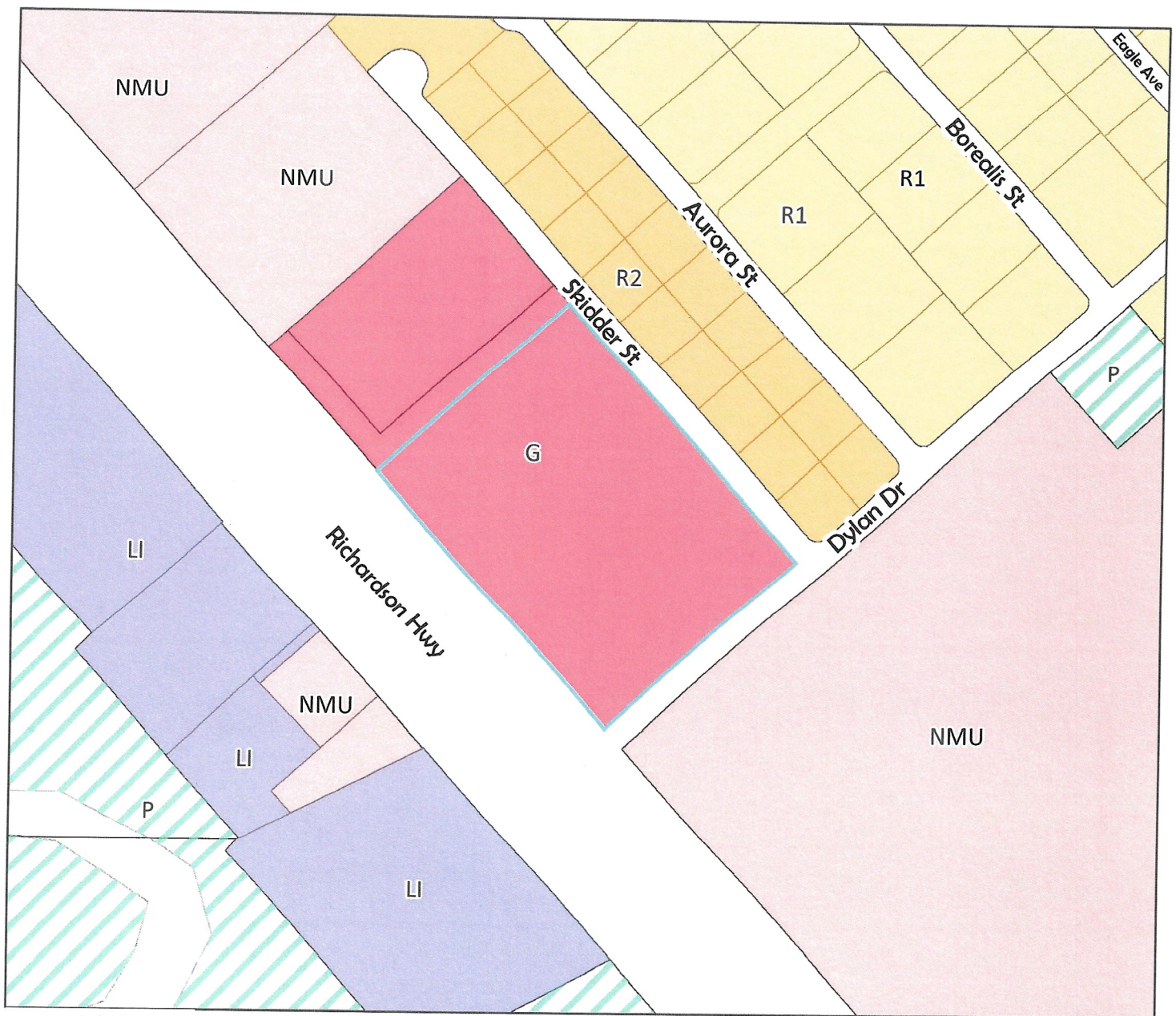
- In the **next 14 months**, we plan to:
 - Clear a portion of the land;
 - Set up a **mobile home and office space**;
 - Construct a **shop to support our existing transportation business**.
- In parallel, we intend to **subdivide the property into three parcels** by the end of **2025**, laying the foundation for the residential portion of the development.
- Over the **next five years**, we will gradually **relocate all existing connexes** from the property and focus on **designing and constructing the townhouse units**, with the intent of enhancing neighborhood character and providing valuable residential options.

Through detailed research and consultation with the **City's Community Development Department**, we have determined that the **Neighborhood Mixed Use** zoning designation is the most appropriate fit for our phased development plan. This zoning will allow us to:

- Responsibly transition the land into a mixed-use residential area;
- Support housing that integrates secure storage for recreational vehicles;
- Maintain compatibility with surrounding land use;
- Align with the City's goals for long-term community development and livability.

The current **General Use** zoning does not support this vision, limiting our ability to develop in a way that meets both our business objectives and community needs.

We are committed to thoughtful, compliant, and sustainable development and look forward to working with the City of Valdez, Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council as this project moves forward.



City of Valdez Zoning Districts

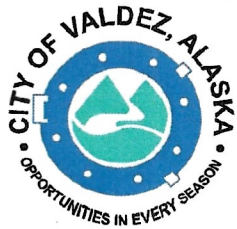
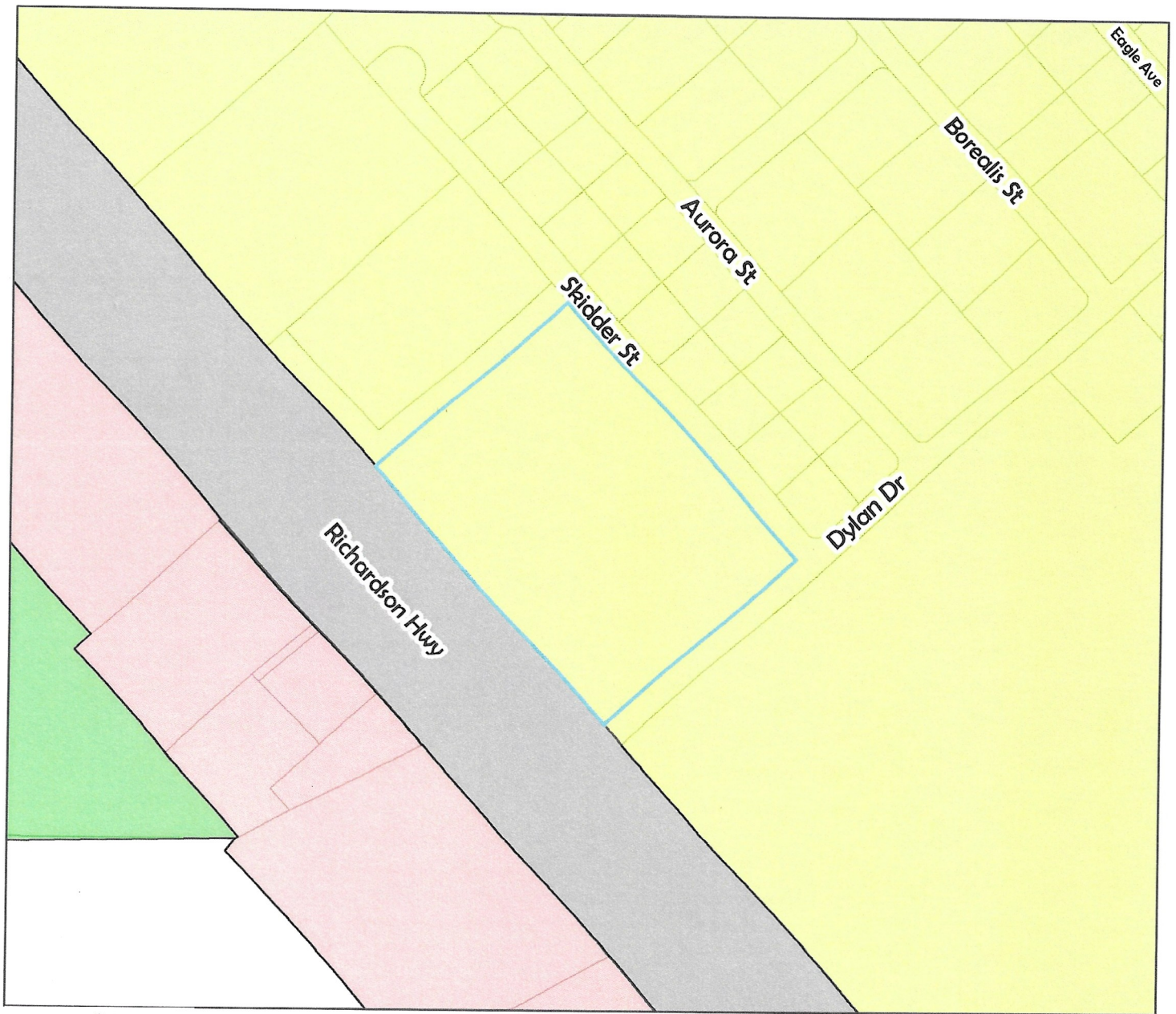
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- Moderate Density Residential (R1)
- High Density Residential (R2)
- Neighborhood Mixed Use (NMU)
- General Commercial (G)
- Light Industrial (LI)
- Public Lands District (P)



City of Valdez Future Land Use Map

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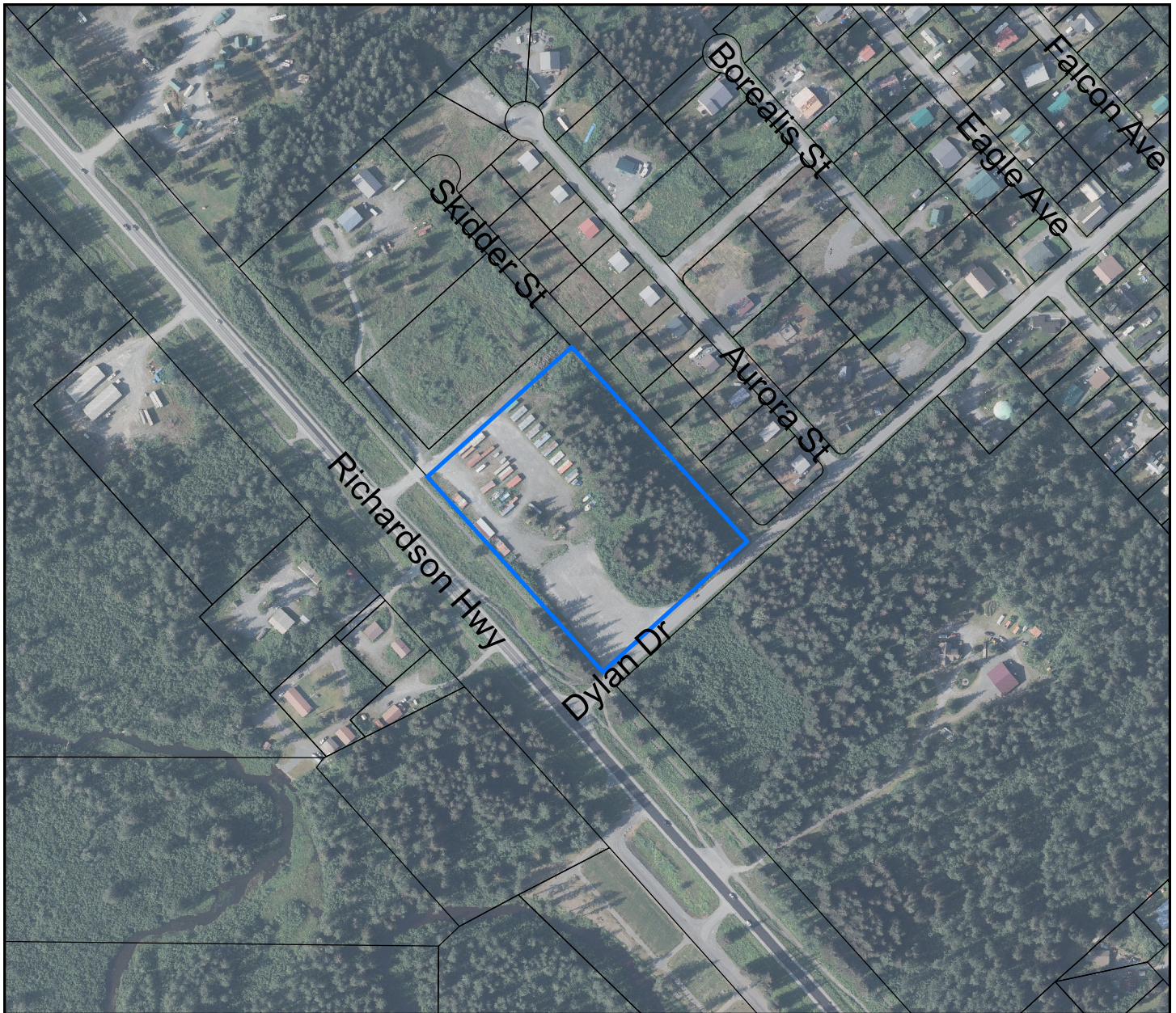
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Comprehensive Plan Place Type

- Residential Neighborhood
- Mixed Use Center
- Recreation
- Gateway Corridor Overlay



Rezone Request from General Commercial (G) to Neighborhood Mixed Use (NMU)



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Date: 6/30/2025

Author: Community Development Department

Legend

- Subject Property
- Parcels



McCay Rezone – Staff Report

Date: July 10, 2025
File: Rezone 25-01
To: Planning & Zoning Commission
From: Kate Huber, Community Development Director

General Information

Applicant:	Magdalena and James McCay
Property Owner:	Magdalena and James McCay
Property Address:	3281 Richardson Highway
Legal Description:	Lot 2, Tract 3, USS 3538, Plat 2003-7
Current Zoning District:	General Commercial (G)
Proposed Zoning District:	Neighborhood Mixed Use (NMU)
Comp. Plan Place Type:	Residential Neighborhood
Vicinity Zoning:	
East:	Neighborhood Mixed Use (NMU)
West:	Neighborhood Mixed Use (NMU) and General Commercial (G)
North:	Moderate Density Residential (R2)
South:	Neighborhood Mixed Use (NMU) and Light Industrial (LI)
Access:	Richardson Highway and Dylan Drive with additional frontage on Skidder Street

VMC 17.44.010 states:

The G district includes those areas which are heavily exposed to automobile traffic and where public utilities are available. The district is intended specifically for those areas surrounding major intersections where personal services, convenience goods and auto-related service facilities are desirable and appropriate land uses. The extension of the G district commercial uses along arterials in a “strip” fashion is discouraged.

VMC 17.36.010 states:

The NMU district is intended primarily for areas with utilities that include residential and supporting commercial and institutional uses that serve the convenience shopping needs for local residents. Business establishments should be developed in a small and compact format to serve adjacent neighborhoods. Both vertical and horizontal mixed-use

configurations are encouraged. Some nonresidential uses are allowed as conditional uses so that their compatibility with surrounding neighborhoods can be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. All uses shall be compatible in terms of scale and design.

The differences in the allowed uses can be found in VMC 17.16.040, Table 17.16.040-1. The differences in the dimensional standards can be found in VMC 17.16.060 Table 17.16.060-1.

Application Description

Magdalena and James McCay have submitted an application requesting to change the zoning on 7.759 acres to Neighborhood Mixed Use (NMU). The official zoning map indicates that this property is currently zoned General Commercial (G).

A portion of the property is being utilized by the city for snow storage. A conditional use permit was approved on January 12, 2005 for boat storage on the property. The property is also being utilized for self-storage, which is not an approved use. The applicant intends to place a mobile or manufactured home on the property for a personal residence and construct a shop to support their existing business.

Over the next several years they intend to remove the shipping containers, that are being utilized as self-storage, from the property and begin constructing additional residences with garages designed to accommodate RVs and boats. These proposed uses are more consistent with the Neighborhood Mixed Use zoning district than the current General Commercial zoning district.

There are five parcels in the vicinity that are currently zoned Neighborhood Mixed Use.

Environmental Conditions

The property is relatively flat with the elevation between 32 feet and 34 feet. There are not any mapped Special Flood Hazard Areas on the property or mapped wetlands. The United States Army Corps of Engineers' National Levee Database depicts this property as being in a leveed area. Property protected by a levee is subject to flooding if the levee fails or is overtopped. The property is located in the mapped tsunami inundation area. Tsunami evacuation shelters are located at the airport and at the 10-mile fire station. The Alaska Anadromous Waters Catalog indicates that there is an anadromous stream located on the property that was identified in 1995. (AWC 221-60-11380-2055) There are not any streams or stream channels currently located on the property.

VMC 17.12.080(E)(6)

The planning and zoning commission shall conduct a public hearing to review the application, review the staff report, hear staff, applicant, and public testimony, discuss the proposal, and make a formal recommendation to city council. Following the hearing, the community development department shall update its staff report to include the planning and zoning commission's recommendation.

The City Council shall retain the authority to limit its approval of amendments to the zoning code and the official zoning map to limit certain land use activities, protect public health, safety, and welfare of humans and the environment, and ensure its ability to serve properties/individuals with adequate public services.

Proposed Findings & Conclusions

1. Procedure.

- a) On June 17, 2025 the Community Development Department received a rezone application from Magdalena and James McCay to change the zoning on the subject property to Neighborhood Mixed Use.
- b) The Community Development Department reviewed the application and determined that it was complete, in accordance with VMC 17.12.080(E)(1).
- c) A public hearing was scheduled for July 9, 2024, to consider the zoning change.
- d) Notice of the meeting was published in the Copper River Record on June 26, 2025.
- e) Notice of the publication was published in KVAK's e-blast newspaper on June 23, 2025 and June 30, 2025.
- f) Notice of the meeting was published on the City of Valdez website on June 23, 2025, in accordance with VMC 17.12.080(E)(5) and 17.12.160(C)(1).
- g) Notice of the meeting was mailed on June 23, 2025 to the 16 property owners within 300 feet of the subject property, in accordance with VMC 17.12.080(E)(5) and 17.12.160(C)(2).
- h) A document holder was posted on the Richardson Highway with public notice flyers on June 23, 2025, in accordance with VMC 17.12.080(E)(5) and 17.12.160(C)(3).
- i) On July 9, 2025, the Planning & Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the rezone request, hearing no public comment.
- j) On July 9, 2025, the Planning & Zoning Commission voted to recommend City Council's approval of the rezone request.

2. Consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and its goals and policies. VMC 17.12.080(C)(2) and 17.12.080(E)(4)(b)

- a) Goal 2.1, Action E in Plan Valdez, the comprehensive plan for the City of Valdez, is, "*Rezone parcels to align with the Future Land Use Map.*"
- b) VMC 17.04.030(A) states, "*The comprehensive plan of the city of Valdez is the primary policy document to guide land use ... decisions within the city.*"
- c) VMC 17.04.030(B) states, "*The comprehensive plan shall provide guidance for actions including, but not limited to, rezoning as referenced herein.*"
- d) The Future Land Use Map depicts the subject property within the Residential Neighborhood place type.
- e) Residential uses are listed as primary and supporting uses in the Residential Neighborhood place type with commercial uses listed as incompatible land uses.
- f) The Neighborhood Mixed Use zoning district allows more commercial uses than are allowed in the Rural Residential and Moderate Density Residential zoning districts.

- g) The Neighborhood Mixed Use zoning district allows fewer commercial uses than are allowed in the current zoning district of General Commercial.
- h) The area across the highway from the subject property is depicted on the comprehensive plan future land use map as Mixed-Use Center place type.
- i) Although the subject property is displayed on the future land use map with the Residential Neighborhood place type, the proposed rezone is consistent with the place types displayed in the immediate vicinity of the subject property, across the Richardson Highway and with the current zoning of multiple parcels to the north, south, and across the Richardson Highway.
- j) Although the proposed rezone to Neighborhood Mixed Use is not consistent with the Residential Neighborhood place type, Neighborhood Mixed Use zoning is more consistent than the current zoning of General Commercial district and is consistent with the place types immediately across the Richardson Highway.
- k) Community Development staff consulted with the city attorney on this rezone application. The city attorney gave the opinion that the rezone request *“is consistent with the guidance provided by the Comprehensive Plan and does not require amendment of the Comprehensive Plan.”*
- l) The Future Land Use Map depicts the Gateway Corridor Overlay place type along the Richardson Highway and includes the subject property and other properties adjacent to the road.
- m) The Gateway Corridor Overlay place type is described as, *“Protects and improves the aesthetic and visual character of the land directly adjacent to roadway corridors.” It further states, “The underlying place type continues to be a compatible use with an emphasis on creating a positive visual experience along the corridor while providing for continued safe and efficient use of the roadway.”*
- n) The proposed rezone of the property will not change the visual or aesthetic character of the land.
- o) Goal 2.2 in Plan Valdez is, *“Encourage redevelopment and new development”*.
- p) The rezone to Neighborhood Mixed Use is consistent with the goals and action items in Plan Valdez.

3. Potential impact on public services. VMC 17.12.080(C)(2) and 17.12.080(E)(4)(c)

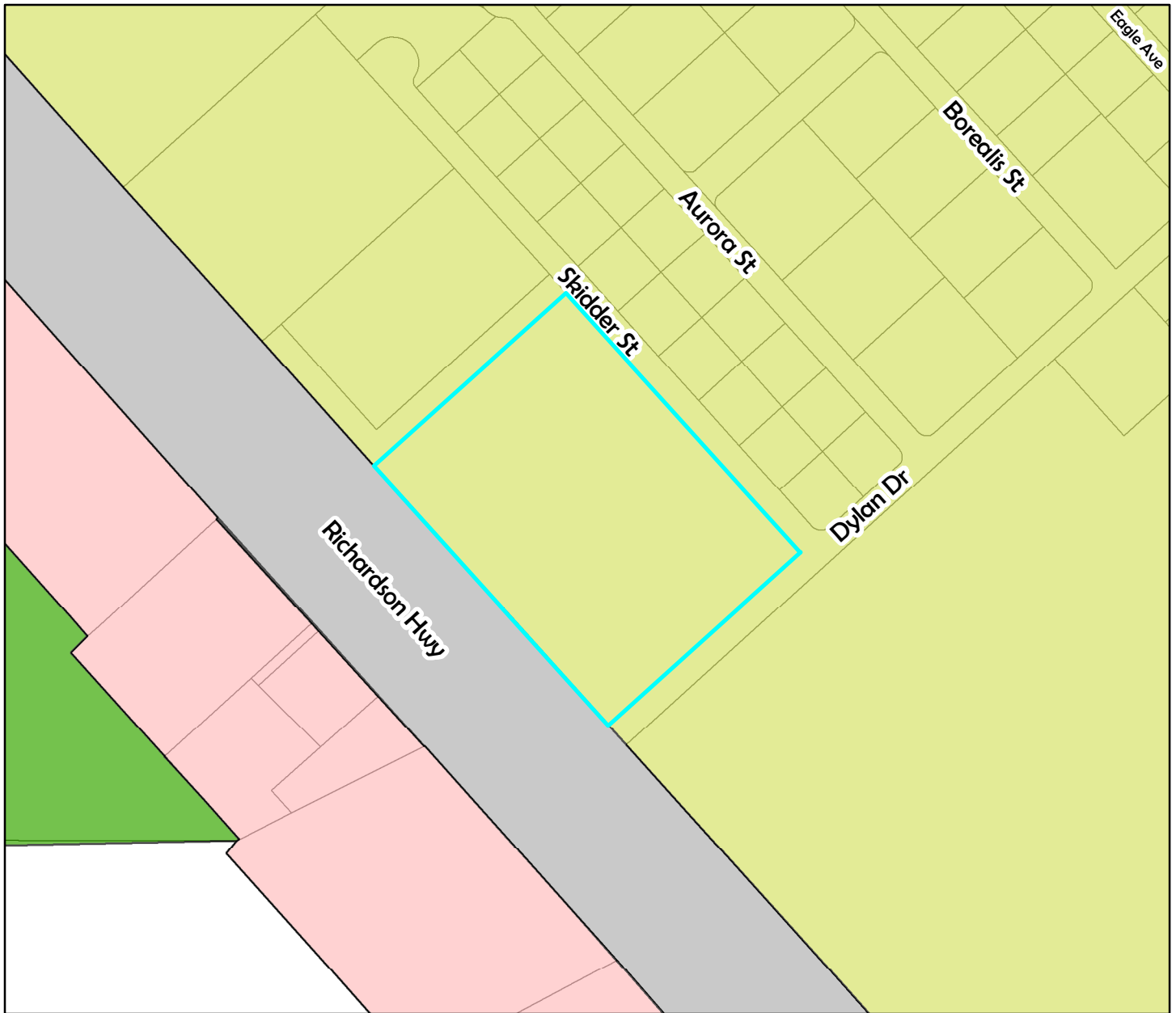
- a) The property currently has a connection to city water.
- b) The developer to the north is planning to extend city water and other utilities down Skidder Street, which abuts the property.
- c) A new individual septic system will serve the proposed home to be relocated to the property.
- d) Notice of the application was provided to the following city departments: Fire, Police, Public Works, and the Building Official.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning & Zoning Commission forward Rezone 25-01 to the City Council with the recommendation of approval.

Planning & Zoning Commission Recommendation

On July 9, 2025 the Planning & Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval of the rezone.



City of Valdez Future Land Use Map

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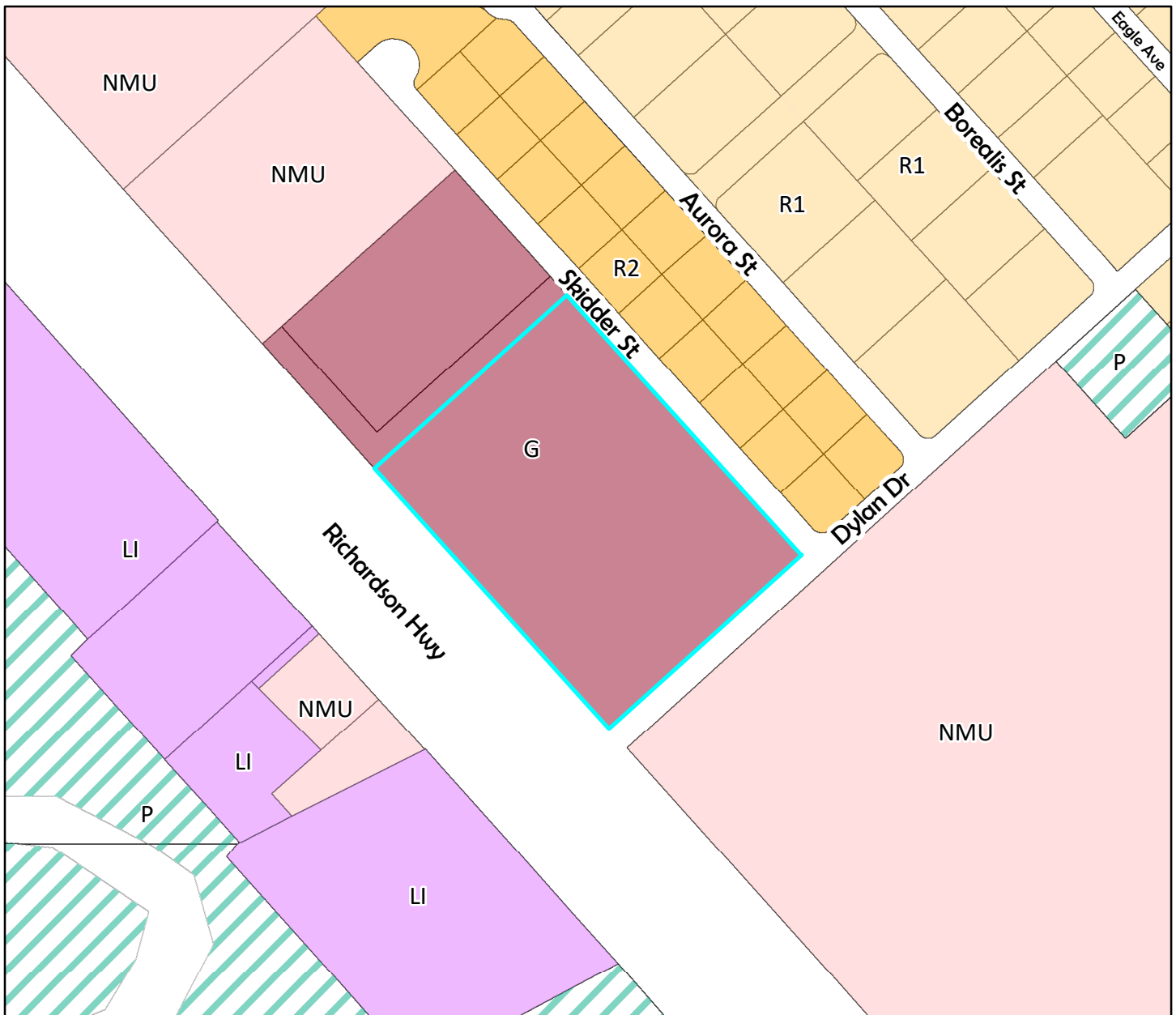
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Legislation Text

File #: RES 25-0031, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Approval of Resolution #25-31 Releasing Public Access Interest in a 60 Foot Wide Easement That Extends North/South Along the Entire Western Side of Lot 5A Sleepy Hollow Addition No.4.

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Nylund - Senior Planner/GIS Technician

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve resolution #25-31 in order to release public access interest in the 60 Foot Wide Easement That Extends North/South along the entire Western Side of Lot 5A Sleepy Hollow Addition No.4.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Gas INC., the owner/operator of Captain Joe's gas station, is looking to expand their car wash operation to the west of the already existing car wash bay. Currently there is an easement running north/south that extends 60 from the western boundary of the parcel on which the gas station exists (Lot 5A Sleepy Hollow Addition No. 4). The desired addition of the car wash would extend into the easement and would not currently be allowed. Gas Inc. is requesting that the City of Valdez release any public interest in the easement being used as a right of way, and that Gas Inc. be allowed to reduce the easement to 30' in width and designate it as a utility easement.

The 60' wide easement in question was established via plat #77-3 which was recorded in May of 1977 when the Sleepy Hollow Subdivision was created from parts of USS 635, USS 636, and Block 19 of Mineral Creek Subdivision. The nature of the easement was not specified on the plat, but it was referenced in the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on January 12, 1977, that "the road easements reserved on the map at 60 feet to conform to other streets in the area." This interpretation was supported by Community Development staff in the attached memo from 1994, and current staff have concurred that there was an intention to use this easement for public access when it was platted, and in order to change the width of this easement this public interest must be formally vacated.

Gas INC. has obtained letters of non-objection from GCI, CVEA and CVT stating that the utilities are OK with the reduction of the easement to 30 feet in width adjacent to the western edge of the Captain Joe's lot. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted in favor of approval to release the public interest in access across this easement at their public meeting on July 9th, 2025. If the resolution is

passed by the council, Gas Inc will then be required to have the property surveyed and a plat or record of survey and easement document recorded which shows the width, location and conditions of the reduced width easement.

This action is in alignment with Plan Valdez, the City of Valdez Comprehensive Plan, specifically goal 3.2, Pursue a diverse and self-reliant economy. This goal is under the theme of Thriving & Sustainable Economy. Goal 3.2 states: Pursue a diverse and self-reliant local economy through working with local industries, workforce, education systems, entrepreneurs, and businesses to retain and attract businesses and residents who want to work and live in Valdez, year-round. Goal 3.2 Action A reads: Continue to work with and provide support for industries (both new and existing) to develop new opportunities that diversify and support the local economy.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #25-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ,
ALASKA, RELEASING PUBLIC ACCESS INTEREST IN 60-FOOT-WIDE
EASEMENT ON LOT 5A SLEEPY HOLLOW ADDITION NO. 4

WHEREAS, Gas Inc., LLC has requested that the 60 foot wide easement that runs along the western edge of lot 5A Sleepy Hollow Subdivision be reduced in width so that they can expand their car wash operation; and

WHEREAS, Gas Inc., LLC is the owner of Lot 5A Sleepy Hollow Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the 60 foot wide easement was established via plat # 77-3; and

WHEREAS, it has been interpreted that the 60 foot wide easement was established with the intended use of a street; and

WHEREAS, this easement is not currently used for public access and has not been developed into a street as was the stated intention when it was established in 1977 ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez does not have a fee interest ownership in the property underlying this easement; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing notice was sent to property owners within a 300ft radius of the subject easement on June 30th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has received letters of non-objection from each of the local utility companies with infrastructure within the easement regarding reducing the easement up to 30 feet in width; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation to grant the release of public interest was approved by the City of Valdez Planning and Zoning Commission on July 9th; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez Planning and Zoning Commission found releasing this public interest to be consistent with Plan Valdez, the City of Valdez Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that

Section 1. The City of Valdez hereby releases all public access interest in the 60-foot-wide easement on Lot 5A Sleepy Hollow Addition No. 4.

Section 2. The utility easement remains in effect for the western 30' of Lot 5A Sleepy Hollow No. 4 and this utility easement will be formalized via an easement document filed by the property owners.

Section 3. Gas Inc, property owners of Lot 5A Sleepy Hollow No. 4, will formalize the new reduced sized easement with a formal record of survey or plat and an easement document which describes the conditions and details of the easement.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this _____ day of _____, 2025

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Dennis Flemming, Mayor

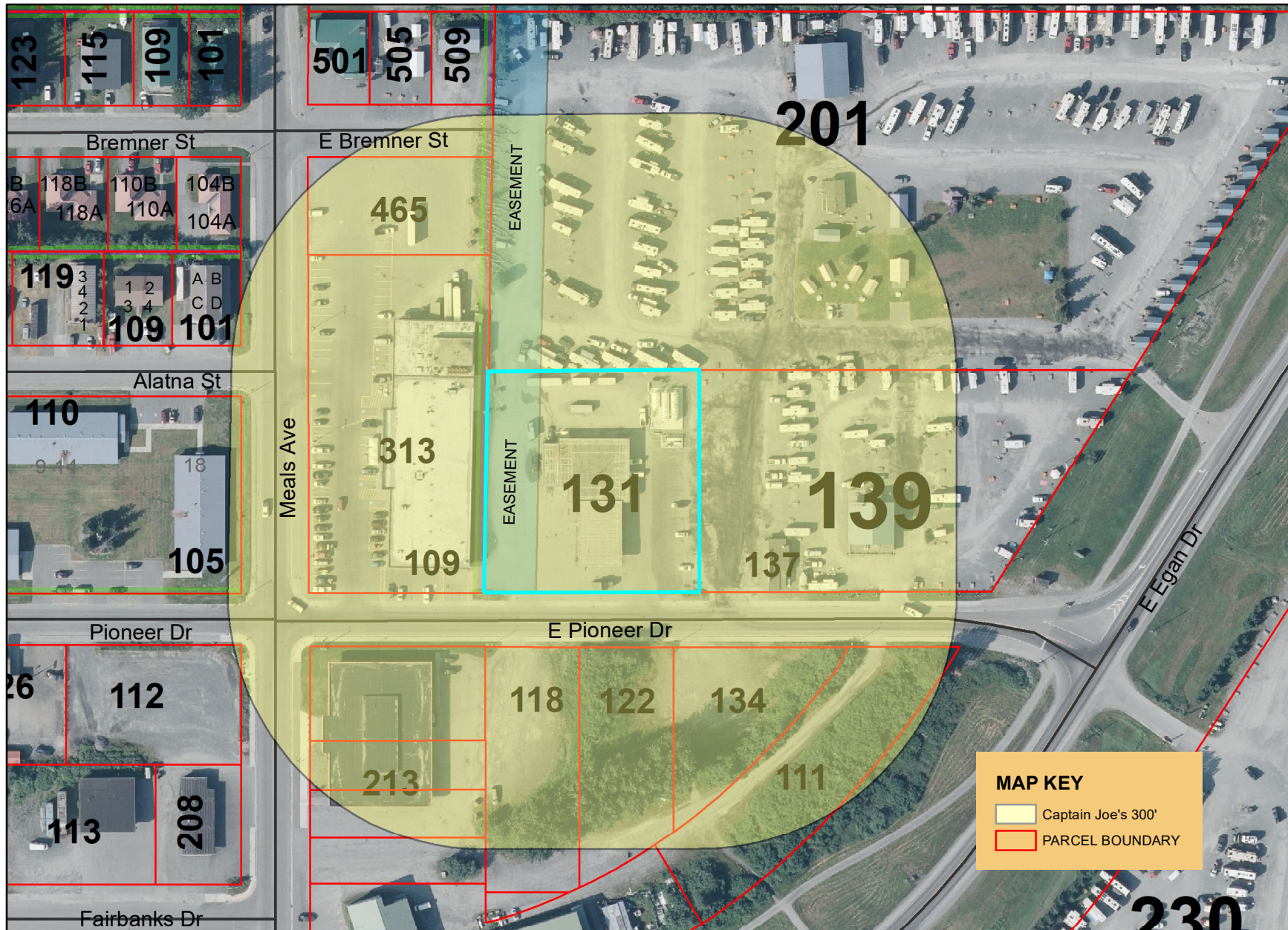
ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk



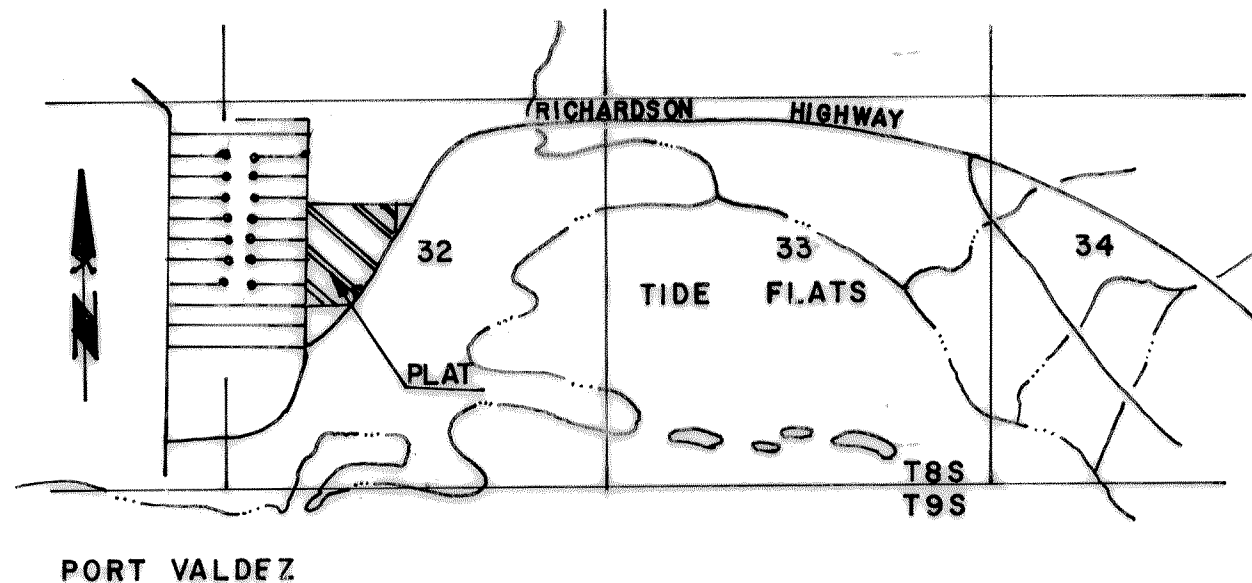
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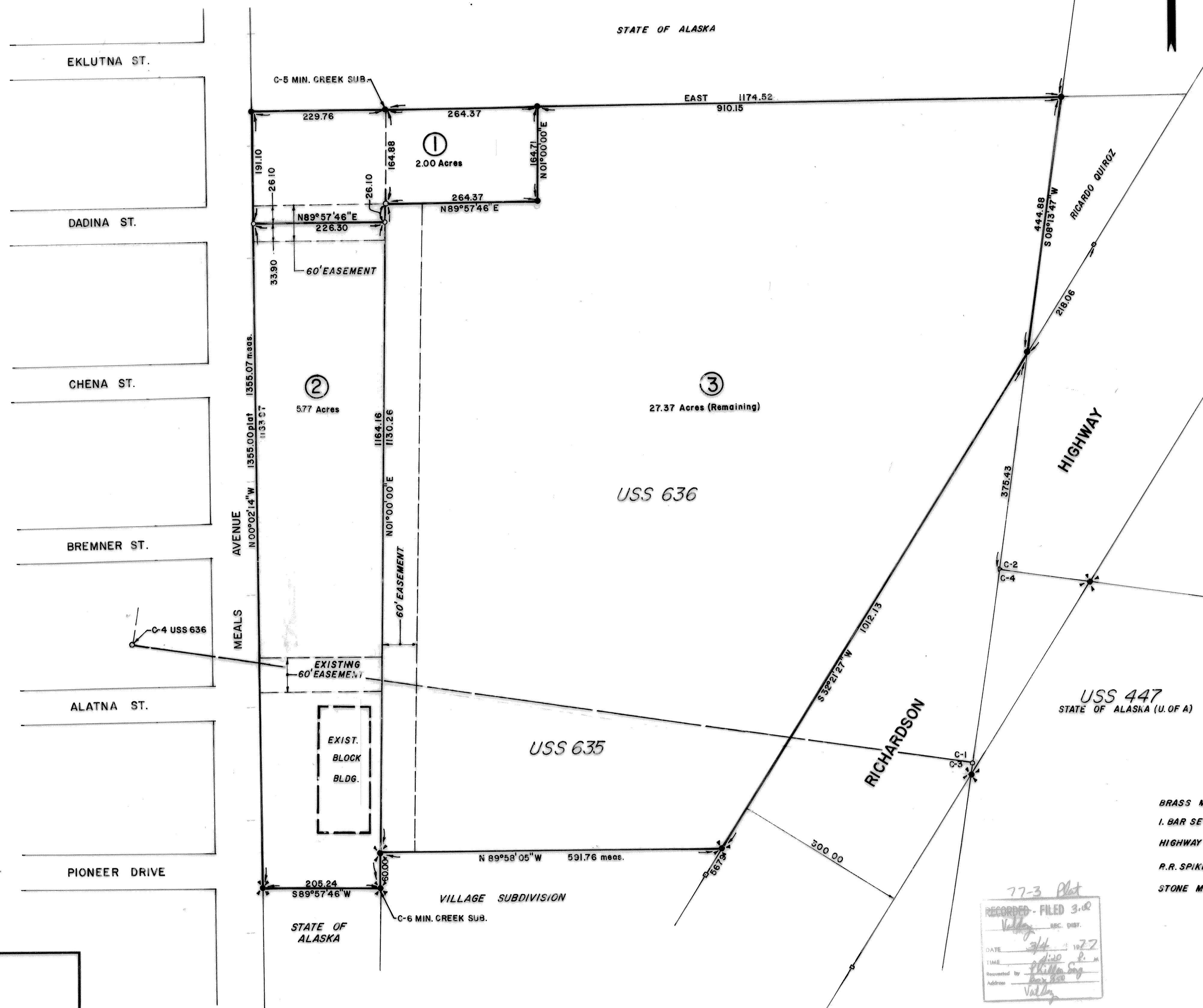


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VICINITY MAP
SCALE: 2" = 1 MILE



FOUND W.C.
C-2, USS 636

PLANNING COMMISSION

THIS PLAT CONFORMS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND IS HEREBY APPROVED.

SIGNED Richard W. Moore
CHAIRMAN, PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
DATE Mar 4 1977

CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT OF TAXES

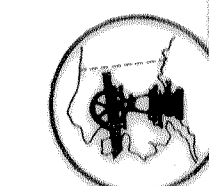
I, Richard W. Moore, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL TAXES LEVIED AGAINST THE PROPERTY REPRESENTED BY THIS SUBDIVISION AS OF March 3, 1977 ARE PAID.

SIGNED Richard W. Moore
CITY CLERK
DATE March 3, 1977

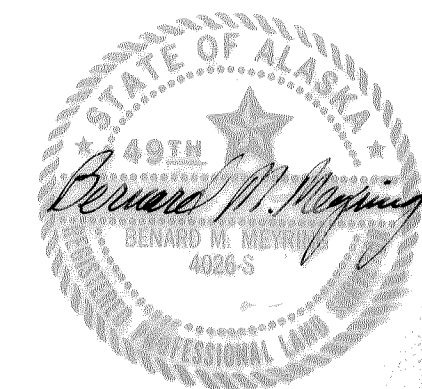
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED ENGINEER, LAND SURVEYOR

I, Bernard M. Meyring, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT REPRESENTS THE SURVEY PERFORMED UNDER MY SUPERVISION AND THAT ALL DISTANCES AND BEARINGS ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY BELIEF.

SIGNED Bernard M. Meyring
REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR
DATE Jan. 19, 1977



Philco
Engineering and Architectural Service



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTARY

STATE OF ALASKA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ON THE 16 DAY OF February, 1977 BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED, A NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA, PERSONALLY APPEARED AND SIGNED THIS PLAT, Richard W. Moore OWNER OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

SIGNED Richard W. Moore
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 5-3-80

CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, CAVOR, Inc., HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM THE OWNER OF THE LAND SHOWN HEREON AS BEING SUBDIVIDED AND THAT I HAVE SIGNED THIS PLAT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.

SIGNED V. Paul Johnson, Pres.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTARY

STATE OF ALASKA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ON THE 24 DAY OF January, 1977 BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED, A NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA, PERSONALLY APPEARED AND SIGNED THIS PLAT, Del Welch OWNER OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

SIGNED Del Welch
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES June 28, 1977

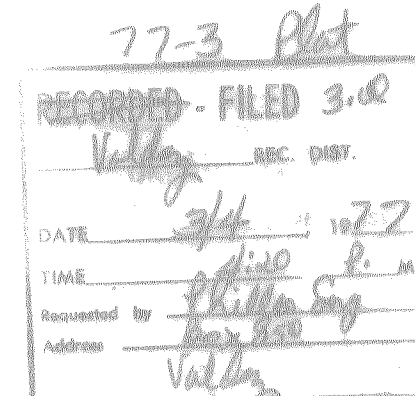
CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, Del Welch, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM THE OWNER OF THE LAND SHOWN HEREON AS BEING SUBDIVIDED AND THAT I HAVE SIGNED THIS PLAT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.

SIGNED Del Welch
Virginia Welch

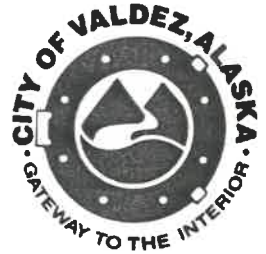
LEGEND

- BRASS MONUMENT FOUND
- 1. BAR SET THIS SURVEY
- HIGHWAY MONUMENT FOUND
- R.R. SPIKE FOUND
- STONE MONUMENT FOUND



FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT OF SLEEPY HOLLOW ADDITION BEING A PORTION OF USS 635 & USS 636 & BLOCK 19 MINERAL CREEK SUBDIVISION	
DATE	JANUARY 1977
DRAWN BY	K.G.L.
TRACED BY	
APPROVED	B.M.M.
SCALE	1" = 100'
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DRAWING NO.	76580.51

MEMORANDUM



TO: Jeanne Donald,
City Clerk
FROM: David Dengel, *Dave*
Assistant City Manager/
Director of Community Devel.

DATE: December 13, 1994
SUBJECT: Platted Easements for
Sleepy Hollow Addition

You asked for an interpretation of the 60' easement which runs between Lots 2 and 3 of Sleepy Hollow Addition recorded as Plat 77-3. The plat lists this only as a 60' easement. In reviewing the minutes of the January 12, 1977 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, Barney Meyring representing the owners of the property, indicated that this easement was a 60' road easement and that the width was established to match other roadway right-of-way widths in the City.

Subsequent resubdivision of Lot 2 shows a 10' utility easement along the western edge of the lots that are created by Sleepy Hollow Addition #3.

I hope this provides the answer to the question which you posed.

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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

January 12, 1977

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Valdez Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by Chairman Moore in the council chambers in city hall.

II. Roll Call

Responding to the call of the roll were Chairman Moore, Commissioners Wyatt, Misterek and Ellinger. Commissioners Quiroz, Evans and Richter were absent. Commissioner Quiroz was excused by prior request. There were approximately nine persons in the audience.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of December 22, 1976 were approved as presented.

IV. Old Business1. Port Valdez Subdivision - Plat Map Final Approval

The plat map of all Port Valdez Co. properties was submitted for final approval. Mr. Wayne Mabry representing the Port Valdez Co. was in the audience.

Following review of the plats, it was moved by Commissioner Misterek and seconded by Commissioner Wyatt that the plat maps be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously with three commissioners absent.

2. Sleepy Hollow Addition Subdivision - Block 19, M.C.S. and U.S.S. 636 and U.S.S. 635

The subdivision map was submitted for approval.

Commissioner Richter arrived at 7:53 p.m.

General discussion revealed that this submittal did not conform to the previous submittal inasmuch as there were additional lots to be subdivided and road easements designated which did not line up across Meals Avenue. Mr. Meyring, representing the owners, stated that the road easements were reserved on the map at 60 feet to conform to other streets in the area. Considerable discussion regarding access to and from U.S.S. 635 and U.S.S. 636 was held. The map as submitted showed the extension of Alatna Street offset approximately 60 feet, which is contrary to the subdivision code, Section 24-21(c).

The general feeling expressed was that the commission should only consider the subdivision as requested by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

It was moved by Commissioner Wyatt and seconded by Commissioner Ellinger that the commission act only on the L.D.S. subdivision from U.S.S. 636 of Mr. P. J. Matthew and Block 19, M.C.S. of Mr. Del Welch. Motion carried unanimously with two commissioners absent.

V. New Business

I. Subdivision - Lot 1, Block 29, M.C.S.

The proposed subdivision map of Lot 1, Block 29, M.C.S. was submitted for commission approval.

General discussion revealed that the map, as submitted, would create an illegal building of the existing residence due to the prohibition of residential units in the CBD except as housing for owners or managers of the adjacent business. The commission also questioned the availability of adequate parking for the businesses as required by the city code if the proposed subdivision were granted. Inasmuch as the plan was not submitted in time for adequate review by city staff and the commission, it was moved by Commissioner Misterek and seconded by Commissioner Wyatt to table this matter until it could be brought up to code for parking and for further information on the proposal. Motion carried unanimously with two commissioners absent.

VI. Public Business from the Floor

There was no one in the audience wishing to address the commission.

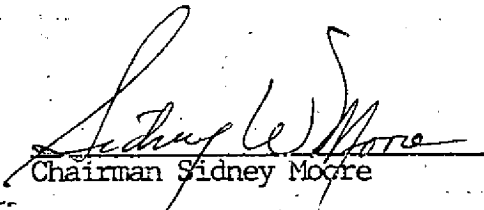
VII. Commission Business from the Floor

Commissioner Wyatt called attention to the parking of the T.S.I. bus across the driveways of the post office which restricted access to the post office and caused considerable congestion.

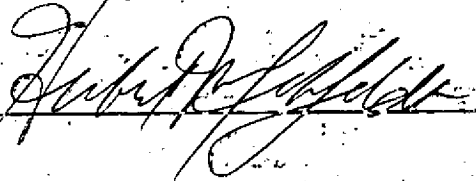
Commissioner Ellinger called attention to other trucks parking on Tatitlek Avenue which interfered with sight distances.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.


Chairman Sidney Moore

ATTEST:





Legislation Text

File #: RES 25-0032, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

#25-32 - Authorizing the Submission of a 2025 Rasmuson Foundation Tier One Grant Application for the Multi-Phase Wayfinding Project

SUBMITTED BY: Martha Barberio, Economic Development Director

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City Manager of the City of Valdez is authorized by Valdez City Council to submit a grant application to the Rasmuson Foundation for the Wayfinding Project by utilizing the Rasmuson Foundation Tier One Grant program with total project costs not to exceed \$35,000

The wayfinding project celebrates the city's rich heritage, cultural identity, and sense of place through vibrant disposable murals and interpretive signage. By connecting key landmarks and local stories, the project transforms Valdez into a walkable, open-air gallery that inspires pride, reflection, and exploration for residents and visitors alike.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #25-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A 2025 RASMUSON FOUNDATION TIER-ONE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE MULTI-PHASE WAYFINDING PROJECT TO IMPROVE NAVIGATION AND TO ENRICH THE VISITOR AND RESIDENT EXPERIENCE

WHEREAS, this grant aligns with City Councils priority to Grow the Local Economy and Businesses; and

WHEREAS, this grant will help to grow the local economy and businesses by funding creative placemaking that attracts visitors, supports local entrepreneurs, and revitalizes Valdez's downtown core; and

WHEREAS; the City of Valdez seeks to apply for the Rasmuson Foundation Tier One grant program, and

WHEREAS; there is no matching fund requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that:

The City Manager of the City of Valdez is authorized by Valdez City Council to submit a grant application to the Rasmuson Foundation Tier One grant program for the Wayfinding Project by utilizing the Rasmuson Foundation Tier-One program with total project costs not to exceed \$35,000

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this 15th day of July, 2025.

City of Valdez, Alaska

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk



Legislation Text

File #: RES 25-0033, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

#25-33 - Opposing Proposed Changes to the Definition of Local Contributions Under Title 4 Chapter 9 of Alaska Administrative Code

SUBMITTED BY: Nathan Duval, City Manager

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: n/a

Unencumbered Balance: n/a

Funding Source: n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution #25-33

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development has proposed regulatory changes under 4 AAC 09 that would expand the definition of 'local contributions' beyond its historical interpretation, capturing community supports that have long existed outside the statutory cap.

The City of Valdez owns the public school facilities in Valdez, and the proposed regulation would inappropriately hinder the city's ability to maintain and improve our own buildings and maintain flexible community programming in the facilities.

Resolution #25-33 expresses the city's opposition to this proposed regulatory change.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #25-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ,
ALASKA, OPPOSING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DEFINITION OF
LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN TITLE 4 CHAPTER 9 OF ALASKA
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development has proposed regulatory changes under 4 AAC 09 that would expand the definition of 'local contributions' beyond its historical interpretation, capturing community supports that have long existed outside the statutory cap; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has consistently failed to provide adequate education funding to school districts within incorporated communities, which has driven a need for municipal governments to support local school districts through providing additional services and funding sources to enhance educational opportunities and lessen dependence on fluctuating state and federal revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, due to a lack of state support and a commitment to continued student success, the City of Valdez has a long-standing practice of partnering with Valdez City Schools to invest in a robust public education system by providing support to our local schools through both direct financial contributions and additional forms of support that reflect our community's values; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reclassification will severely limit the ability of municipal governments to support local schools, disproportionately penalizing districts like Valdez that have cultivated collaborative partnerships with their municipality to enhance opportunities for their community's children; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez owns the public school facilities in Valdez, and the proposed regulation would inappropriately hinder the city's ability to maintain and improve our own buildings and maintain flexible community programming in the facilities; and

WHEREAS, if adopted, the proposed regulatory change will adversely impact all families in Valdez, including families who choose to home school their children, since it will threaten existing funding for extracurricular activities and community schools programming; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes are not mandated by federal law or requested by a federal agency but are instead a state-level policy choice, positioning Alaska as the only state actively pursuing regulatory strategies to offset its education funding responsibilities by redirecting federal Impact Aid dollars to itself first; and

WHEREAS, the state has not demonstrated that the proposed regulatory changes will resolve Alaska's existing disparity test compliance issues, nor has it provided evidence that expanding the definition of local contributions will have any measurable impact on achieving the desired federal determination; and

WHEREAS the proposed regulations introduce additional administrative and accounting burdens for districts, municipalities, and the state, likely increasing costs without providing clarity or resolving existing challenges transparently or equitably; and

WHEREAS, restricting the scope of allowable local contributions diminishes local control, limits a community's ability to safeguard public assets and infrastructure, and disregards the right of communities to invest in their educational priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Valdez City Council strongly opposes the proposed regulatory changes to 4 AAC 09 that would expand the definition of 'local contributions' in a manner that restricts community financial support, erodes local control, and reduces the overall resources available to Alaska's students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that:

Section 1. The City of Valdez urges the state to prioritize open dialogue with school and municipal leaders before adopting regulations with significant fiscal and operational consequences and to work collaboratively to protect federal Impact Aid, maintain local authority, and recognize the unique needs of districts with strong community partnerships.

Section 2. The Mayor (or Mayor Pro Tempore), and the City Manager (or his designee) are authorized to advocate on behalf of the City of Valdez in opposition to this proposed regulatory change and in favor of policies that uphold educational excellence, equity, and local control and support while maintaining responsible, community-driven support for Alaska's public schools.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this 15th day of July, 2025.

City of Valdez, Alaska

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk



Legislation Text

File #: 25-0320, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Auction Report: 2011 Bobcat S100 Skid Steer

SUBMITTED BY: John Witte, Director, Public Works Department

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the auction results for the 2011 Bobcat S100 Skid Steer.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City of Valdez successfully auctioned a surplus 2011 Bobcat S100 Skid Steer through GovDeals.com in accordance with Valdez Municipal Code 4.06.020. The equipment was originally valued at \$8,000.00 and sold for a final bid amount of \$16,456.00. The sale reflects effective asset management and strong market response. Proceeds from this sale will be utilized in alignment with the City's budget and financial policies to support future operational needs.



Fair Market Value Approval Form

For Disposal of Surplus Personal Property

Item to be Sold:	
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Description of the Item:	
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Issues/Damages of the Item:	
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Date of Purchase:	
Original Purchase Price:	

Estimated Fair Market Value	
Auction Reserve Price	

Department Director Signature: _____

Printed Name/Title: _____ **Date:** _____

City Manager Approval

☐ Approve – I agree with the fair market value and reserve price of the item.

☐ Deny – I do not agree with the fair market value and reserve price of the item.

Additional Comments:

City Manager Signature: _____

Printed Name/Title: _____ **Date:** _____

Include pictures with this form for the City Manager.





Legislation Text

File #: 25-0321, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

2025 Valdez Visitor Report & 2025 Valdez Business Climate Survey

SUBMITTED BY: Martha Barberio, Economic Development Director

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive & file

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City of Valdez has completed the 2025 **Valdez Visitor Report**, which provides current data and on the local visitor economy, including visitor trends, seasonal behaviors, and economic contributions. This information is critical for understanding the tourism sector's impact and shaping effective policy and investment strategies.

Also enclosed is the **2020 Valdez Business Climate Survey**, originally developed under the Mayor's Economic Recovery Task Force, alongside the newly completed **2025 Business Climate Survey**. The comparison of these two surveys highlights changes in business confidence, workforce challenges, and economic outlook over the last five years.

Valdez Visitor Economy 2025

Prepared for
CITY OF


VALDEZ
ALASKA

June 2025

Prepared by
Rain Coast
Data

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Valdez Visitor Economy Summary



The Valdez tourism sector has fully rebounded from the pandemic years. The 2023 and 2024 visitor seasons closely resembled 2019 levels. The 2025 season is expected to be the busiest in terms of visitor volume since 2001, as large cruise ships continue to return to the community. Valdez is projected to attract more than 117,000 tourists arriving by air, cruise, road, and ferry.

Tourism Employment and Earnings Trends:

Tourism accounts for 14% of all annualized jobs and 6% of total workforce earnings in Valdez. In 2023, the sector supported an annual average of 376 jobs and generated \$13.2 million in earnings. Projections indicate an increase in 2025. In the spring of 2025, about half (56%) of visitor industry leaders in the community called the tourism business climate good or very good; while 41% called it poor or very poor. About a third of respondents expect tourism to improve over the next year.

376
Annualized
Valdez tourism
jobs

Total Visitor Spending:

In 2024, visitors to Valdez are estimated to have spent \$55.4 million, based on analysis of city accommodation tax records, passenger data, and other sources. This includes \$27.8 million from hotel guests, encompassing both tourists and non-tourism travelers. Campers using RVs, tents, and cabins contributed an estimated \$16.5 million in estimated spending. Visitors staying in short-term rentals spent approximately \$7.3 million, while cruise passengers contributed \$3.9 million.

**\$55.4
million**
Estimated visitor
spending in
Valdez in
2024

Tourist Arrivals by Travel Type:

Across all modes of transportation, approximately 98,000 tourists came to Valdez in 2024. That number is projected to grow by 19.5% in 2025, surpassing 117,000 visitors. Road travel remains the primary mode of arrival, with an estimated 68,000 visitors in 2024. Fewer than 3,000 tourists arrived by air, representing a 28% decline from 2023 and an 80% drop compared to a decade ago. However, with Valdez included in the Essential Air Service program since December 2024, subsidized air travel is expected to reverse this trend and boost future passenger numbers. Since 2014, ferry arrivals have declined by 37%; however, an estimated 3,847 tourists arrived by ferry in 2024, more than in any of the three years prior to the pandemic.

117,000
projected tourists
to Valdez in
2025

Cruise Projections:

In 2025, Valdez is scheduled to receive 40 cruise ship visits from eight different vessels. If ships sail at full capacity, 42,789 passengers are expected to visit Valdez—a 65% increase over 2024. Last year, ships operated at 93% capacity, bringing just over 25,000 cruise visitors to the community. In 2025, cruise passengers are projected to account for 36% of all visitors to Valdez, generating an estimated \$6.4 million in local spending.

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Projected
increase in cruise
ship passengers
in 2025

Overview of Tourism in Valdez

In the summer of 2023, nearly 100,000 tourists visited Valdez. Tourism constitutes an important component of the local economy in Valdez, a community uniquely positioned between the Chugach Mountains and Prince William Sound. The area's abundant wildlife, beautiful landscapes, and rich recreation opportunities attracts visitors seeking outdoor and fishing experiences.

The origins of tourism in Valdez date back to the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898. Valdez emerged as a critical access point for those attempting the "All-American Route" over the Valdez Glacier toward the interior goldfields, thereby establishing early foundations for the region's role as a gateway for travelers and adventurers.

In 2025, visitation to Valdez occurs primarily via road, but also increasingly by maritime transportation and air:

- **Road:** Road-based tourists typically arrive via the Richardson Highway, through areas such as Keystone Canyon and Thompson Pass.
- **Cruise:** Cruise ship tourism is reemerging in significant numbers for the first time since the early 2000s (when 9/11 restrictions led the cancellation of a large-scale cruise sector).
- **Ferry:** Maritime visitors also access Valdez through the Alaska Marine Highway System, providing an immersive coastal experience along Prince William Sound.
- **Air:** Air travel is also making a comeback to Valdez, after the community instituted essential air service in December of 2024, increasing the frequency of air travel, and reducing the cost for passengers.

Sports and recreational fishing are major attractions for Valdez visitors, with salmon returns influencing visitor activity. Anglers from Alaska and around the world are drawn by Valdez's renowned fisheries. The King Salmon (Chinook) season generally runs from May through July, while Coho (Silver) salmon return from mid-July to mid-September. Strong fish runs significantly increase demand for lodging, gear, and guided fishing trips. Coordinated hatchery and fishery efforts play an important role in supporting the economic strength of Valdez's tourism sector.

Other key visitor activities include boat tours, glacier tours, hiking, and learning about cultural history. In addition to summer attractions, Valdez also has a vibrant, smaller winter tourism season. Visitors come to Valdez for snow machining, heliskiing, nordic skiing, ice climbing, cold weather camping, and other winter activities.

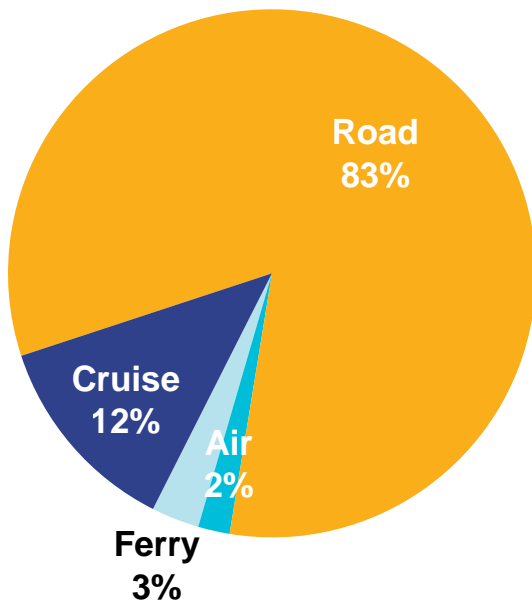
The purpose of this research study is to evaluate and quantify the economic impacts of tourism in Valdez, examining visitor expenditure patterns, employment generated by tourism-related activities, and estimates the economic impact of cruise ships, hotels, short-term rentals, and campgrounds.

Summer Visitors by Mode of Arrival

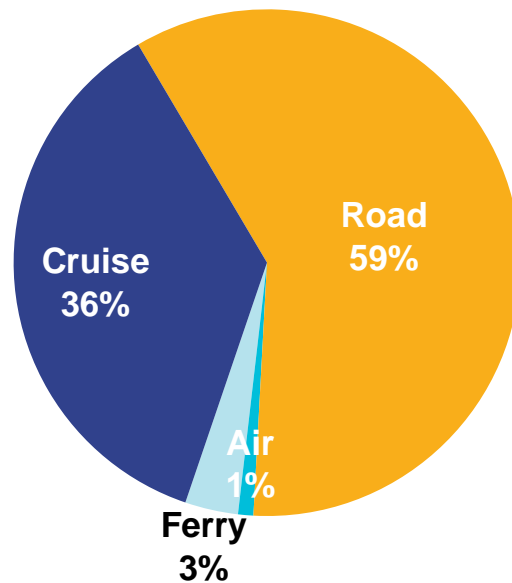
While visitors by road will still represent the highest percentage of tourists in Valdez in 2025, the ratios are changing. In 2025, 36% of all Valdez tourists are expected to arrive via cruise ship as cruise tourism is increasingly becoming a larger part of the Valdez tourism economy, while 59% will arrive by road. Another 4% will arrive by ferry and plane.

In 2019, just 12% of all tourists were off of cruise ships, while 83% of all recreation visitors arrived by road.

Summer Visitors by Mode of Arrival in Valdez 2019



Summer Visitors by Mode of Arrival in Valdez 2025



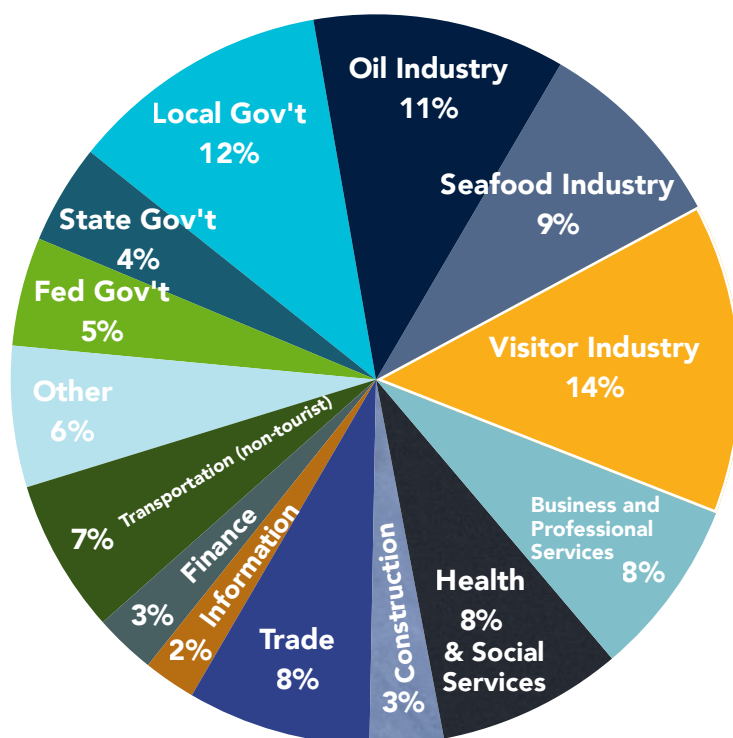
Visitor Industry Employment

The community of Valdez had 2,721 year-round equivalent jobs and \$212 million in workforce earnings in 2023 across all sectors. In 2023, visitor industry employment made up 14% of all private sector employment in Valdez, accounting for 376 annual average jobs with associated workforce earnings of \$13 million.¹ The visitor industry accounted for 6% of total Valdez workforce earnings in 2023. While final 2024 data is not yet available, early data indicates a small decline in the number of Valdez tourism jobs and wages in 2024, primarily associated with air travel and low fishing, but tourism is expected to rebound in 2025.

Annualized **Jobs**

2,721 Total Jobs

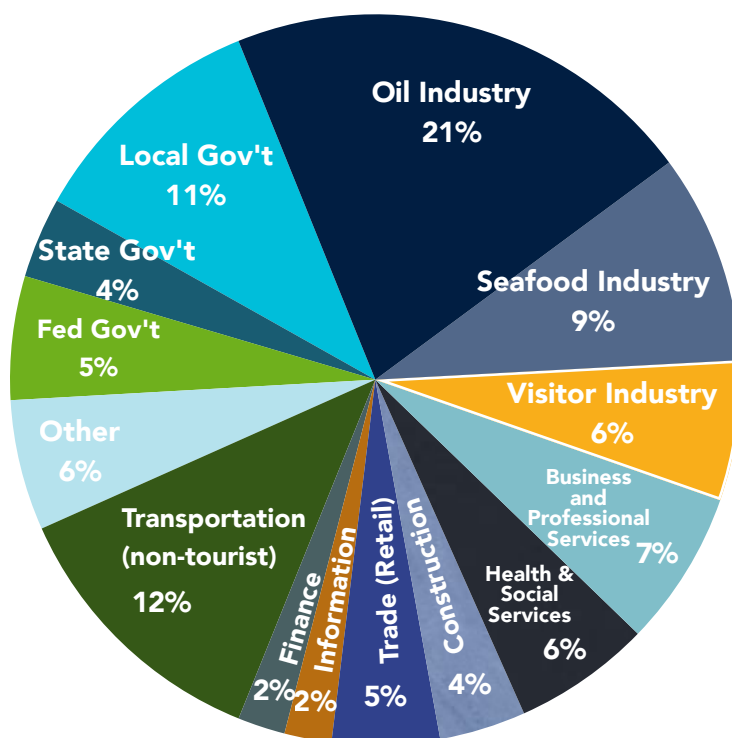
376 **Visitor** Sector Jobs



Employment **Earnings**

Total Earnings \$212 million

Visitor Sector \$13.2 million



The Valdez visitor sector is somewhat similar to the state as a whole; the Alaska visitor industry represented 11% of all jobs and 5% of all employment earnings in 2023.

¹ **Sources:** Alaska Department of Labor Employment & Wage data; US Census Nonemployer (self-employment) Statistics. **Notes:** Due to data confidentiality, some figures are estimates by Rain Coast Data, based on all available inputs. Since annual average employment measures monthly jobs on an annual basis, a visitor industry job that lasts three months counts as one-quarter of an annual average job. Therefore total people employed by the visitor industry last year is a much higher number. 2024 data is not yet fully available.

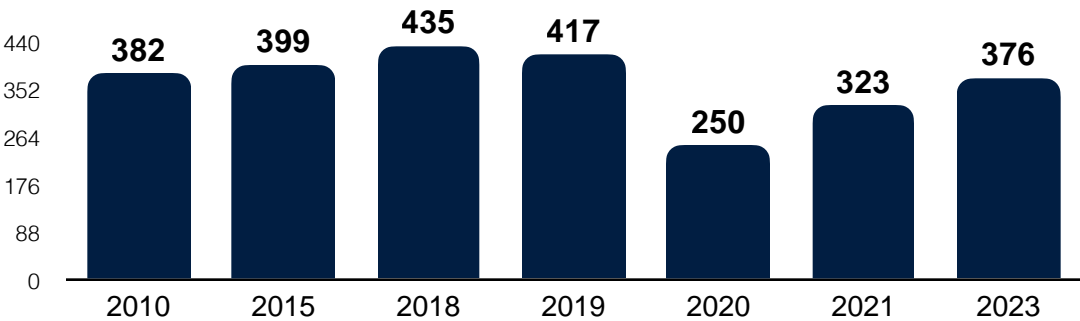
Annual Visitor Industry Employment 2015-2023

Visitor sector employment in Valdez has been mostly steady, with the exception of pandemic years 2020 and 2021, at around 400 annualized jobs. While peak worker count is significantly higher in peak summer months — growing to around 500 jobs in June, July and August — using an annualized count (year-round equivalent job analysis) allows tourism jobs to be compared across sectors, and is a better way of making annual comparisons. Although 2024 data is not yet available, it is expected to be similar to 2023. The data will be available in July 2025.

Total workforce earnings have increased over time. The average visitor sector wage increased by 63% between 2015 and 2023, while total workforce earnings in that sector increased by 54%. Inflation over that same period increased by 32%.

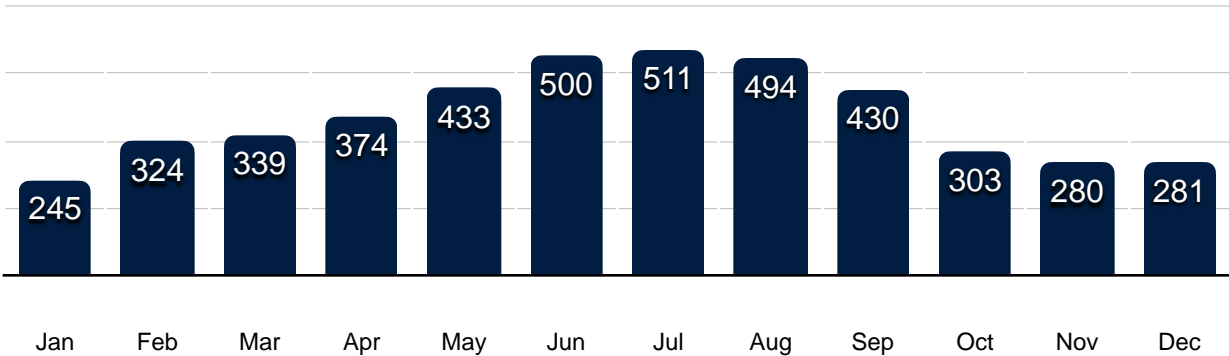
	Year 2015	Year 2018	Year 2021	Year 2023	% Change 2015-2023
Average Visitor Industry Wage	\$21,470	\$22,613	\$32,428	\$35,027	63%
Annualized Visitor Industry Employment	399	435	323	376	-6%
Total Visitor Industry Workforce Earnings	\$8,566,383	\$9,836,663	\$10,474,182	\$13,170,019	54%

Valdez Visitor Sector Jobs, Annualized: 2010 to 2023



Note: Annualized employment (or year-round employment) tracks total workers each month of the year, sums the monthly total, and divides that number by twelve. **Source:** Alaska Department of Labor and US Census Nonemployer (self-employment). **Note:** 2024 data is not yet available

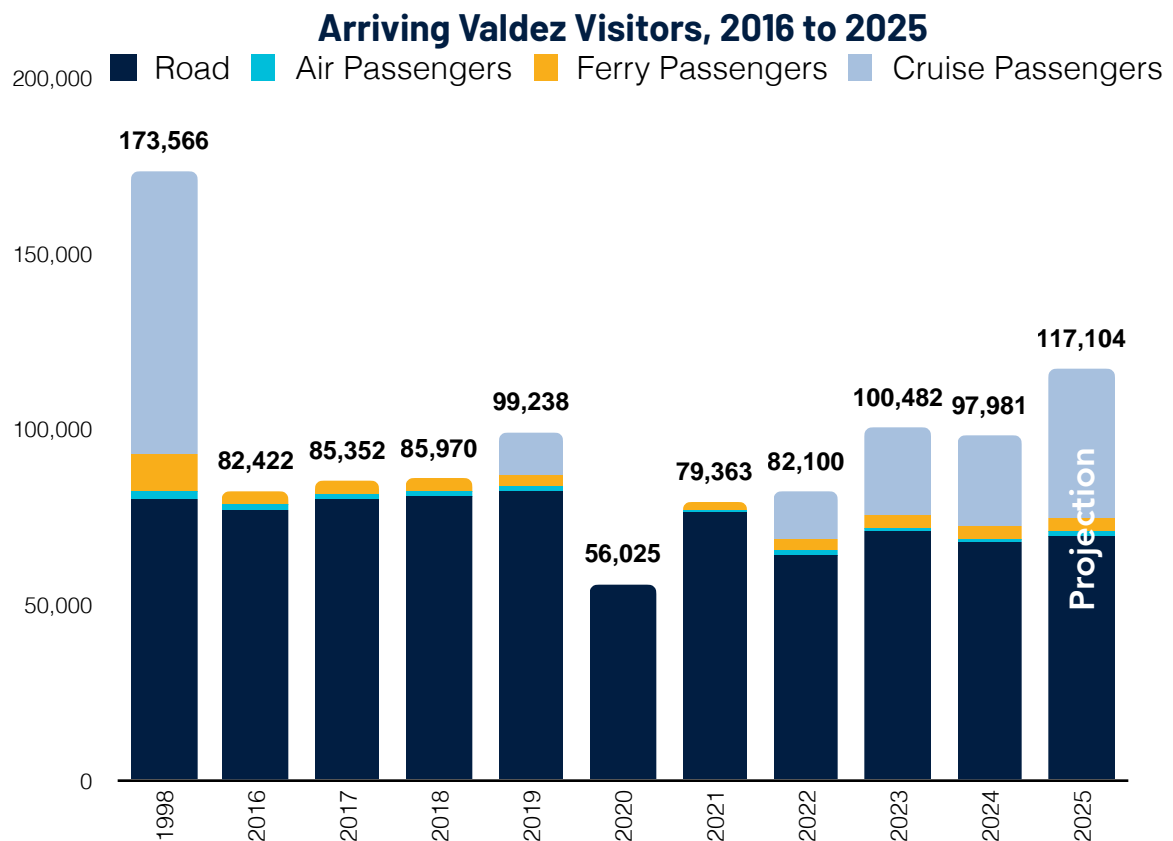
Valdez Visitor Sector Workforce by Month, 2023



Change in the Visitor Industry

Total Passenger Arrivals

In 2024, nearly 100,000 tourists arrived in Valdez. This represents a 2% decline compared to 2023, likely due to the sharp decline in air service the community saw in 2024, along with lower than expected salmon returns. In 2025 total Valdez tourist numbers are expected to increase by 20%.



In 2025, Valdez is expecting nearly 70,000 tourists arriving by road, more than 42,000 arriving by cruise ship, nearly 4,000 by ferry, and more than 1,100 by air. Air passenger tourism traffic is expected to increase by 160% due to the implementation of essential air service. Cruise passenger numbers are expected to increase by 65% over 2024 numbers as the number of cruise ships visiting Valdez grows. While the arrival of more than 117,104 tourists in Valdez will represent a recent record, tourism numbers are still expected to remain below the tourism levels Valdez experienced in the late 1990s.

Estimated Valdez Tourist Arrivals by Mode, 1998-2025

Total Valdez Tourist Arrivals	Road	Air	Ferry	Cruise	Total
1998	80,000	2,000	10,566	81,000	173,566
2016	77,000	1,590	3,832	-	82,422
2017	80,000	1,782	3,570		85,352
2018	81,000	1,323	3,647	-	85,970
2019	82,000	1,923	2,915	12,400	99,238
2020	56,000	-	25	-	56,025
2021	76,000	1,202	2,161	-	79,363
2022	64,000	1,771	3,147	13,182	82,100
2023	71,000	1,054	3,725	24,703	100,482
2024	68,000	439	3,847	25,695	97,981
2025 (projected)	69,500	1,141	3,974	42,489	117,104



Valdez Traveler Visitation and Spending Analysis

In 2024, visitors spent an estimated \$55.4 million in the Valdez economy.

While this estimate includes all tourists, it also includes those staying at Valdez hotels and short-term-rentals for other activities, such as work travel. In 2024 an estimated 97,981 tourists came to Valdez, but total visitors was 105,535 — as those using accommodations in Valdez for other purposes, rather than recreation, were also counted.

Visitor spending analysis was conducted by developing estimates for the total number of hotel guests — based on accommodation tax receipts; the number of short-term-rental guests — provided by AirDNA; the number of cruise ship passengers — provided by the City of Valdez (COV); and the number of campers — using a capacity analysis, cross-referenced with highway data counts, and a previous analysis camper count by McDowell Group in 2016.

Spending per person per day per category was estimated using data from Wrangell, and modified for each guest category in Valdez. These categories include food (restaurants, grocery, coffee, bars, etc.); shopping (souvenirs, fishing gear, ice, etc.); transportation (vehicle rentals, fuel, taxis, other paid transportation options); and excursions (sport fishing costs, gear rental, and other tours and activities). Accommodation spending was provided by COV and AirDNA, while camper spending was estimated.

Total Estimated Visitation and Spending, 2024

Estimated Spending by Visitors by Category	Estimated Spending	Estimated Visitors
Total estimated visitor spending	\$55,369,740	105,535
Spending by Hotel Guests (includes non-tourist uses)	\$27,745,967	32,631
Spending by Cruise Ship Passengers	\$3,854,250	25,695
Spending by Short-Term-Rental Guests (like AirBNBs and VRBO, also includes non-tourist uses)	\$7,311,557	10,081
Spending by Campers (RV, Tent, cabin, other vehicle camping)	\$16,457,966	36,218

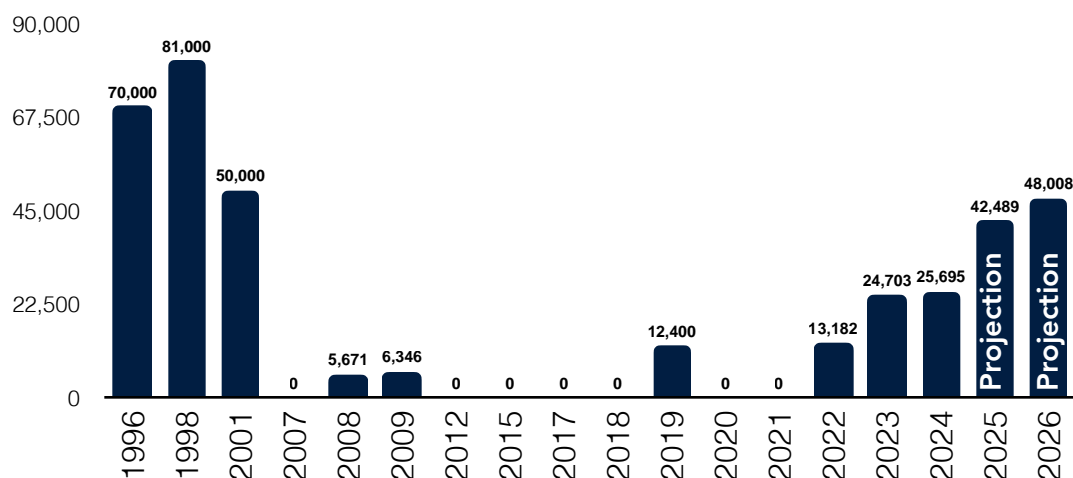
Note: All figures presented in this report are based on the best available data at the time of analysis. Estimates were developed using a combination of accommodation tax records, visitor counts, historical trends, industry benchmarks, survey data, and third-party sources such as AirDNA and the Alaska Department of Labor. Where exact data was unavailable, carefully considered assumptions and proxy data from comparable communities were used to model visitation and spending patterns. This model is designed to be adaptable. As new or improved data becomes available—such as updated visitor counts, spending profiles, or tax receipts—these inputs can be incorporated into the model to refine and enhance future estimates. Accordingly, figures should be considered directional rather than definitive, and are best used to understand relative scale, trendlines, and economic impact.

Cruise Passengers

Valdez was a highly successful cruise ship port in the mid-1990s. At its peak more than 80,000 cruise passengers visited Valdez, representing nearly 15 percent of all cruise traffic to Alaska. Cruise ship traffic in Valdez decreased dramatically following the 9/11 2001 terrorist attack, as visitors were no longer permitted to see active pipeline related activities at the pipeline terminal, which had been the community's most popular shore excursion. Holland America removed Valdez from its itinerary in 2002 and Carnival followed in 2003. In the decade and a half between 2004 and 2018, hardly any cruise ships visited the community.

The City of Valdez invested in developing a more attractive cruise ship port, spending millions on capital improvement projects. The investment began to pay off in 2019, but cruise ships visits were cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. Cruise visitors returned to the community in 2022; however, in June 2023, Norwegian Cruise Line abruptly cancelled all calls to Valdez for the 2023 season, as well as 2024, reducing 2023 passenger arrivals by about half. The Port of Valdez had originally projected more than 57,000 cruise passenger arrivals in 2023.

Cruise Passengers in Valdez 1996-2026



Source: Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska; City of Valdez. Passenger numbers for 1996, 1998, and 2001 are estimates based on ship arrival counts.

Moving into 2025 and 2026, the long-planned for cruise growth is finally materializing. In 2025, Valdez is expected to receive 40 port calls, which could have 42,489 passengers, if all ships are full. This represents a 65% increase over 2024. If ships are at 93% capacity, as they were in 2023, the community would host approximately 40,000 cruise passengers. In 2026, the number of cruise passengers visiting Valdez is expected to grow by an additional 13% to just over 48,000.

Cruise Ship Projections 2025

2025 Ships	Port Calls	Passenger Capacity	Total Visitors
Silver Nova	8	728	5,824
Viking Orion	12	930	11,160
Viking Venus	14	930	13,020
Villa Vie Odyssey	1	924	924
Mid-Sized Ships	35		30,928
Nieuw Amsterdam	1	2,527	2,106
Noordam	1	1,918	1,918
Ruby Princess	1	3,080	3,080
Westerdam	2	2,018	4,036
Large-Ships	5		11,561
Grand Total	40		42,489

Source: Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska; City of Valdez.

For the purpose of this analysis, mid-sized cruise ships includes those with 200 to 1,299 passengers per vessel; and large ships have 1,300 passengers or more.

Mid-Sized Cruise Ships

In 2025, 4 mid-sized cruise ships with an average capacity of around 900 passengers are expected to make 35 port calls, potentially bringing 30,928 passengers to Valdez if the ships are full.

Large Cruise Ships

Four large cruise ships — *Nieuw Amsterdam*, *Westerdam*, *Noordam*, and *Ruby Princess* — each carrying between 2,000 and 3,000 passengers, are scheduled to make a total of five port calls to Valdez in the summer of 2025. At full capacity, these visits could bring up to 11,561 cruise passengers. The Ruby Princess will be making its inaugural visit.

2026 Projections

Passenger capacity for 2026 is expected to be just over 48,000. Seven mid-sized cruise ships will make 51 visits, and four large cruise ships will make 5 visits. New vessels expected to visit Valdez in 2026 include Azamara Pursuit, Luminara, Silver Moon, Zaandam and Roald Amundsen. Silver Whisper will return, following a two year absence.

Cruise Visitation and Spending Analysis

In 2024, cruise ship passengers are estimated to have contributed approximately \$3.9 million to the Valdez economy. In 2025 that total is expected to increase to \$6.4 million.

While Valdez-specific cruise spending data has not been formally collected, estimates are based on spending patterns observed in Wrangell—a comparable Alaska community—and adjusted for local conditions. Based on modeling, cruise visitors spend an average of \$150 per person while they are visiting Valdez. This analysis assumes the following average daily spending per cruise visitor:

- **\$91** on excursions (including flightseeing, sportfishing, guided tours, transportation costs, and other activities)
- **\$28** on food and beverage (including coffee, alcohol, and tips)
- **\$31** on shopping (including souvenirs, local goods, museum admission, donations, etc.)

These estimates offer an estimate of the cruise sector’s potential impact on local businesses. The model assumes that some visitors will not partake in all or in some cases any of the spending categories. These assumptions can be updated as better Valdez-specific data is developed.

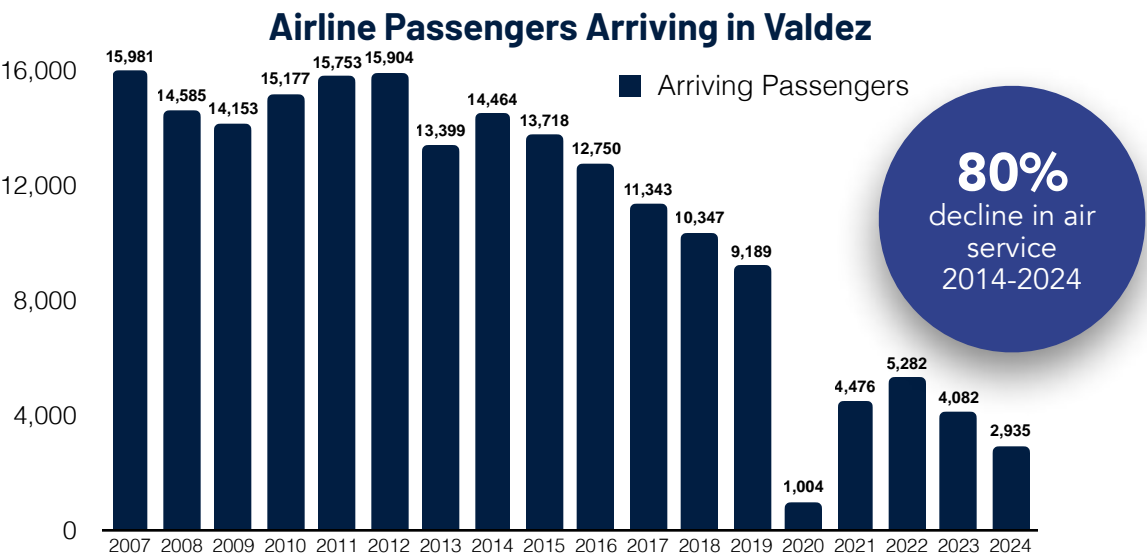
Valdez Estimated Cruise Tourist Spending

Spending by Cruise Visitors by Category	2024	2025
Total estimated cruise tourist spending	\$3,854,250	\$6,373,350
Excursions and Transportation	\$2,338,245	\$3,866,499
Food, Beverages	\$719,460	\$1,189,692
Shopping	\$796,545	\$1,317,159



Air Passengers

The number of air passengers arriving in Valdez gradually decreased through 2019. Following the 2020 pandemic, passenger traffic fell steeply before rebounding to about half of pre-pandemic rates. In 2024, fewer than 3,000 air passengers arrived in Valdez, a 28% decline over 2023 levels, and an 80% decline from a decade earlier.



Source: US Bureau of Transportation Statistics (RITA).

Air traffic into Valdez has experienced several years of turmoil. In 2020, the only commercial air carrier operating in Valdez, RavnAir Group, laid off all its staff and filed bankruptcy. The airline found new ownership under the name of Ravn Alaska and resumed service to Valdez in November 2020. In February of 2024 Ravn Alaska laid off a third of its staff, citing challenges like inflation and labor shortages, and Alaska Airlines suspended its mileage-sharing agreement with Ravn.

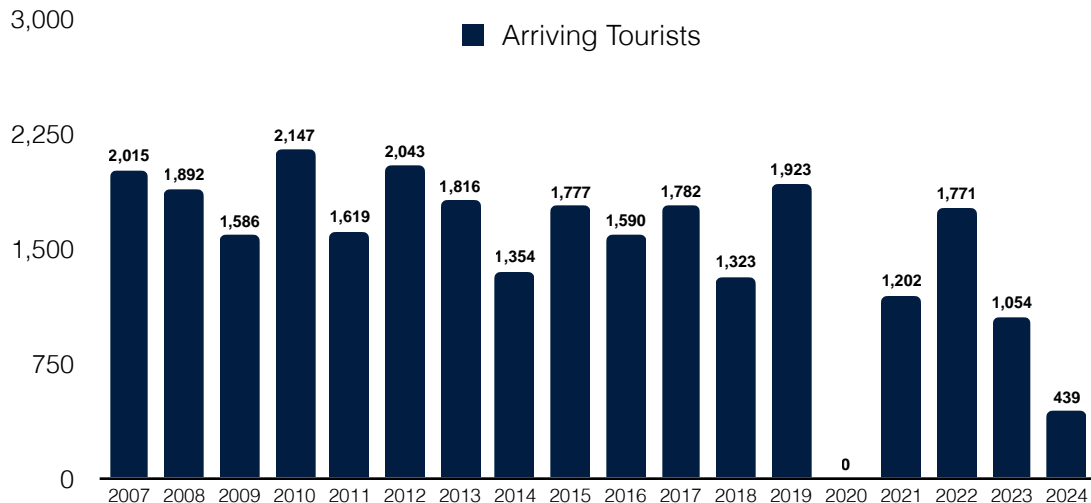
In December of 2024, Valdez was added to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (US DOT) Essential Air Service program, and Ravn Alaska was selected to provide that service. Essential Air Service is a program ensuring that small and rural communities receive commercial air service, even if it's not profitable for airlines. Ravn Alaska will receive \$5.6 million in 2025 and \$5.8 million in 2026, allowing it to operate 14 weekly round trips between Valdez and Anchorage, and reduce the cost of traveling. Ticket prices have decreased to \$89 (one way) compared to approximately \$300 before Essential Air Service began. The number of passengers in the first 3 months of 2025, total passengers arriving in Valdez increased by 160% over the first three months of 2024. While this should provide more aviation security moving forward, the federal government is considering cutting Essential Air Service to Alaska in 2025.

Valdez has a single, asphalt concrete paved runway 6,500 feet long and 150 feet wide.

Tourists by Air

The number of estimated tourists arriving in Valdez by air has vacillated over the past six years. Between 2007 and 2019, an average of 1,800 tourists arrived by air in Valdez annually. In 2020, that figure dropped to 0, increasing to nearly 1,800 in 2022, before dropping by 75 percent between 2022 and 2024. Some of the annualized fluctuations by year before 2020 can be attributed to changes in the sport fishing harvest levels.

Airline Tourists Arriving in Valdez



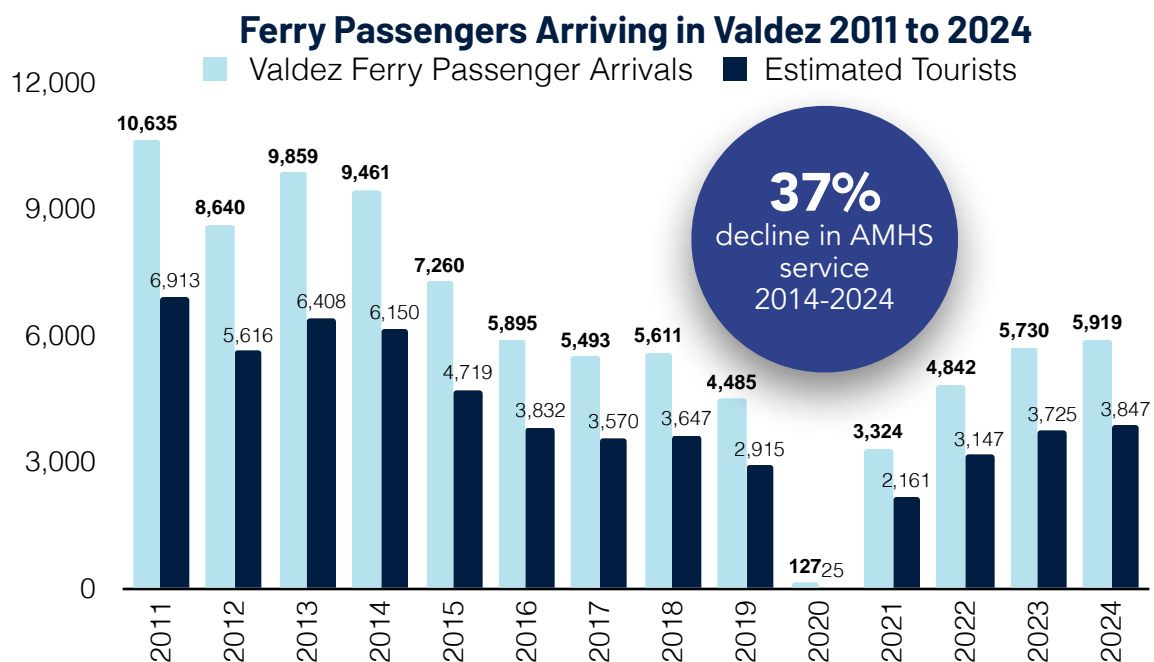
To understand how many tourists arrived in Valdez by air, an average number of air passengers is calculated for the eight non summer months. That figure (for example it was nearly 1,000 in 2015) is subtracted from the four summer month passenger numbers, and the excess summer month travelers are estimated to be tourist travelers. Of course this miscounts some seafood workers as summer tourists, and excludes those flying to Valdez for winter tourism activities, but the resulting estimation provides a good approximation of tourists arriving by air.



Ferry Passengers

In 2024, nearly 6,000 Alaska Marine Highway (AMHS) ferry passengers arrived in Valdez, and just under 3,900 of those are estimated to have been tourists.²

Since 2014, the number of passengers disembarking in Valdez has decreased by 37%. Ridership is approximately half of what it was in 2004. In 2024, the number of passengers disembarking increased by 3% over 2023 disembarkations.



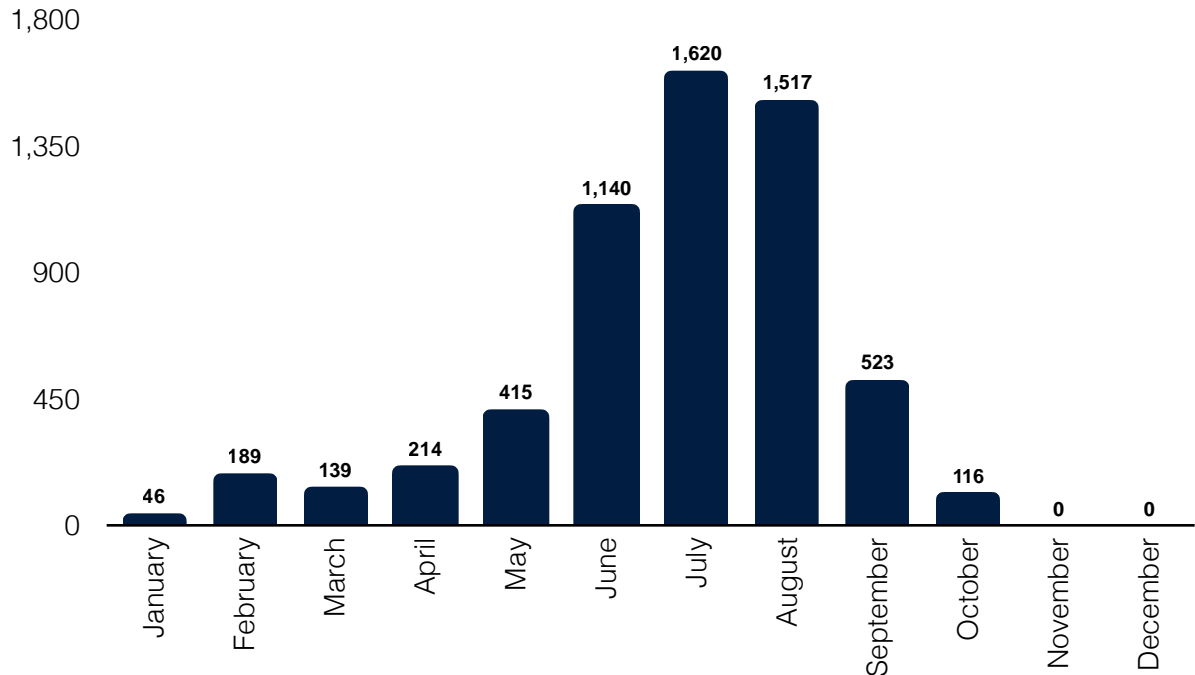
AMHS has been hit hard by state budget reductions, yet Valdez has fared better than other communities. Still, visitor-focused businesses built around serving ferry passengers have been impacted by reduced ferry services.

² Alaska Marine Highway System Annual Traffic Volume Reports. Direct data requests.

Tourists by Ferry

Most ferry passengers, 88%, that arrived in Valdez in 2024 came during the summer (May through September), with peak passengers arriving in July.

Ferry Passengers Arriving in Valdez by Month, 2024



Because the primary use of the Valdez ferry system is in the summer, it is more difficult to develop an excess summer month traveler analysis to help estimate the number of those arriving by ferry who are tourists. In lieu of more detailed information, we are using an estimate of 65% tourism traffic. Summer ferry routes to and from Valdez (particularly the Whittier–Valdez run) are heavily used by tourists traveling in RVs, with rental cars, or on foot during peak visitor season (June–August).

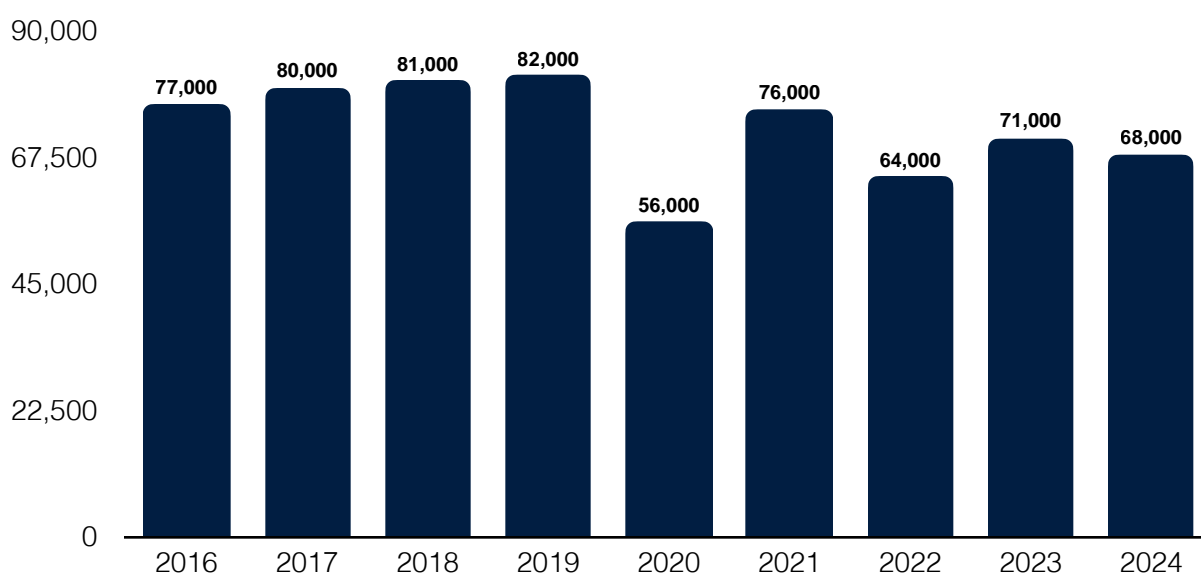


Tourists Arriving by Road

The Richardson Highway connects Valdez to Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Canada; and is how most people travel to Valdez. By road, it is 305 miles to Anchorage and 364 miles to Fairbanks.

In 2024, Rain Coast Data estimates that 68,000 recreational visitors came to Valdez via road. An estimated 65,000 of these arrived in the summer months. Total arrivals of people by road — including truckers, residents, and workers — is much higher.

Estimated Tourists Arriving by Road in Valdez 2016 to 2024



While no visitor counts have taken place to estimate highway tourism to Valdez since 2016, using Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) — the total number of vehicles traveling over a given road segment during one 24-hour day — provides a useful measurement of traffic. The analysis assumes that 28% of excess non-truck summer traffic consists of recreational visitors, and that each vehicle contains an average of two tourists.



Estimated Road Tourists to Valdez, 2016-2024

Year	Winter Month AADT (assume primarily Locals)	Summer Month Average Additional Daily Traffic	Additional Vehicles Per During summer	Divide by 2 for Exit Trips only	Excluding Large Trucks (using annual %)	Estimated summer visitors (28% tourist, 2 PAX per vehicle, rounded)	Total Road Tourists including Winter (rounded)
2016	3,588	2,147	257,640	128,820	112,460	72,000	77,000
2017	3,519	2,239	268,680	134,340	117,279	75,000	80,000
2018	3,619	2,272	272,640	136,320	118,053	76,000	81,000
2019	3,532	2,338	280,560	140,280	124,008	79,000	82,000
2020	3,387	1,580	189,600	94,800	83,708	53,000	56,000
2021	3,403	1,959	235,080	117,540	104,611	72,000	76,000
2022	3,273	1,817	218,040	109,020	96,592	61,000	64,000
2023	3,285	2,002	240,240	120,120	104,264	67,000	71,000
2024	3,327	1,921	230,520	115,260	90,018	65,000	68,000
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Source: The Alaska Department of Transportation's Traffic Analysis data collected from the Alaska Traffic Monitoring Program located on the public roads in Alaska. Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT)- identifies the average volume of traffic for the average one day (24 hour period) during a data reporting year at a specific location. Location 13100001- Richardson Hwy @ Valdez (CCS)(MP 1) City: Valdez. Route number: 4. LRS section: 1100000I000. Functional class: 3R - Principal Arterial - Other (Rural). https://alaskatraficdata.drakewell.com/sitedashboard.asp?node=AKDOT_CCS&cosit=000013100001 This analysis was informed by research and analysis conducted by Kittelson & Associates. The analysis also uses the McDowell Group 2017 Valdez Visitor Profile and Economic Impact Study. Prepared for the City of Valdez.

Accommodations Visitation and Spending Analysis

Total Accommodation Spending Impact Summary

In Valdez in 2024, nearly 80,000 overnight guests are estimated to have stayed in Valdez, including hotel, motel, short-term rental (AirBNB), and camping visitors. These visitors booked more than 116,000 accommodation nights, which includes everything from a house using AirBNB, an RV location at a campground, to staying at a traditional hotel room. Overnight visitors spent \$13.5 million on accommodation alone last year.

Those staying overnight in Valdez spent an estimated additional \$38 million in 2024, on all other costs, including sport fishing (including rentals, fuel, ice, fish processing, guides, and all other associated costs), excursions, food, alcohol, coffee, tips, donations, retail purchases, etc.

Altogether overnight visitors in Valdez are estimated to have spent \$51.5 million in 2024.

Total Accommodation Spending Impact, Valdez 2024

Accommodation Type	Estimated Guests	Estimated Nights Booked	Total Accommodation Costs	Estimated Spending (excluding hotel costs)	Total Estimated Spending
Hotel, Motel	32,631	58,757	\$8,623,947	\$19,122,020	\$27,745,967
Short-Term Rental	10,081	9,488	\$2,441,307	\$4,870,250	\$7,311,557
Camping (all kinds)	37,128	47,780	\$2,454,738	\$14,003,228	\$16,457,966
Total	79,840	116,025	\$13,519,992	\$37,995,498	\$51,515,490

Note: All figures presented in this report are based on the best available data at the time of analysis. Estimates were developed using a combination of accommodation tax records, visitor counts, historical trends, industry benchmarks, survey data, and third-party sources such as AirDNA and the Alaska Department of Labor. Where exact data was unavailable, carefully considered assumptions and proxy data from comparable communities were used to model visitation and spending patterns. This model is designed to be adaptable. As new or improved data becomes available—such as updated visitor counts, spending profiles, or tax receipts—these inputs can be incorporated into the model to refine and enhance future estimates. Accordingly, figures should be considered directional rather than definitive, and are best used to understand relative scale, trendlines, and economic impact.

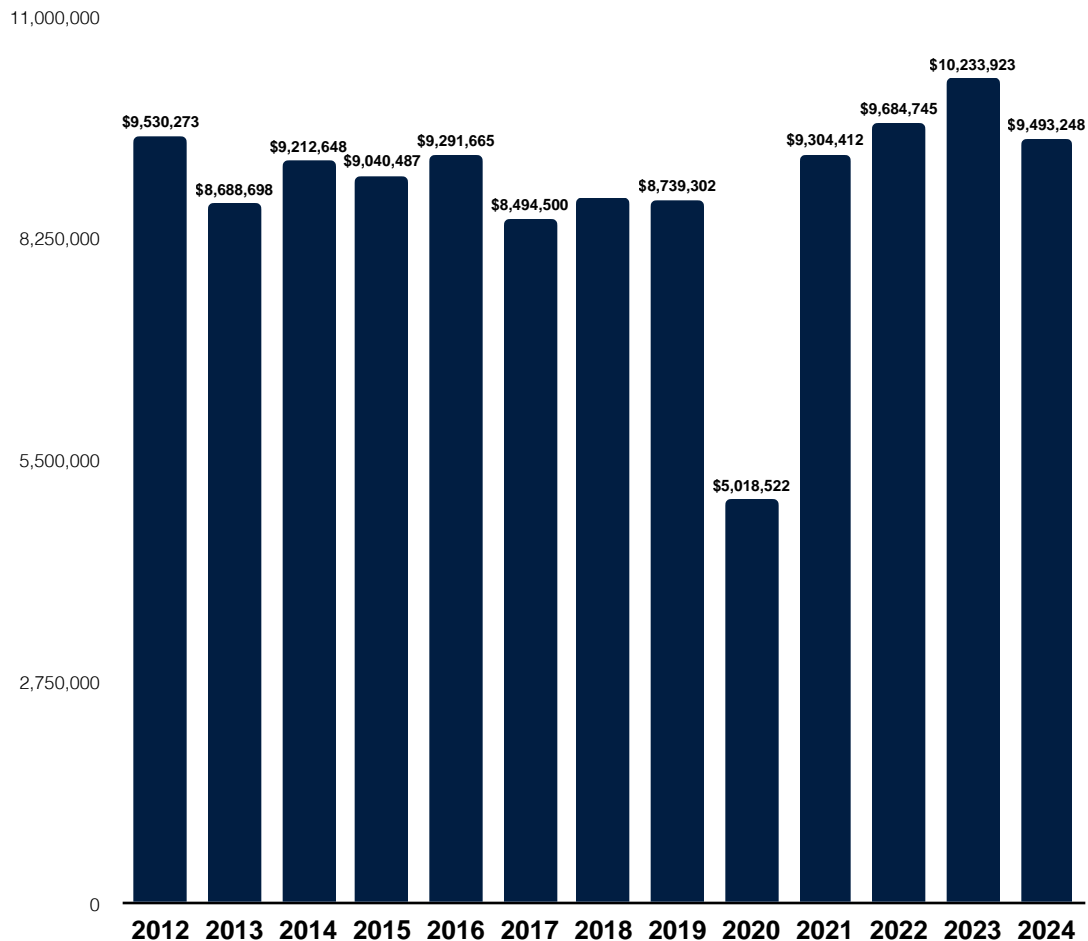
Accommodation Tax

The City of Valdez imposes a 6% accommodation tax on the rental of temporary lodging, including hotels, bed and breakfasts, and short-term rentals. The City of Valdez currently does not collect on campgrounds or RV's. Based on tax collections, some short-term rental (STR) bed and breakfast type locations are also not currently paying local accommodation tax.

Still, the accommodation tax data is incredibly useful, because it represents a consistent group of taxpayers. For the past 15 years, excluding 2020, average Valdez hotel sales, adjusted for inflation, has been \$9.2 million (this includes \$8.6 million in traditional hotel room sales).

The data suggest that the traditional accommodation sector has not really grown or declined during that entire period; with the exception of the pandemic year of 2020.

Valdez Estimated Accommodation Sales, Inflation Adjusted



Source: City of Valdez Finance Department

Hotel Visitation and Spending Analysis

Valdez has approximately 600 traditional hotel rooms across 8 hotels including Best Western Harbor Inn, Totem Inn, Keystone Hotel, Glacier Hotel, Valdez Airport Man Camp, Downtown B&B, Mountain Sky Hotel, and Naswik. In 2024, these traditional establishments booked nearly 60,000 hotel room nights, hosting an estimated 32,631 visitors to Valdez.

While an in-depth study of visitor spending has not been conducted in Valdez, using data from other similar communities makes the following assumptions:

- Visitors spent an average of \$67 per person for food each day (including food, coffee, bars, restaurants, grocery, etc.)
- Visitors spent an average of \$23 per person for shopping each day (including souvenirs, fishing gear, ice, etc.)
- Visitors spent an average of \$16 per person for transportation each day (including vehicle rentals, fuel, taxis, and other paid transportation options).
- Visitors spent an average of \$41 per person for excursions each day (including sport fishing costs, gear rental, and other tours and activities).

Based on this analysis, hotel visitors spent an estimated \$27.5 million in Valdez last year. (Note this hotel analysis excludes campgrounds and short-term-rentals like AirBNBs).

Total Hotel Economic Impact, Valdez 2024

Estimated Visitors	Estimated Nights Booked	Total Room Costs	Estimated Spending (excluding hotel costs)	Total Estimated Spending
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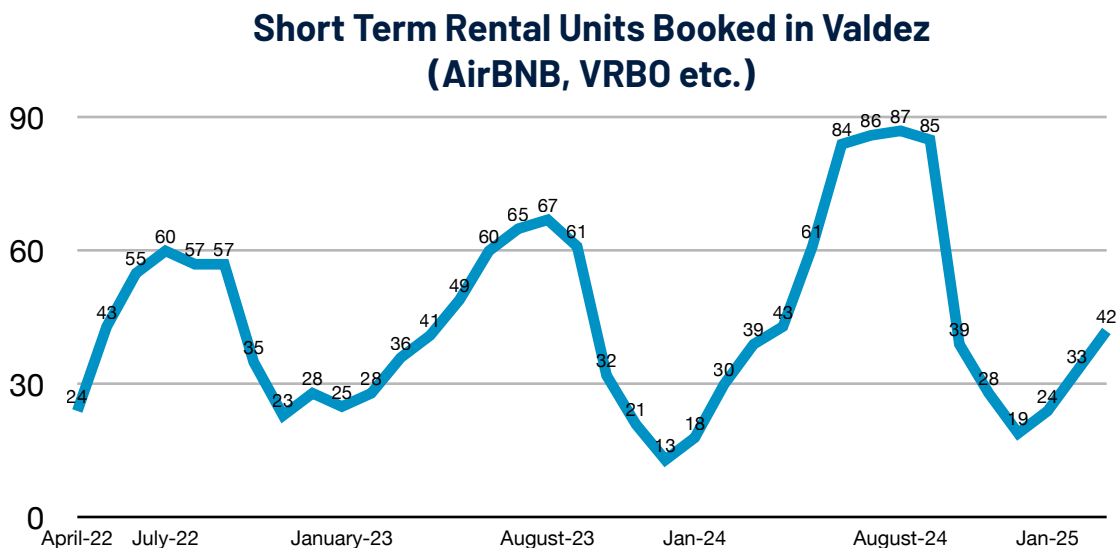


Short Term Rentals

A total of 102 Valdez units or rooms are currently registered with either AirBNB or VRBO, although many are inactive.

Use of short-term rentals, like AirBNB and Vrbo, rose by 43% from 60 peak bookings in the summer of 2022 to 87 booked units in the summer of 2024. In January of 2025, only 19 short term rental units had bookings.

The average price per night in 2024 was \$258 per night (this is a fully loaded rate that includes the cleaning fee, airbnb fee, and taxes). Properties range from \$50 to \$750 per night. 41% of the listings are for one bedroom homes. Three-quarters (76%) of the listings offer an “entire home,” while 24% offer a single room within a home or more traditional Bed and Breakfast.



The majority (66%) of the active short-term housing listings offered availability on a seasonal basis only (available for a few days to six months of the year only). Just 13% of Valdez listings were available all or most of the year (more than 270 days). The average length of stay at a STR in Valdez in 2024 was 3 days.

An analysis of the data identifies just 10 rental housing units that are being diverted to short-term rentals year-round across 594 total Valdez rental units, or 1.7% of the total rental market. Looking at it another way, 6% of all Valdez housing units are currently registered with AirBNB or VRBO, although 16% of these are inactive listings.

In Valdez there were 1,655 total occupied housing units in 2023.

STR Revenue

In 2024, the short term rentals in Valdez collectively earned \$2.44 million, an 18% increase over 2023. The City of Valdez has a 6% Public Accommodation Tax which applies to short term rentals, which would have conceptually brought in \$146,500 in tax revenue for the community, if these were fully collected.

Revenue by STR Unit Type, Valdez 2024

Month	Unique	B&Bs	Apts	Houses	Total Revenue	Total Nights
<i>Registered (not all active)</i>	8	9 Rooms	23	62		
January	\$493	\$1,845	\$5,213	\$26,264	\$33,815	167
February	\$1,443	\$2,273	\$14,353	\$50,170	\$68,239	270
March	\$3,837	\$10,319	\$23,257	\$68,287	\$105,700	390
April	\$6,459	\$16,743	\$22,724	\$75,868	\$121,794	483
May	\$14,841	\$16,781	\$47,736	\$119,821	\$199,179	816
June	\$22,083	\$31,873	\$90,026	\$257,238	\$401,220	1,499
July	\$27,874	\$42,511	\$125,248	\$347,592	\$543,225	2,029
August	\$29,642	\$43,188	\$124,040	\$336,779	\$533,649	2,009
September	\$12,718	\$22,366	\$64,780	\$174,785	\$274,649	1,113
October	\$731	\$8,235	\$9,311	\$55,847	\$74,124	341
November	\$786	\$1,512	\$8,322	\$47,100	\$57,720	249
December	NA	\$2,118	\$354	\$25,521	\$27,993	122
Total Short Term Rental Revenue 2024					\$2,441,307	9,488

Note: Unique rentals include boats, tents, and tiny homes, for example.

A total of 9,488 room nights were booked in Valdez in 2024 using AirBNB or VRBO, (the equivalent of a 26-room hotel being fully booked for a year). The total revenue for these stays was \$2.44 million, a figure that includes cleaning, but excludes the Valdez accommodation tax.

STR Visitation and Spending Analysis

In Valdez in 2024 there were 3,151 STRs units booked, resulting in 9,488 room nights (see previous table), and resulting in \$2.44 million in total spending to these local accommodation providers. AirDNA also provides the total length of stay by month for Valdez. An analysis of “people per booking” for Juneau STRs was used to understand total visitors. Based on available data an estimated more than 10,000 visitors stayed at STRs in Valdez in 2024. In addition to spending on accommodation, they spent an additional estimated \$4.9 million on food, excursions, shopping, and transportation. (In lieu of quality Valdez data, Wrangell visitor spending daily estimates were used). Based on the full analysis, visitors using STRs spent \$7.3 million in Valdez in 2024.

Total STR Economic Impact, Valdez 2024

Month	Length of Stay	STR Units booked	People Per Booking	Total people	Total Room Costs	Estimated Visitor Spending (excluding STRs)	Total Estimated Visitor Spending in Valdez by STR users
January	5.54	30	2.1	62	\$33,815	\$31,537	\$65,352
February	4.47	60	3.0	179	\$68,239	\$73,633	\$141,872
March	3.73	105	3.7	385	\$105,700	\$132,038	\$237,738
April	3.81	127	2.8	361	\$121,794	\$126,472	\$248,266
May	2.9	281	3.1	864	\$199,179	\$445,367	\$644,546
June	2.89	519	3.7	1,894	\$401,220	\$972,419	\$1,373,639
July	2.81	722	3.7	2,683	\$543,225	\$1,339,783	\$1,883,008
August	2.77	725	3.0	2,154	\$533,649	\$1,060,394	\$1,594,043
September	3.17	351	2.5	861	\$274,649	\$485,121	\$759,770
October	3.17	108	2.7	291	\$74,124	\$84,789	\$158,913
November	3.2	78	2.8	217	\$57,720	\$78,487	\$136,207
December	2.72	45	2.9	131	\$27,993	\$40,209	\$68,202
Totals		3,151		10,081	\$2,441,307	\$4,870,250	\$7,311,557

Sources: Length of Stay; STR Units booked; and Total Room Costs provided by AirDNA for Valdez. People Per Booking used Juneau STR data, provided to Rain Coast Data by local operators. Estimated Visitor Spending (excluding STRs) was developed using hotel guest spending in Wrangell Alaska. All analysis is developed by Rain Coast Data.

STR Valdez Dashboard

The following STR dashboard tools are available for the Valdez area.

Listings by Annual Availability



- 1-90 nights (25%)
- 91-180 nights (39%)
- 181-270 nights (23%)
- 271-365 nights (13%)

Listings by Rental Size



- 1 Bedroom (41%)
- 2 Bedroom (28%)
- 3 Bedroom (22%)
- 4 Bedroom (3%)
- 5+ Bedroom (6%)

Listings by Rental Type



- Entire Home (76%)
- Private Room (24%)

Map of Short-Term Rental Locations Near Downtown Valdez



Camper Visitation and Spending Analysis

Valdez offers a wide range of camping options, with more than 600 campsites available across both public and private facilities. Notable locations include Allison Point Campground, Bear Paw RV Park, Blueberry Lake Campground, Eagle's Rest RV Park & Cabins, Valdez Glacier Campground, Valdez KOA Journey, and Valdez RV Park. In addition to these designated sites, some RV and vehicle travelers choose to camp outside formal campgrounds, a practice known as boondocking.

While campsite availability is concentrated during the roughly 100 peak days of summer, the visitor impact remains significant. The following assumptions were used to estimate the economic contribution of campers:

- Campsites are occupied 60% of the time
- Average stay: 3.43 nights
- Average group size: 2.6 people per site
- Daily spending per camper:
 - **\$19** on accommodation (campsite fees - a specific fee was calculated for each campsite)
 - **\$39** on food and drink (including coffee, alcohol, and tips - reduced for specific sites)
 - **\$16** on transportation (including fuel; and vehicle and boat rentals - reduced for specific sites)
 - **\$23** on shopping and gear (includes bait and ice - reduced for specific sites)
 - **\$39** on excursions and activities (includes fishing guides and fish processing - reduced for specific sites)

Based on this analysis, campers contributed an estimated \$16.5 million to the Valdez economy in the past year.

Total Camping Economic Impact, Valdez 2024

Estimated Visitors	Estimated Nights Camping	Total Estimated Spending
37,128	48,980	\$16,457,966

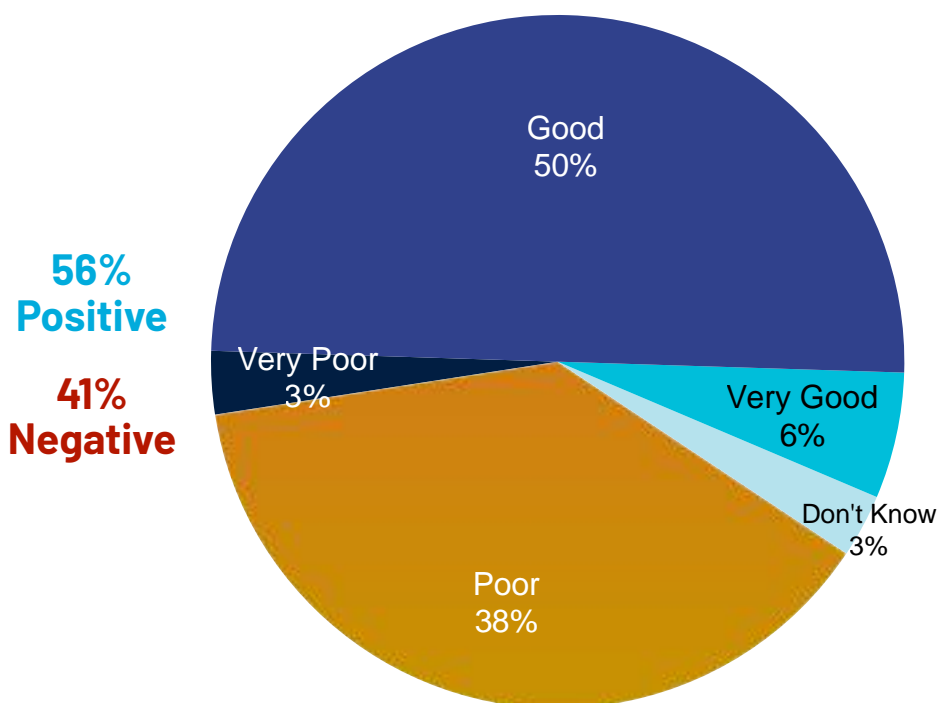


2025 Visitor Sector Business Climate Analysis

Valdez Visitor Industry Leaders

The City of Valdez conducted a business climate survey in 2025 to track business confidence. In the spring of 2025 a total of 41 Valdez business owners and operators in visitor related industries (tourism, restaurants, other food and beverage businesses, hotels, excursion providers, and others providing services to visitors) responded to the survey, representing a total workforce of 260.

How do you view the overall business climate right now?



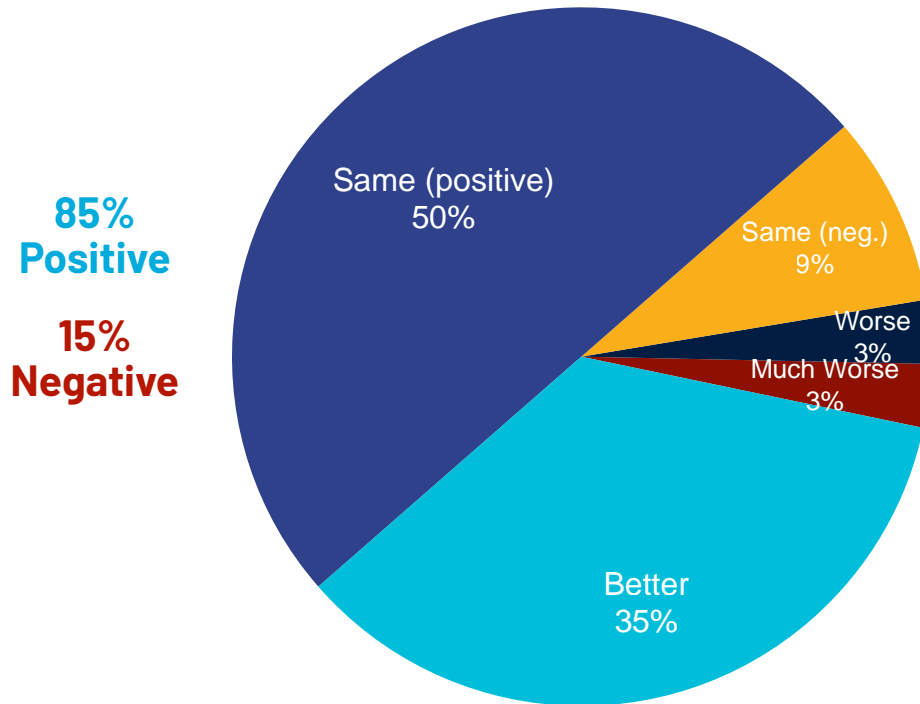
Valdez Visitor Economy Now: How do you view the overall business climate right now?

In 2025, Valdez visitor industry business leaders were nearly divided as to the state of the Valdez business climate. Just over half (56%) of visitor industry business leaders called the business climate good or very good; while 41% called it poor or very poor.

An additional 3% said they did not know, however, a lack of business certainty regarding the economy is primarily a negative response when it comes to business.

Valdez Visitor Sector Economic Outlook

What is the economic outlook for your business/industry over the next year (compared to the previous year)?



Valdez Visitor Economy Outlook: What is the economic outlook for your business/industry?

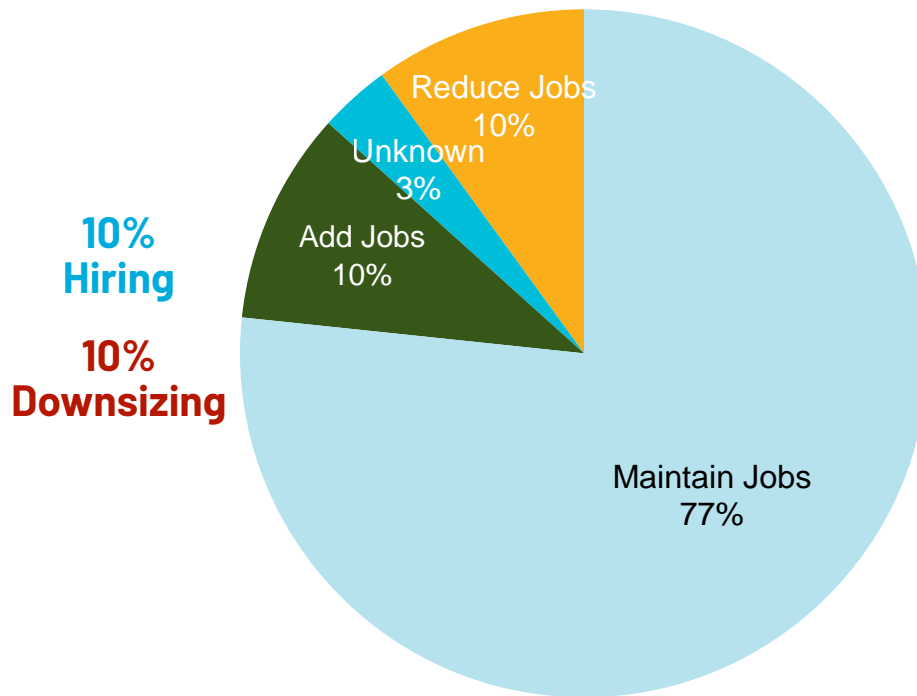
Economic Future: In 2025, 85% of respondents describe the economic outlook for their business or industry over the next 12 months as positive; while 15% have a negative outlook.

Just over a third of survey respondents expect their prospects to be better (35%) over the next year, none expect business to be much better, while half of tourism business leaders say their business outlook is similar to current operations, in a positive way.

Just 6% of the tourism business leaders expect business to be worse or much worse in the coming year, while an additional 9% say that operations are already going poorly and no change is expected.

Valdez Visitor Sector Hiring Projections

Over the next 12 months, do you expect your organization to add jobs, maintain jobs, reduce jobs, or are you unsure?



Employment changes in the next year

When asked about staffing expectations, more than three-quarters of visitor sector business leaders (77%) expect to maintain job levels in the coming year.

10% of business leaders expect to reduce staffing levels, while another 10% anticipate adding jobs.

Valdez Visitor Sector Economic Outlook: Open-Ended Responses

In the spring of 2025, Valdez visitor industry business leaders were asked to describe their economic outlooks in their own words. These comments were primarily regarding their expectations of the 2025 season.

Valdez visitor industry businesses expressed a mix of optimism and concern about the 2025 season. Some operators are excited about community improvements, growth in visitation, and opportunities to enhance visitor experiences, especially if the city invests in infrastructure and collaborates with local businesses. Others are worried about declining fish counts, labor shortages, rising operational costs, and an unreliable cruise ship market. Concerns about Valdez's aesthetics, lack of winter attractions, and limited tourist amenities—like restrooms and signage—were noted.

The full comments are below:

- *Concerns are the fish counts. Many of our guests come here to fish. With the rapid decline in numbers we are receiving more comments about guests not coming back to Valdez. The City needs to fund or help the hatchery fund a King program in Early May and June.*
- *While I believe more cruise ships are expected this year than last, I don't feel like I can trust them. They have canceled ships in the past and I can't rely on them for staffing/revenue. Also, they have gotten pickier and are requiring more and more of vendors on the insurance front which cuts into profits. Other aspects of our business will likely be steady but not significantly changing our outlook.*
- *We are hoping to expand on seating for the business to help accommodate more tourists through cruise ships and RV travel. Concerns are the city not upholding the beautification aspects and property codes of businesses around town (we have neighbors that blocks the street view of our business and others around us).*
- *We have had small steady growth, and hope that continues.*
- *We hope to expand our business a little more with added jobs. Our goal is to scale but not sure how we will get there.*
- *Tourism is definitely down. We will see how season plays out.*
- *Our business will continue to do well, we are very versatile in that we cover lots of different aspects in Valdez.*
- *As a Food Truck Operator/owner it is hard to find a year-round location with a good foot traffic/tourist especially in summer. I hope the city will find a way to have some spots or location near the harbor to get food trucks setup for summer when tourist season is prime. This will help tourist have more and dining options.*

- *With the current political and economic climate on the national stage I do see that we will have a probable dip in bookings this summer. We generally stay full, but things are looking at to fill slower this year.*
- *Concerned about loss of business because less fisherman and less revenue.*
- *Due to the economic climate, we plan to pull back in the employee sector and cut back on programming to stabilize the ongoing increase in cost of good and possible risk of lack of travelers.*
- *There is a great deal of uncertainty with the decisions being made Federally when it comes to travel both domestically but specifically internationally and that driving through Canada. Therefore some international sales are declining and/or unknown right now.*
- *Looking ahead to the next year, I see strong potential for growth and improvement within my business. There are actionable steps I can take to expand offerings, elevate the customer experience, and create more opportunities during the busy tourist season. Equally important is focusing on ways to enhance the space and offerings that positively impact the local community during the quieter winter months. However, there are ongoing challenges—particularly rising operational costs such as rent, utilities, and general upkeep. Being in a commercial space I don't own, it's a constant balancing act between investing in improvements that benefit the business, while also increasing the value of a property I don't own, especially as rent continues to climb. Another concern is the limited number of tourist attractions in the area, which can impact visitor traffic and overall business during peak months. Despite these concerns, I remain optimistic and committed to making thoughtful changes that strengthen both the business and its role in the community.*
- *My concern would be that if there is a global economic downturn, there will be people cancelling reservations or just not making reservations, which would cause a decrease in revenue for me and others in the accommodations business. I always am interested in helping my guests enjoy their stay while in Valdez, so I appreciate the new trails on Meals Hill. Hopefully there will be new maps that will help visitors see the new trails. I would support the idea of having even more trails. Having the snow trails groomed has been a blessing for my guests and my family for walking and cross-country skiing. Keep up the good work with that. Having festivals and other events that bring in more guests has been good. Having even more in the winter would bring in even more guests that need accommodations. Having the tournaments with swimming and basketball have helped some. More events in the winter when we have slow months would bring in more income for us.*
- *Need to drive more visitors to Alaska for winter recreation and tourism*

- *We get a lot of questions about getting to Alaska from Canada with today political climate. We advise them of no changes to cross the border and that the people of Canada are still super friendly and welcoming. Some customers advise waiting another year before making the trip from the lower 48 to Alaska. Another concern we hear is the cost of travel to Alaska is increasing faster than other areas of the country. While there is an understanding that Alaska is more expensive, it is out pacing the expense of the rest of the country.*
- *We have plans to grow but lack of labor is slowing us down. It's very difficult to find help and to find anyone for seasonal work, with no experience we have to offer \$25 an hour as we are competing with City's temporary wages. It's complicated to get the supplies needed and the shipping costs are huge. We also feel that City is not progressive and open to ideas, which shuts down creativity and progress. Permits and business registrations process takes a long time. All might look good in summer with lots of fun places to eat, lots of people and things to do, but Valdez has nothing going on in the winter. People can't walk in the winter because basic services like clear sidewalks are not available. Also City organizes "free BBQ" a few times each summer which competes with local businesses. Instead of providing "free food", spending money on trailers and BBQs and storage would be much better if city worked with local restaurants to provide food for those events. Valdez has amazing location, and you can't beat the nature, but town is no cohesive and lacks character.*
- *It's difficult to find workers. The businesses in Valdez can't grow and have to reduce services because it's impossible to find help even if you will train them. When hiring full time workers we can't compete. City, downtown area looks unattractive, no cute downtown area, parks in town are in the bad shape, lack of code enforcement effects businesses. Lack of services at popular tourist/local attractions like Valdez Glacier Lake and Robe Lake. There is a huge need for toilets and dumpsters. Traffic at VGL is huge and people have no place to go to use the bathroom, so they use bushes. Because of workforce we are planning to reduce services for our 2 businesses or redirect to businesses that do not require employee input. This is not only problem for us but also a problem for other business owners in Valdez. Often small business owners will hire and train employees, provides them with few years of valuable experience and they will leave for other jobs. I think soon Valdez will see less businesses that provide services.*

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Valdez Business Survey Results 2025

90
Businesses

18
Sectors

1,076
Workers
Represented

The Valdez Economic Diversification Commission and the City of Valdez commissioned a Valdez Business Climate Survey. Rain Coast Data designed and conducted the business confidence analysis. A total of 90 Valdez business owners and top managers, representing a combined staff of more than a thousand workers, responded to the survey in April 2025. Survey analysis includes the following key findings:

Current Business Climate Comparatively Low:

Valdez business leaders are divided regarding the current economic climate with 48% of Valdez business leaders calling the current Valdez business climate good or very good, another 48% percent calling the economic climate poor or very poor. Compared to other coastal Alaska communities, this represents a relatively low positivity rating, but it is significantly higher than the last time the Valdez business climate was measured in 2020.

48%
positive about
economy
now

Outlook is More Positive:

Despite current mixed perceptions, more than two-thirds (68%) of Valdez business leaders say the outlook for their business is generally positive for the coming year, including 23% who say the economic outlook for their business or industry in Valdez will improve over the next 12 months. Looking at other coastal Alaska communities, the average of those who feel like the the business climate will improve over the coming year is also 23%.

68%
positive
outlook for
next year

Equal Number of Businesses are Hiring as are Downsizing:

The survey shows that 13% of Valdez businesses are actively hiring or anticipate growing their workforce over the next twelve months. An identical percentage of business leaders, 13%, say they will be reducing their total number of workers over the coming year.

13%
of employers
are hiring &
firing

Lack of Housing Continues to be Primary Driver of Workforce Shortages:

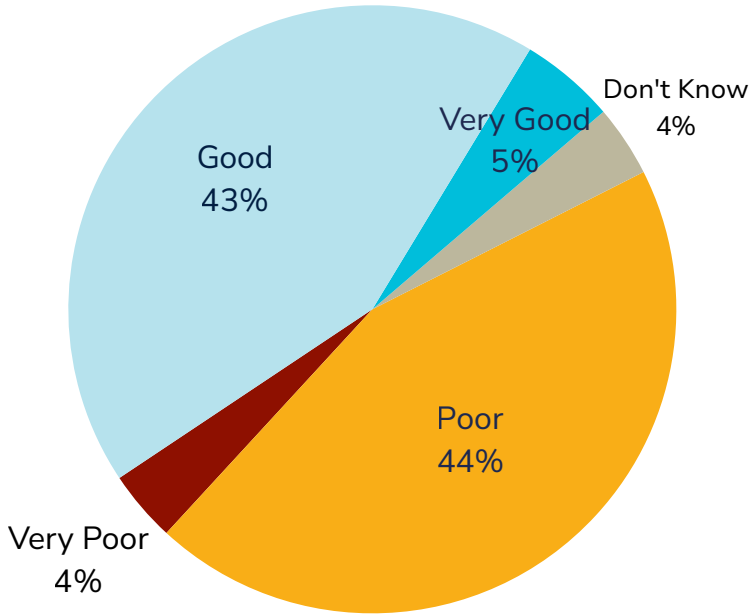
Housing availability and affordability remain critical obstacles to workforce stability and business growth in Valdez. Most (80%) of employers say that insufficient housing availability directly results in staff leaving the community, or not taking work in Valdez. More than half, 55%, say housing is a “significant factor” in workforce turnover and lack of attraction. Businesses also cite intertwined issues like cost of living, housing affordability, and lack of childcare as contributing pressures that exacerbate workforce retention challenges.

80%
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employment

Valdez Business Climate Spring 2025

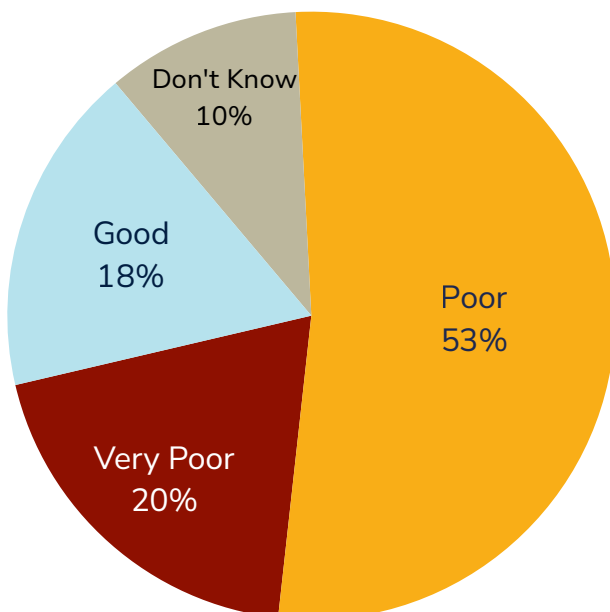
April **2025** Valdez: How do you view the overall business climate right now?

48% Positive / **48% Negative**



July **2020** Valdez: How do you view the overall business climate right now?

18% Positive / **73% Negative**



Valdez Business Climate Survey

In April 2025, 90 Valdez business owners and top managers representing 18 sectors responded to the Valdez Business Climate Survey.

Economy Now: How do you view the overall business climate right now?

In 2025, the overall view of the economy was equally divided among businesses who call the business climate good, and those who call it poor.

The sectors with the most positive perspectives include **accommodations** and the **oil and gas sector**.

In four sectors, **non-profits, arts, seafood, and retail**, those viewing the business climate negatively outnumbered those with a positive outlook.

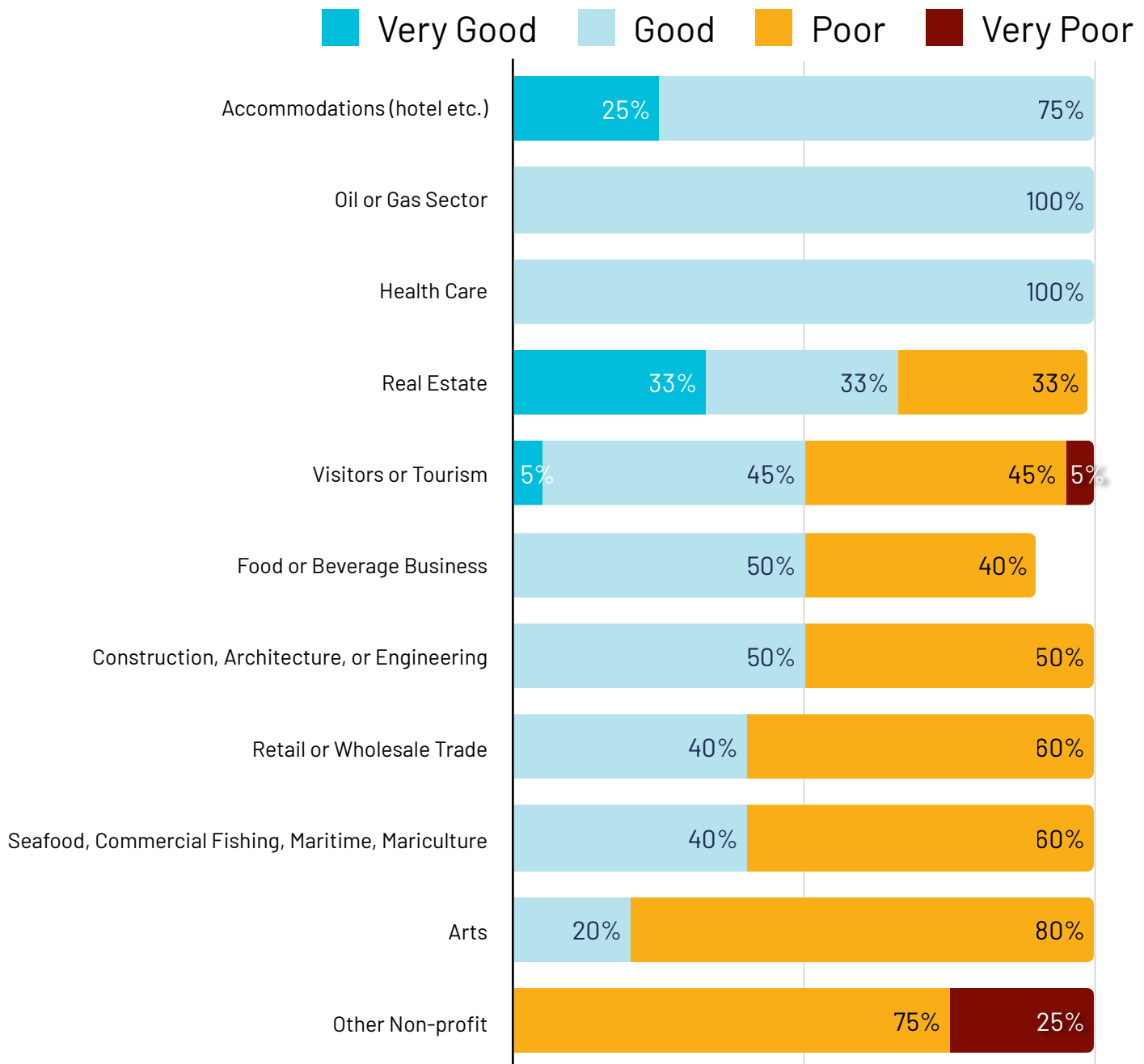
Compared to 2020

The only other time this survey was conducted in Valdez was the summer of 2020. Unsurprisingly, confidence was low in the wake of COVID-19. Nearly three-quarters of respondents (73%) were concerned about state of the economy, calling the business climate "poor" (53%) or "very poor" (20%). Eighteen percent of business leaders called the Valdez business climate "good" in 2020.

Valdez Business Climate Results: By Industry

The following graphic breaks out how the current Valdez business climate is viewed by each sector. **Accommodations, Oil and Gas**, and those in **healthcare**, are most likely to call the current Valdez economy good or very good; while the **retail, seafood, arts**, and **nonprofit** sectors are most likely to call the economy poor or very poor.

April **2025** Valdez: **How do you view the overall business climate right now?**

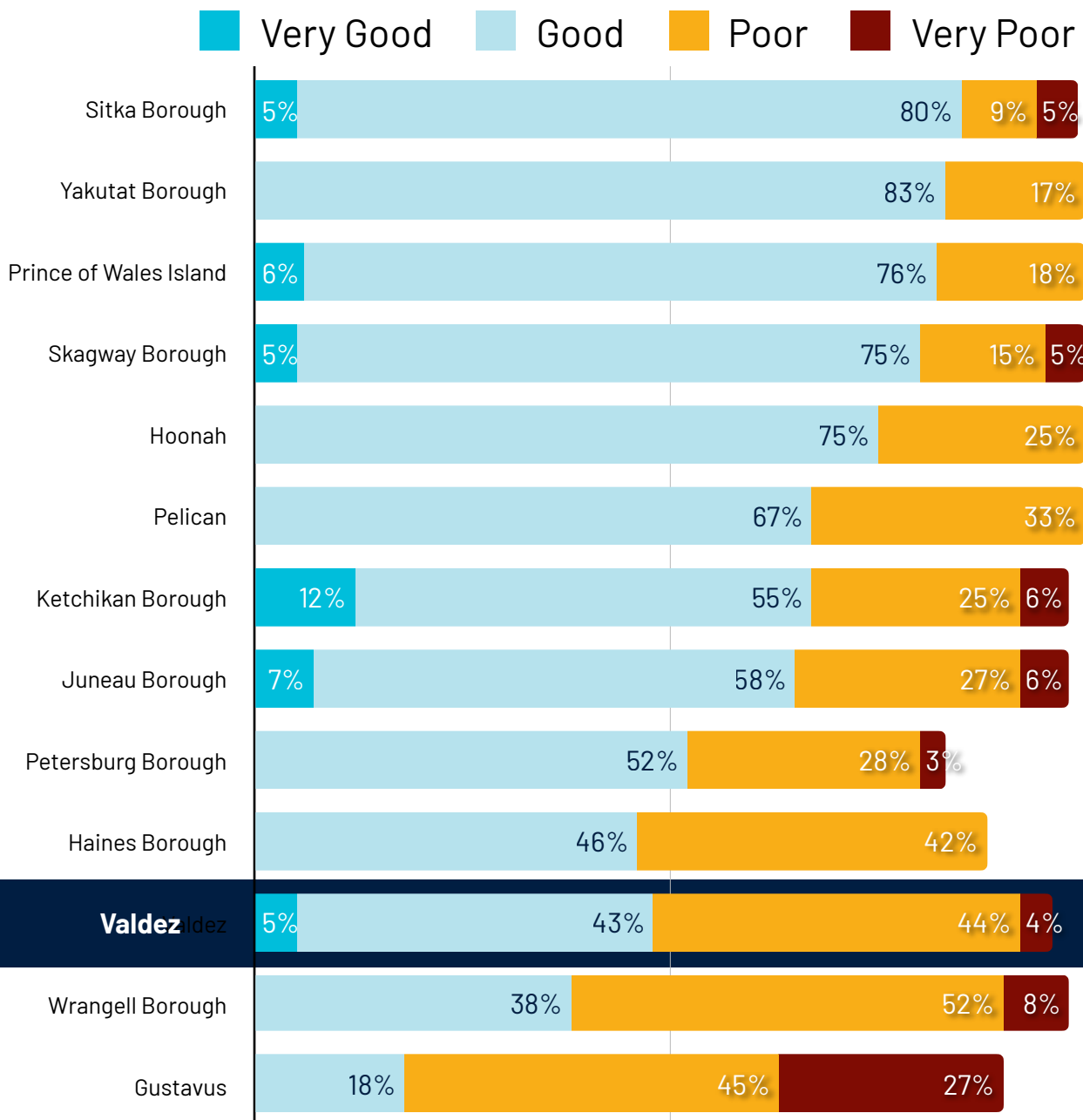


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Valdez Business Climate Results: Compared to Other Communities

The graphic below shows how the current business climate is being experienced by business leaders across various coastal communities. Identical business climate surveys were conducted across 13 communities in the spring of 2025, allowing Valdez to be compared to other communities. The outlook of Valdez was most similar to Haines Alaska, a community that is also situated on the Alaska road system.

April **2025** Valdez: **How do you view the overall business climate right now**



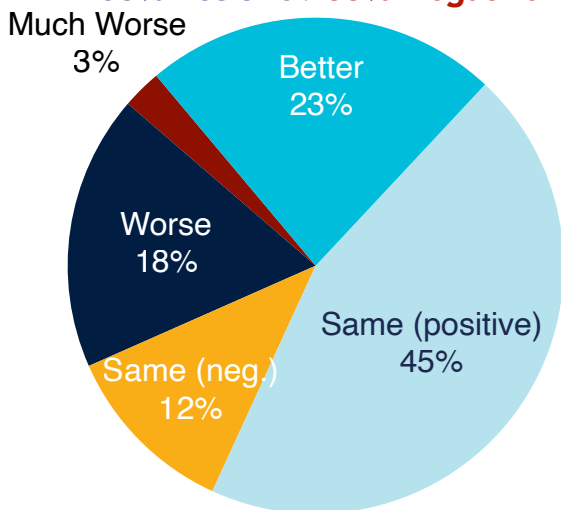
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Valdez Economic Outlook

What is the economic outlook for your business/industry over the next year (compared to the previous year)?

2025

68% Positive / 33% Negative



Valdez Economic Outlook

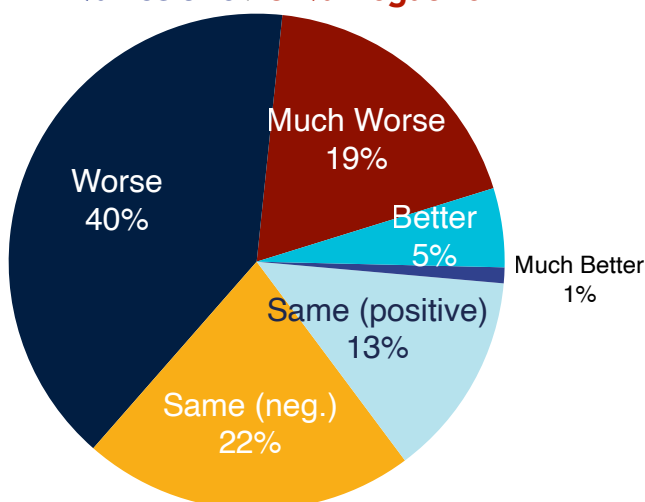
Economic Future: In 2025, more than two-thirds (68%) of respondents describe the economic outlook for their business or industry over the next 12 months as positive — including 23% who expect the outlook to improve; while a third (33%) have a negative outlook. Nearly half (45%) of Valdez business leaders say their business outlook is similar to current operations, in a positive way.

The economic outlook for the **accommodations, tourism, and the food and beverage** sectors are most positive moving into 2025.

The **healthcare, seafood, and arts** sectors are most likely to have a negative outlook.

2020

19% Positive / 81% Negative



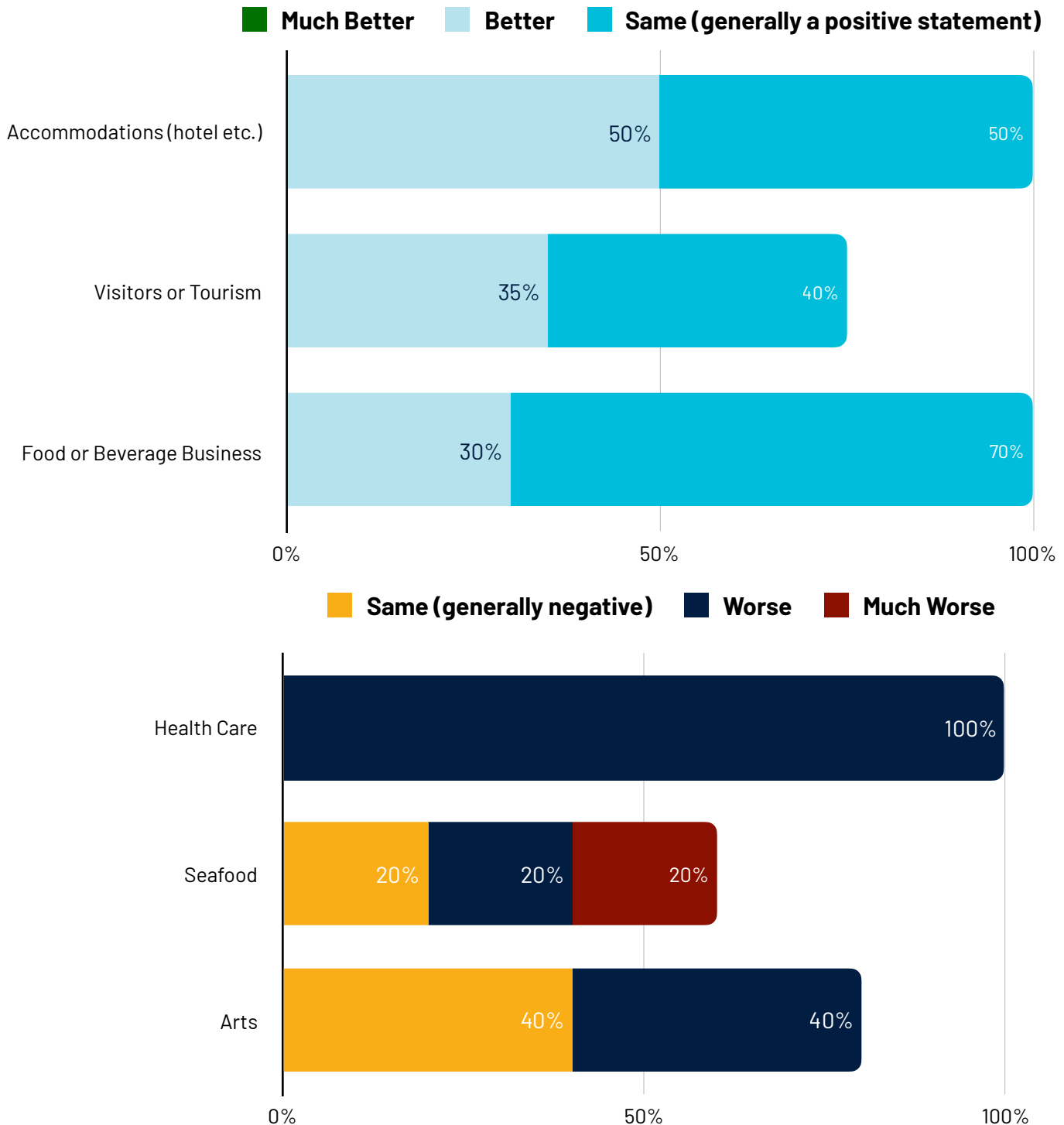
Compared to 2020

In 2020, 81% of businesses said the economic outlook for their business or industry was negative; including 59% that expected their prospects to be worse (40%) or much worse (19%) over the next year. Only 6% expected the outlook for their businesses to improve in the coming year at that time.

Valdez Economic Outlook: By Industry

The graphics below show economic outlook breakdowns for the next year by industry and by community.

What is the economic outlook for your business or industry



Valdez Economic Outlook: By Industry

The following table shows a detailed economic outlook by industry.

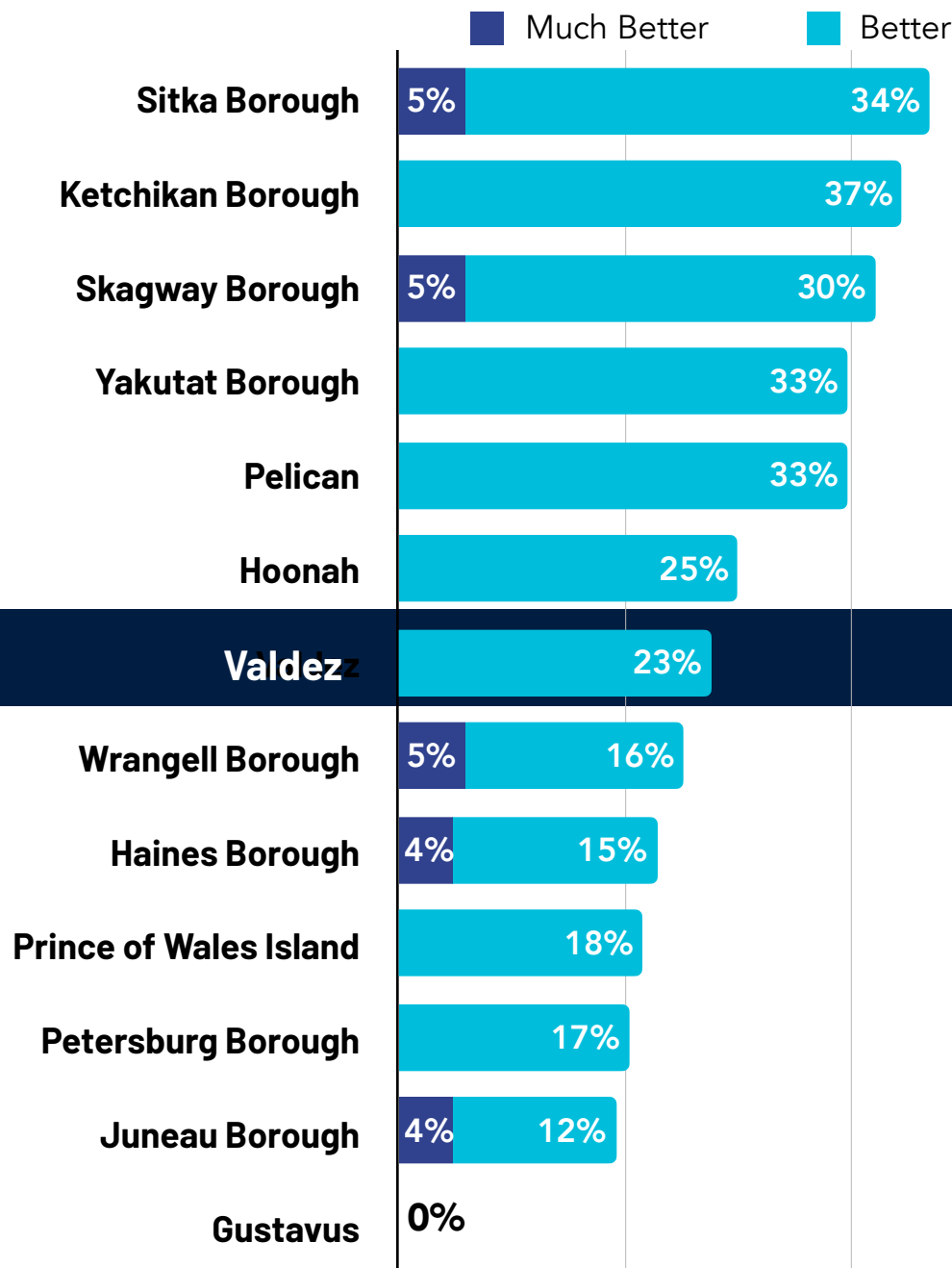
What is the economic outlook for your business or industry?

Sector	Much Better	Better	Same (generally a positive statement)	Same (generally a negative statement)	Worse	Much Worse
Accommodations (hotel etc.)	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%
Visitors or Tourism	0%	35%	40%	15%	5%	5%
Food or Beverage Business	0%	30%	70%	0%	0%	0%
Oil or Gas Sector	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Construction, Architecture, or Engineering	0%	0%	75%	25%	0%	0%
Other Non-profit	0%	0%	75%	0%	25%	0%
Real Estate	0%	33%	33%	0%	33%	0%
Retail or Wholesale Trade	0%	10%	40%	10%	40%	0%
Arts	0%	0%	20%	40%	40%	0%
Seafood, Commercial Fishing, Maritime, Mariculture	0%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
Health Care	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%

Valdez Business Outlook Results: Compared to Other Communities

Compared to other communities surveyed in the spring of 2025, Valdez is right in the middle, representing the average outlook of all 13 communities surveyed.

What is the economic outlook for your business/industry over the next year (compared to the previous year)?



Valdez Economic Outlook: In their own words

Please elaborate on the outlook for your business or sector over the next year.

In some ways, no collection of charts is more valuable than the words of the business leaders themselves. A total of 46 businesses took additional time to write about their expectations and needs for the upcoming year.

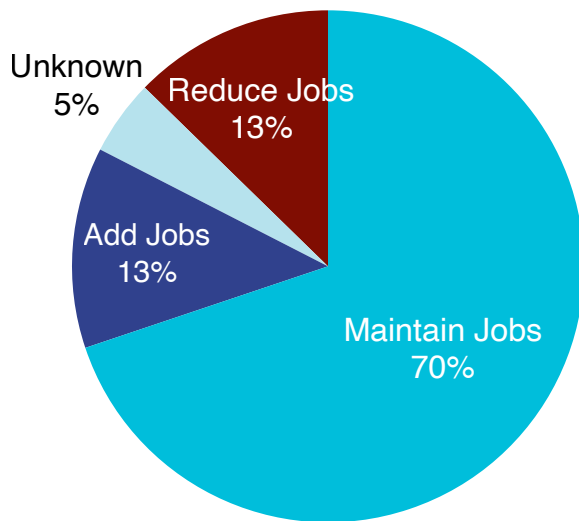
Reviewing the open-ended comments, Valdez business leaders foresee a mixed economic landscape, highlighting potential challenges such as rising operational costs, regulatory barriers, and ongoing workforce shortages. Businesses noted concerns about employee retention due to the high cost of living and housing availability. Tourism-related businesses expressed careful optimism, anticipating steady or modestly growing visitor activity while noting uncertainties from broader economic trends and travel policies. Retailers emphasized competitive pressures, particularly from online shopping, while the fishing sector noted concerns related to salmon stock fluctuations and operational expenses. However, many respondents highlighted clear opportunities for growth, emphasizing strategies such as diversifying their businesses, enhancing local events, and improving customer experiences and offerings. Representative examples of these perspectives are included below, with the full set of comments available in the appendix.

- **Seafood:** *"Seafood prices are down and there has been major consolidation in the industry. The current federal administration is hell bent on destroying whatever economic future the seafood industry had. The country is headed into a major recession, and I consider the outlook to be bleak. All of that in addition to negative effects of global warming."*
- **Food/Beverage Business:** *"Concerned about loss of business because less fisherman and less revenue."*
- **Tourism:** *"While more cruise ships are expected this year than last, I don't feel like I can trust them. They have canceled ships in the past and I can't rely on them for staffing/revenue. Also, they have gotten pickier and are requiring more and more of vendors on the insurance front which cuts into profits. Other aspects of our business will likely be steady but not significantly changing our outlook."*
- **Retail:** *"We will be in real trouble if people don't start shopping in town."*
- **Non-profit:** *"With all the state and federal budget cuts and some loss in funding we are concerned that we will not be able to serve our Valdez community and other services to the best of our ability. We are a non-profit program and depending on the funding from the state and federal grants we might not be able to keep our employees."*

Job Projections in 2025 and 2026

Over the next 12 months, do you expect your organization to add jobs, maintain jobs, reduce jobs, or are you unsure
(For those business with staff)

2025: Jobs Outlook



Employment changes in the next year

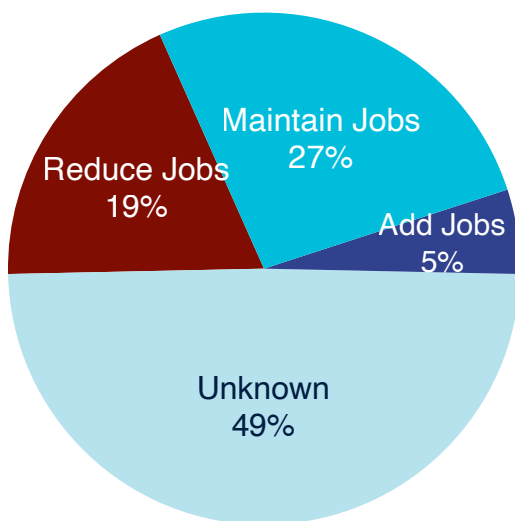
When asked about staffing expectations, 13% expect to add employees, while most businesses (70%) expect to maintain job levels in the coming year.

An additional 13 percent of business leaders expect to reduce staffing levels in the upcoming year. The remaining 5% of businesses say they don't know yet.

The expected job gains will be most significant in the **arts**, **seafood**, and **retail** sectors.

Employment reductions will be concentrated in **nonprofits**, and **real estate**.

2020: Jobs Outlook

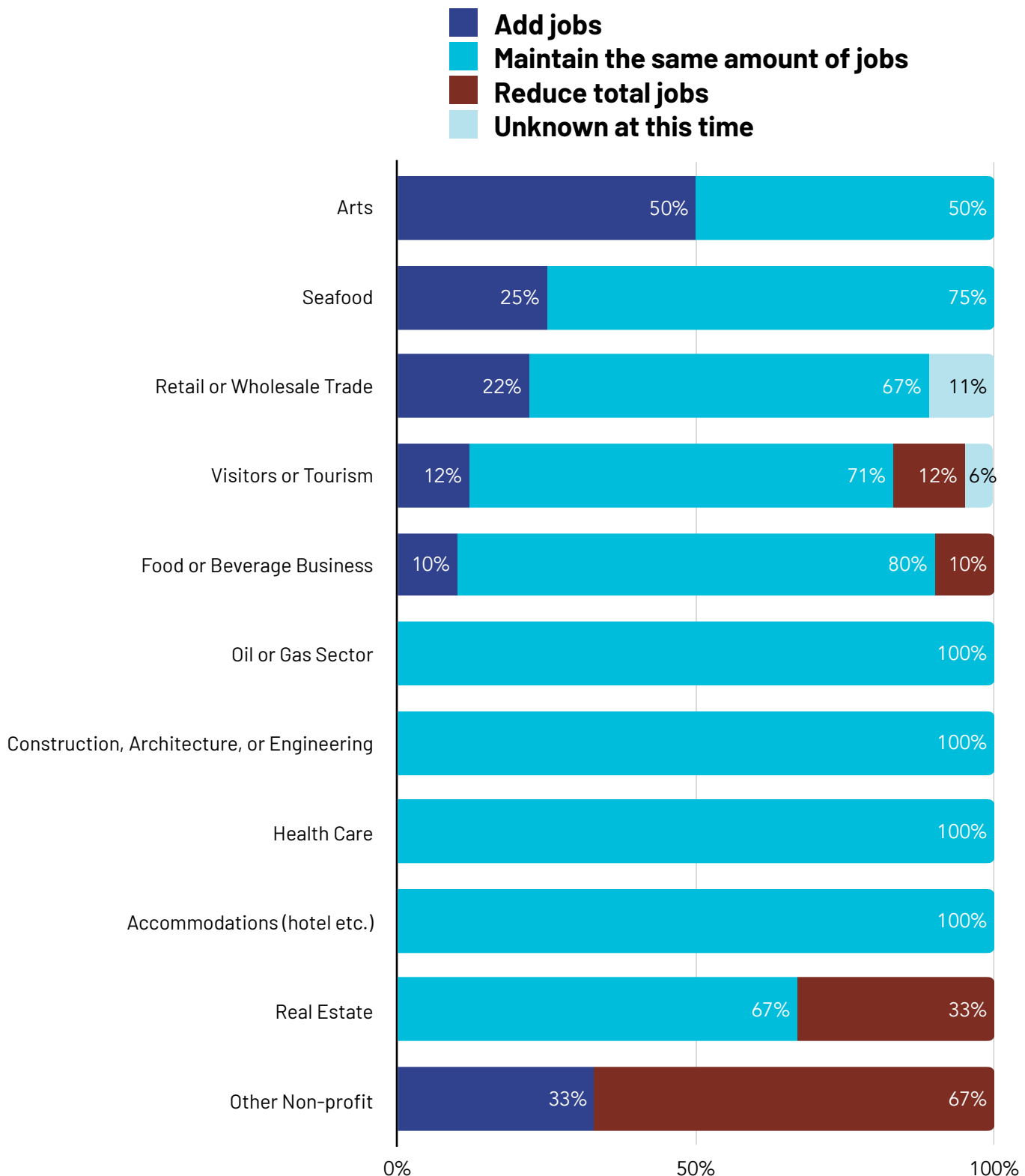


Compared to 2020

In 2020, 19% of Valdez business leaders surveyed expected to further reduce the number of jobs associated with their businesses, while 27% expected to maintain total jobs, and 5% expected to add new employees. Approximately half (49%) said that workforce changes over the next year were an unknown quantity.

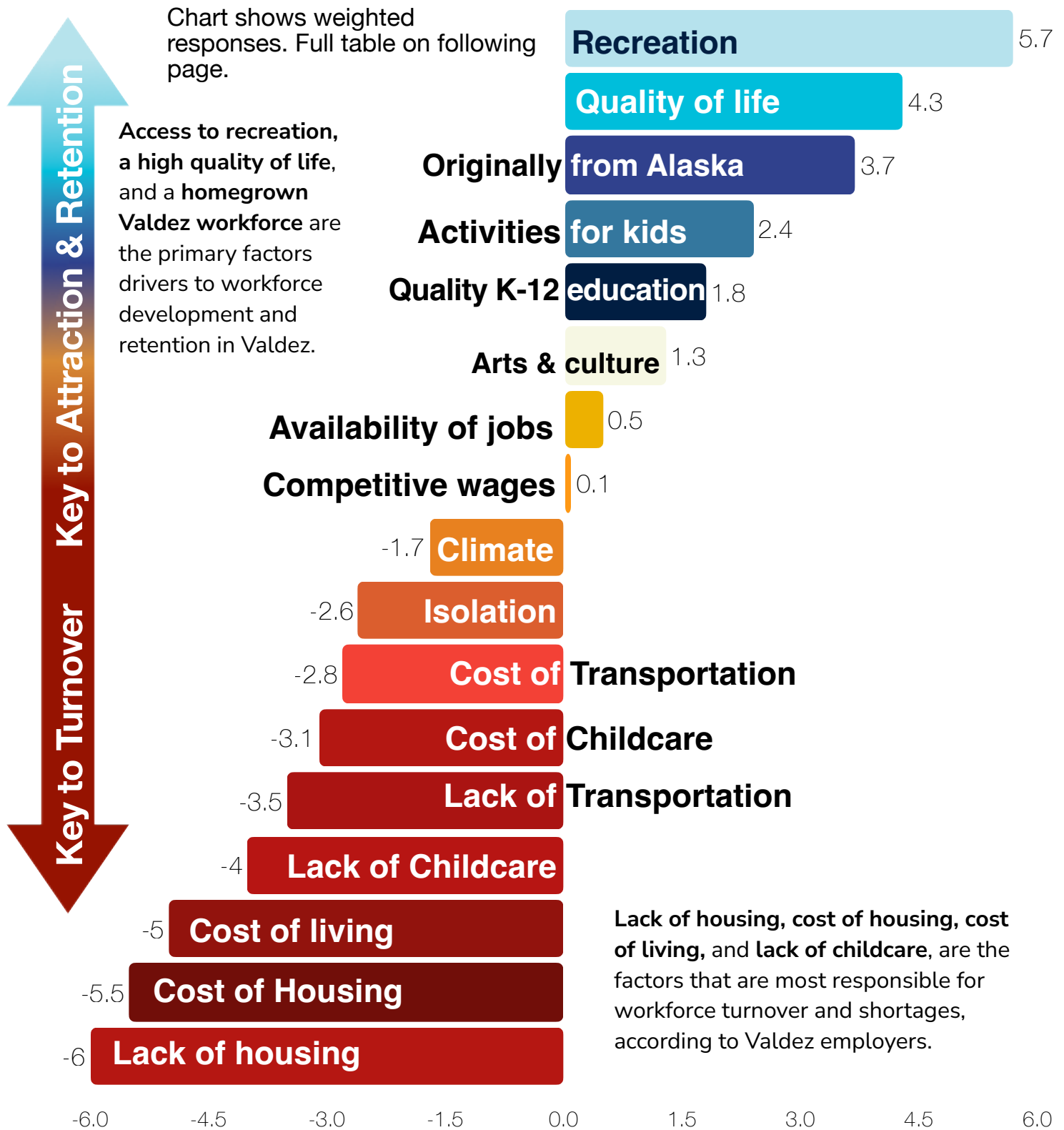
By Sector: Jobs in Next 12 Months

Over the next year, do you expect your organization to add jobs, maintain jobs, reduce jobs, or are you unsure?



Retention & Turnover: How do these factors impact worker attraction & retention?

Valdez business leaders were asked to rank the impact of 17 elements on workforce attraction, retention, and turnover. This is a weighted ranking of their responses.



Retention & Turnover: How do these factors impact worker attraction & retention?

Business leaders say that recreation, Alaskan staff, and quality of life are key to worker attraction and retention; while the lack of housing, cost of housing and the cost of living drive workers and potential workers away from the community. 100% of employers in the oil and gas, construction, and healthcare say that lack of housing is a significant factor in people not taking work in Valdez, or leaving.

Valdez Workforce Attraction, Retention & Turnover					
Factor	Significant factor resulting in long-term staff retention (or taking job)	Factor resulting in long-term staff retention (or taking job)	Factor resulting in staff leaving (or not taking job)	Significant factor resulting in staff leaving (or not taking job)	Not a factor
Housing availability (or lack of)	10%	5%	25%	55%	5%
Cost of housing	12%	8%	19%	53%	8%
Cost of living	8%	8%	33%	47%	3%
Childcare availability (or lack thereof)	7%	7%	35%	32%	19%
Availability of transportation (or lack thereof)	5%	10%	42%	24%	19%
Cost of childcare	5%	11%	37%	23%	25%
Isolation	7%	16%	40%	21%	17%
Cost of transportation	2%	17%	50%	13%	18%
Climate & weather	8%	28%	37%	20%	7%
Competitive wages (or lack thereof)	14%	37%	27%	17%	5%
Availability of jobs (or lack thereof)	17%	27%	32%	10%	14%
Arts and cultural opportunities	9%	40%	14%	10%	28%
Quality of K-12 education	16%	31%	24%	3%	26%
Activities for kids	19%	39%	18%	7%	18%
Overall quality of life	22%	58%	7%	5%	8%
Originally from Alaska	24%	33%	10%	2%	31%
Recreational opportunities	47%	32%	7%	3%	12%

How would you rate the **Quality of Life** in Valdez?

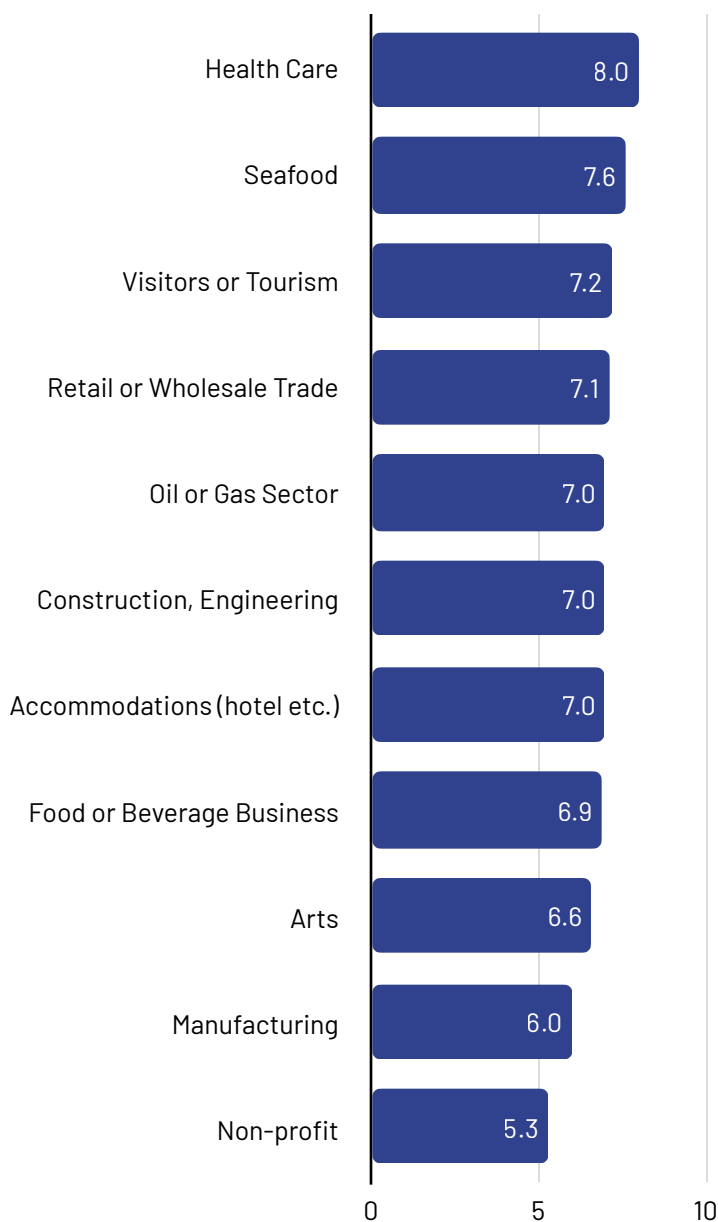
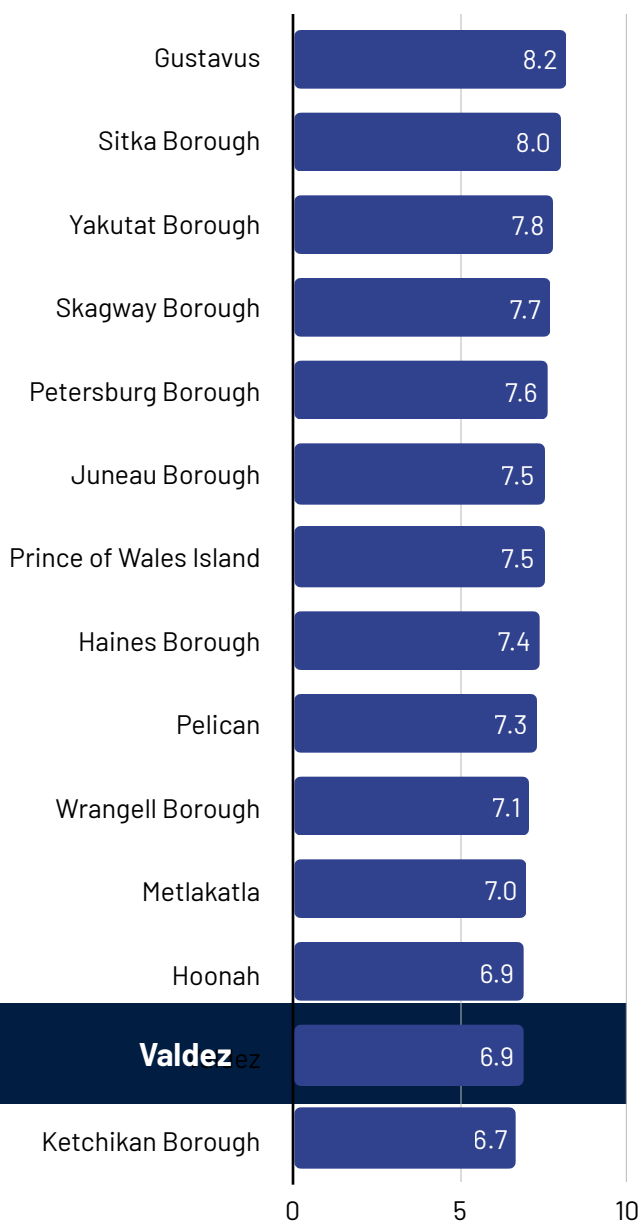
Valdez business leaders rated the overall quality of life in Valdez as 6.9 out of 10 in 2025. Those in **healthcare**, **seafood**, and **tourism** provide the highest ratings, while those in **non-profits**, **manufacturing**, and the **arts** provide the lowest ratings. Compared to other coastal Alaska communities that participated in surveys in the spring of 2025, Valdez ranked lower than most other communities.

6.9
Quality of Life
(out of 10)

By Community

By Industry

■ Valdez Quality of Life



Valdez Business Respondent Profile

The 90 responding businesses represent approximately 1,076 Valdez workers.

Responding Businesses Profile

Responding Businesses = **90**

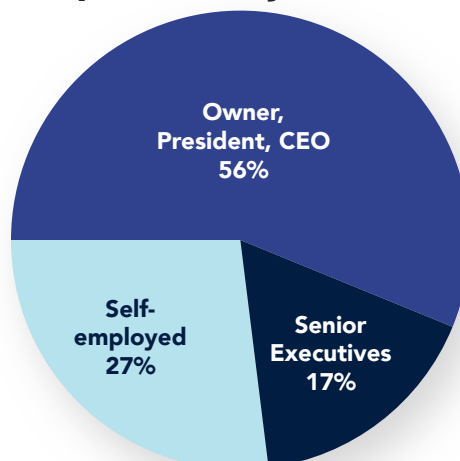
Average Employees Per Business = **12 Workers**

Total Workers Represented by Survey = **1,076**

Respondents by Sector

Sector	Businesses	Workers Represented
Visitors or Tourism	23	247
Oil or Gas Sector	4	212
Health Care	1	160
Food or Beverage Business	12	116
Seafood, Commercial Fishing, Maritime, Mariculture	5	104
Retail or Wholesale Trade	10	71
Construction, Architecture, or Engineering	7	16
Accommodations (hotel etc.)	6	33
Other Non-profit	4	27
Arts	5	26
Professional & Business Services or Consultant	3	21
Real Estate	4	12
Communications, Information Technology	1	8
Transportation (non-tourism)	1	7
Financial Activities	1	7
Social Services, Child Care, Education	1	2
Other manufacturing	1	1
Other	1	7

Respondent by Position



Appendix

Open Ended Responses

A total of 46 businesses took the time to explain the business outlook for their business in the upcoming year.

Valdez business leaders anticipate a challenging economic environment in the upcoming year. Rising operational costs, inflation, regulatory hurdles, workforce shortages, and reduced tourism are widespread concerns. Businesses across sectors report difficulties attracting and retaining employees due to competitive local government wages and housing shortages. Tourism-dependent enterprises express uncertainty due to national economic trends and international travel policies. Retailers struggle against online competition, notably Amazon, and face declining local customer spending. Commercial fishing businesses highlight decreased salmon returns and rising costs as significant threats. Despite these challenges, many business leaders remain optimistic about growth through targeted expansions, increased community-focused events, and efforts to diversify offerings.

The full comments of business leaders are presented below:

Please elaborate on the outlook for your business or sector over the next year.

Accommodations

My concern would be that if there is a global economic downturn, there will be people cancelling reservations or just not making reservations, which would cause a decrease in revenue for me and others in the accommodations business. Since I only have the existing rooms that I have in my house there isn't much opportunity for growth, but I'm not very concerned about that. But during the fall and winter months we usually have very few guests. I always am interested in helping my guests enjoy their stay while in Valdez, so I appreciate the new trails on Meals Hill. Hopefully there will be new maps that will help visitors see the new trails. I would support the idea of having even more trails, like one going from the ferry terminal all the way to Blueberry Hill Road. Maybe there could be more hiking trails around Mineral Creek area or more 4 wheeler or biking trails for the summer and more snow machine trails in the winter up in the upper valley of Mineral Creek. This year with less snow it was difficult for snow machines to get to Mineral Creek without a trailer, so clearing a side area through the park strip for snow machines to get to trails in low snow years would be helpful. Having the snow trails groomed has been a blessing for my guests and my family for walking and cross country skiing. Keep up the good work with that. Having festivals and other events that bring in more guests has been good. Having even more in the winter would bring in even more guests that need accommodations. Having the

tournaments with swimming and basketball have helped some. More events in the winter when we have slow months would bring in more income for us.

Arts

The political climate is decreasing the amount of tourism from outside the US, which is a big part of my clientele. Tariffs increasing my cost of goods. After huge stock market hit, people are spending less on non-essential items.

Generally, people are spending less money- things are more expensive, making my business also have higher expenses.

The economic downturn is leading to fewer tourists, and overall less budget for luxury or non-essential items.

My normal bookings have been down, so I have had to rethink and branch out to different types of business. Not all bad, but I can tell most people have less free money to spend the last 3 years than years previous. I'm one to think outside the box to find a need to fill, but if others aren't able to do that, they will have a difficult time if cost of living increases much more.

Communications, Information Technology

The number of businesses in Valdez is not increasing so there are less people to sell to. There is an increasing number of non-profits and government service who do not have to earn money to make a living; and a decreasing number of people who understand or care how business works.

Construction, Architecture, or Engineering

I recently walked away from the business due to cost and the red tape.

Due to the unnecessary hoops the City makes businesses jump through as well as the unnecessary regulations they set for businesses in town I don't see much opportunity for growth until this changes. Rather than being welcoming of new businesses and growth...the city seems to make things as difficult as possible for most industries.

Food or Beverage Business

We are hoping to expand on seating for the business to help accommodate more tourists through cruise ships and RV travel. Concerns are the city not upholding the beautification aspects and property codes of businesses around town (we have neighbors with large

conexes and garbage on the property next door that blocks the street view of our business and others around us).

We hope to expand our business a little more with added jobs. Our goal is to scale but not sure how we will get there.

Our business will continue to do well, we are very versatile in that we cover lots of different aspects in the City of Valdez.

Concerned about loss of business because less fisherman and less revenue.

Looking ahead to the next year, I see strong potential for growth and improvement within my business. There are actionable steps I can take to expand offerings, elevate the customer experience, and create more opportunities during the busy tourist season. Equally important is focusing on ways to enhance the space and offerings that positively impact the local community during the quieter winter months. However, there are ongoing challenges—particularly rising operational costs such as rent, utilities, and general upkeep. Being in a commercial space I don't own, it's a constant balancing act between investing in improvements that benefit the business, while also increasing the value of a property I don't own, especially as rent continues to climb. Another concern is the limited number of tourist attractions in the area, which can impact visitor traffic and overall business during peak months. Despite these concerns, I remain optimistic and committed to making thoughtful changes that strengthen both the business and its role in the community.

As a Food Truck Operator/owner it is hard to find a year round location with a good foot traffic/tourist especially in summer. I would hope the city will find a way to have some spots or location near Harbor to get food trucks setup for summer when tourist season is prime. This will help tourist have more and dining options.

Manufacturing

I provide a niche service to locals. With price increases on supplies due to tariffs, shipping costs, national and state wide stores closing, etcetera, I fear less people will be sewing and creating. This means less work for me.

Non-profit

With all the state and federal budget cuts and some loss in funding we are concerned that we will not be able to serve our Valdez community and other services to the best of our ability. We are a non-profit program and depending on the funding from the state and federal grants we might not be able to keep our employees.

Retail or Wholesale Trade

Finding personnel to work in our line of business along with them affording the cost of living in Valdez.

Commercial fishing will be slower again and that market may not come back. The sport fish returns look weaker. Tariffs are going to raise the price of our products.

I'd like to expand. But the tax rate is getting ridiculous. So I'll probably be downsizing.

We will be in real trouble if people don't start shopping in town.

Customers are less inclined to spend money due to the economic situation we are in right now.

I believe that Alaska will be hurting with tourists thanks to the federal government. I have little chance to sell my books as it is now it will be worse.

I feel like retail stores are having a hard time because of Amazon and visits to Anchorage. We aren't a store that depends on vacationers, although we do get a bump from the influx of workers.

Sales are down; we are barely treading water. I'm thinking of selling because the sales just aren't there. We are trying to bring in different products, but Amazon really kills us.

Seafood, Commercial Fishing, Maritime, Mariculture

The future of my business is unknown this year & figure years. High fuel/insurance/mooring fees coupled with poor salmon runs has crushed last year's profits.

1st concern is housing for our employees. There is not enough affordable homes, apartments, respectable rooms available for people to come to town for employment. More housing, more people to work or more workers to pick from. Need more places to eat - sure miss the Totem Inn for the town gatherings.

Seafood Prices are down and there has been major consolidation in the industry. The current federal administration is hell bent on destroying whatever economic future the seafood industry had. The country is headed into a major recession, and I consider the outlook to be bleak. All of that in addition to negative effects of global warming.

Need opportunities to sell beyond social media. Vendor events definitely boost my sales.

Social Services, Child Care, Education

As the only licensed childcare provider in Valdez, I don't have many concerns as far as attracting and retaining members. We don't exactly have new opportunities because of the way we are governed/licensed. We can only have a certain number of children in our care at any given time. We've been able to retain our head teacher while offering further educational opportunities to that individual. As of now we are expecting to retain the current head teacher for the upcoming school year. Our Board of Directors will be turning over this summer but our program and what we offer will not have any major changes to its structure.

Visitors or Tourism

Due to the economic climate, we plan to pull back in the employee sector and cut back on programming to stabilize the ongoing increase in cost of goods and possible risk of lack of travelers.

We have had small steady growth, and hope that continues.

Tourism definitely down. National politics a factor. Will see how season plays out.

It's difficult to find workers. The businesses in Valdez can't grow and have to reduce services because it's impossible to find help even if you will train them. Starting wage is at least \$25/h to compete with COV wage for seasonal or temp work. When hiring full time workers we can't compete with jobs that provide benefit package like City's that almost has no cost to the employee. City, downtown area looks unattractive, no cute downtown area, parks in town are in the bad shape, lack of code enforcement affects businesses. It's difficult to deal with the community development department in person or via email. Lack of services at popular tourist/local attractions like Valdez Glacier Lake and Robe Lake. It's very difficult to communicate this with P&R Directors (we asked for years), often we are told it's not in the budget, other popular answer is vandalism, or we don't own Robe Lake. There is a huge need for toilets and dumpsters (VGL got a dumpster last year). Traffic at VGL is huge and people have no place to go to use the bathroom, so they use bushes. This is an issue brought up to the city for many years and no traction. Maybe buy toilet trailers, use them for different events, rent them during winter events like snowmachine races. Grading issues of unpaved roads. Difficult to deal with the department, department head can't make decision on his/her own must involve CM, long time is required to wait for a solution or a meeting. This affects access to our businesses. It's very frustrating. Because of workforce we are planning to reduce services for our 2 businesses or redirect to businesses that do not require employee input. This is not only problem for us but also a problem for other business owners in Valdez. Often small business owners will hire and train employees, provides them with few years of valuable experience and they will leave for the COV jobs because nobody in town can compete with the wage and benefit package. I think soon Valdez will see less businesses that provide services.

We get a lot of questions about getting to Alaska from Canada with today political climate. We advise them of no changes to cross the border and that the people of Canada are still super friendly and welcoming. Some customers advise waiting another year before making the trip from the lower 48 to Alaska. Another concern we hear is the cost of travel to Alaska is increasing faster than other areas of the country. While there is an understanding that Alaska is more expensive, it is out pacing the expense of the rest of the country.

Concerns are the fish counts. Many of our guests come here to fish. With the rapid decline in numbers we are receiving more comments about guests not coming back to Valdez. The City needs to fund or help the hatchery fund a King program in Early May and June

With the current political and economic climate on the national stage I do see that we will have a probable dip in bookings this summer. We generally stay full, but things are looking at to fill slower this year.

While I believe more cruise ships are expected this year than last, I don't feel like I can trust them. They have canceled ships in the past and I can't rely on them for staffing/revenue. Also, they have gotten pickier and are requiring more and more of vendors on the insurance front which cuts into profits. Other aspects of our business will likely be steady but not significantly changing our outlook.

Transferring

Need to drive more visitors to Alaska for winter recreation and tourism

We have plans to grow but lack of labor is slowing us down. It's very difficult to find help and to find anyone for seasonal work, with no experience we have to offer \$25 an hour as we are competing with City's temporary wages. City hires temporary workers with pay rate of \$21-24 per hour. It's complicated to get the supplies needed and the shipping costs are huge. We also feel that City is not progressive and open to ideas, which shuts down creativity and progress. Community Development Department is not very helpful and permits and business registrations process takes a long time. All might look good in summer with lots of fun places to eat, lots of people and things to do, but Valdez has nothing going on in the winter. People can't walk in the winter because basic services like clear sidewalks are not available. It's possible to walk around harbor but not in the residential areas with sidewalks. Also City organizes "free bbq" a few times each summer which competes with local businesses. Instead of providing "free food", spending money on trailers and bbqs and storage would be much better if city worked with local restaurants to provide food for those events. Valdez has amazing location, and you can't beat the nature, but town is no cohesive and lacks character. Thanks for asking us questions!

There is a great deal of uncertainty with the decisions being made Federally when it comes to travel both domestically but specifically internationally and that driving through Canada. Therefore some international sales are declining and/or unknown right now.

Tourism may be affected by policy at the national level. Support for tourism at the local level is excellent.

Other

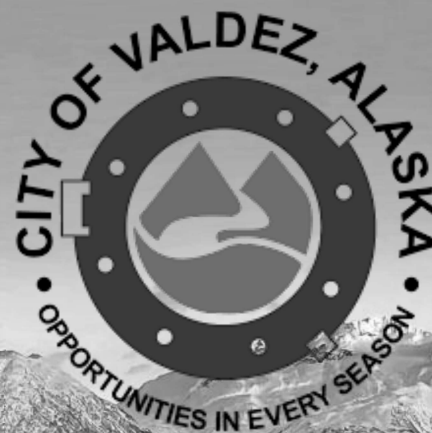
We are anticipating significant cuts on the state and federal level with grants, Medicaid and Medicare.

Valdez is unique in that it has an inflated cost of living for incidentals that is comparable to areas off the road system but is on the road system so allows higher price commodities to compete with locals who have a higher cost to do business because of the incidentals such as fuel and groceries an example being the monopoly on diesel which is produced here but is transported to places like Fairbanks and retails 20 percent cheaper there after being trucked 365 miles. Because we produce and sell a higher priced commodity we now do 75 percent of our business in Cordova and other communities and are contemplating moving. We feel although the city is making attempts the effort is not in the correct direction to help the residents of Valdez and is more geared to suit a migratory community. Here are some examples and possible solutions. The housing market is geared to outside interests in air b and b and there is a housing shortage. The city solution is to enforce the state code on short term rental which some residents use to invest in. Require the physical owner of a property to live in Valdez to take care of any potential issues if the property is to be a short term rental. Open land offerings and allow more encouragement for people to make life improvements with less red tape. We are not anchorage and people in the trailer parks need to be able to see a future or the ones who have potential to make life improvements won't stay here. A community needs a lower level workforce, and we seem to make it very difficult for them to grow. The enhanced fishery for pink salmon is geared toward a migrant work force which conflicts with the city plan to boost tourism by creating an influx of immigrant and exporting to overseas countries jobs of no or little interest to our local youth. Help the Valdez fisheries to invest in a fishery of higher value fish such as sockeye and king. Through the Valdez Glacier /Robe Lake watershed. We could have a tourist oriented fishery that would generate substantially more revenue overall within the community. The local commercial fishermen could make more as well by not having to compete with all the outside vessels if the fishery was smaller and had short openers there would be less outside interest netting them a higher profit for higher value product. The price for utilities and taxes is geared for revenue collecting from Alyeska pipeline. All this does is raise our community member costs to the point where it is cheaper to live in Wasilla and commute than to live here. This takes away from local job offerings. Alleviate these taxes or find a creative way to tax the commuting workforce. Apply regulatory pressure to Copper Valley to negotiate a better winter utility price for the local residents. The city has a Parks and Rec department that could generate revenue on top of providing for the community. They are in process of building a 3 million dollar plus bike park that will serve less than 1 percent of the community and will require constant brushing of alders and erosion maintenance to not close in and be useless as on current example. 3 million invested in snowmobile tourism

over 10 years would generate substantially more income to the city during winter months. Snowmobile users tend to spend more and have higher incomes to purchase and spend on their hobby. This could potentially create millions more of much needed winter revenue in Valdez and would only require winter grooming to connect locations and a better acceptance policy from some of the local short sides thinking processes. winter revenue is a must for our town to be able to thrive. These are just a few of many examples and maybe the answers aren't this simple, but it will be hard for Valdez to be successful if the only way to sustain here is either be a migrating worker or a city employee and the direction seems to point to a way over proportional representation of city employees per capita in the future if even more are needed to maintain things that generate no revenue such as the bike park.

The City of Valdez is in competition with small business.

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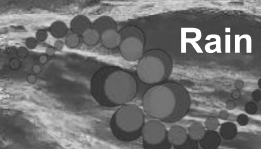


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Valdez Business Survey Results 2020

The City of Valdez and the Mayor's COVID-19 Economic Task Force commissioned a survey to gauge the impacts of COVID-19 on the Valdez business community to focus economic relief efforts moving forward. The survey, designed and administered by Rain Coast Data, includes comprehensive multiple choice questions regarding COVID-19 business impacts, questions clarifying how the private sector can be supported moving forward during this period of pandemic, and open-ended questions allowing increased input by business leaders. The survey also includes business climate questions.

More than 100 Valdez owners and top managers responded to the survey, representing nearly 900 workers. The 27-question web-based survey was administered electronically from July 6th through July 20th, 2020. The survey results include the following findings:

- Nearly three-quarters (73%) of responding businesses have received COVID-19 support funding, including 68% that received COVID-19 support from the City of Valdez.
- Responding employers have already laid off 19.5% of their total workforce due to COVID-19. Responding businesses cancelled hiring 34% additional staff planned for the summer. Nineteen percent of businesses expect to cut more staff over the next 12 months.
- Valdez business revenue was down 48% on average in 2020 so far, compared to the same period in 2019. By industry, the transportation and tourism sectors have experienced the greatest revenue losses.
- Nearly one-fifth (19%) of respondents say that they are at risk closing permanently, while 37% say they are not at risk. Businesses in the food/beverage and health care industries have the highest risk of closing due to the pandemic, while the real estate sector has the lowest risk.
- 73% of respondents call the current economy poor or very poor, and 59% feel that the upcoming year will be worse.
- The most significant impacts to Valdez businesses from COVID-19 include lost revenue (reported by 70% of businesses), reduced clientele (64%), and declining sales (59%).
- Top challenges moving forward include trying to make good business decisions in the face of considerable uncertainty (reported by 53% of businesses), managing an unstable customer base (51%), and a lack of tourists (40%).
- The help Valdez businesses are most wanting include access to grants (42%), utility bill relief (37%), and help applying for assistance (30%).

The following pages summarize survey findings.

Valdez Businesses COVID-19 Impacts

Valdez Alaska business leaders were asked how COVID-19 is impacting their businesses. Responding employers have already laid off 19.5% of their total workforce due to COVID-19, and cancelled hiring plans for an additional 34% more workers — mostly in the tourism sector. Regional business revenue was down 48% in 2020 so far, compared to the same period in 2019. Twenty-three percent of respondents say that they are at risk of closing permanently, while 34% say that they are not at risk.

Total Businesses Responding = 111

Representing 611 current Valdez Alaska workers

Responding businesses have typical peak employment of 897

With a year-round resident workforce of 73%

68% of responding businesses received COVID funding from the City of Valdez

Respondents planned to increase their workforces by 34% this summer; however

businesses canceled these plans, laying off 19.5% of existing staff instead

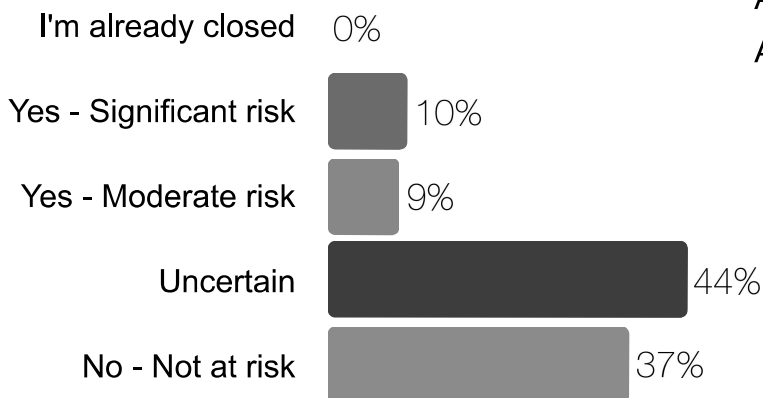
19% expect to make more employment cuts in the future due to COVID-19

Is your business at risk of closing permanently because of impact caused by COVID-19?

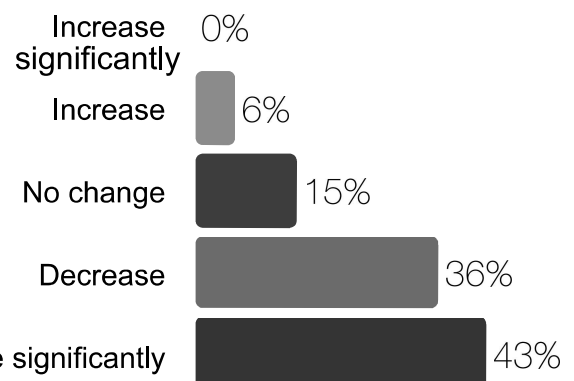
Avg. current workers per org. = 6 (8 at peak)

Avg. workers laid off so far per business = 1.5

Avg. planned new hires cancelled = 2.5

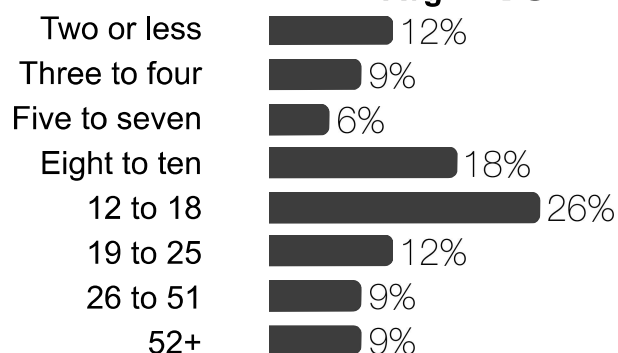


How much do you project your revenues will change in the remainder of 2020 compared to the same period in 2019?



If you answered "yes" above, how many weeks of the current situation do you think you will be able to survive?

Avg. = 18



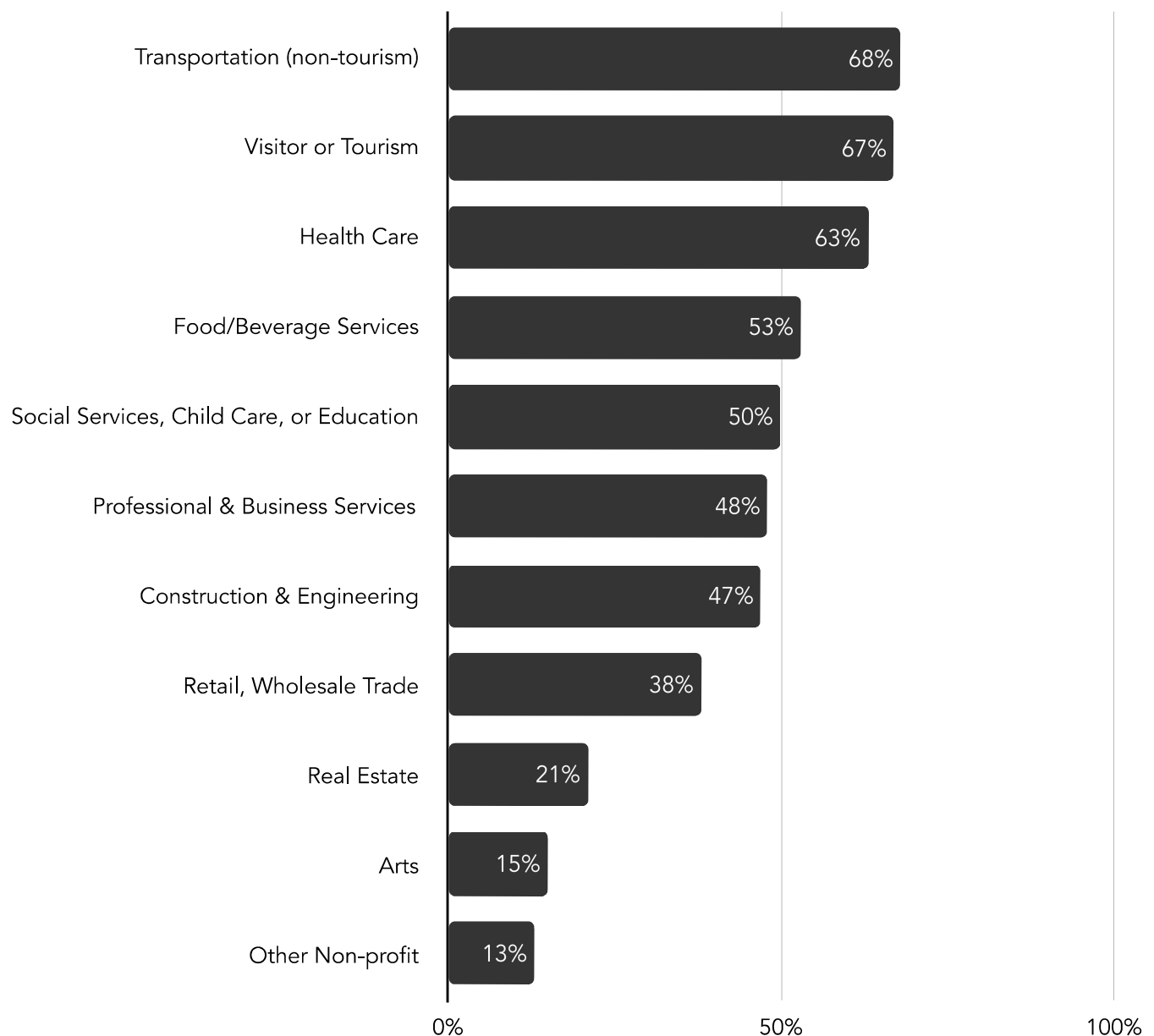
Please estimate the percent revenue decline to your business due to COVID-19 in 2020 so far (compared to same period in 2019)?

= -48%

Please estimate the percent revenue decline to your business due to COVID-19 in 2020 so far (compared to same period in 2019)? By Industry

On average, Valdez businesses have lost **48%** of their revenue due to COVID-19 in 2020 compared to the same period last year. However, there is significant variation between industry impacts. Businesses in the transportation and tourism sectors are down by more than two-thirds (68% and 67% respectively). The real estate, arts, and "other" non-profit entities are down the least.

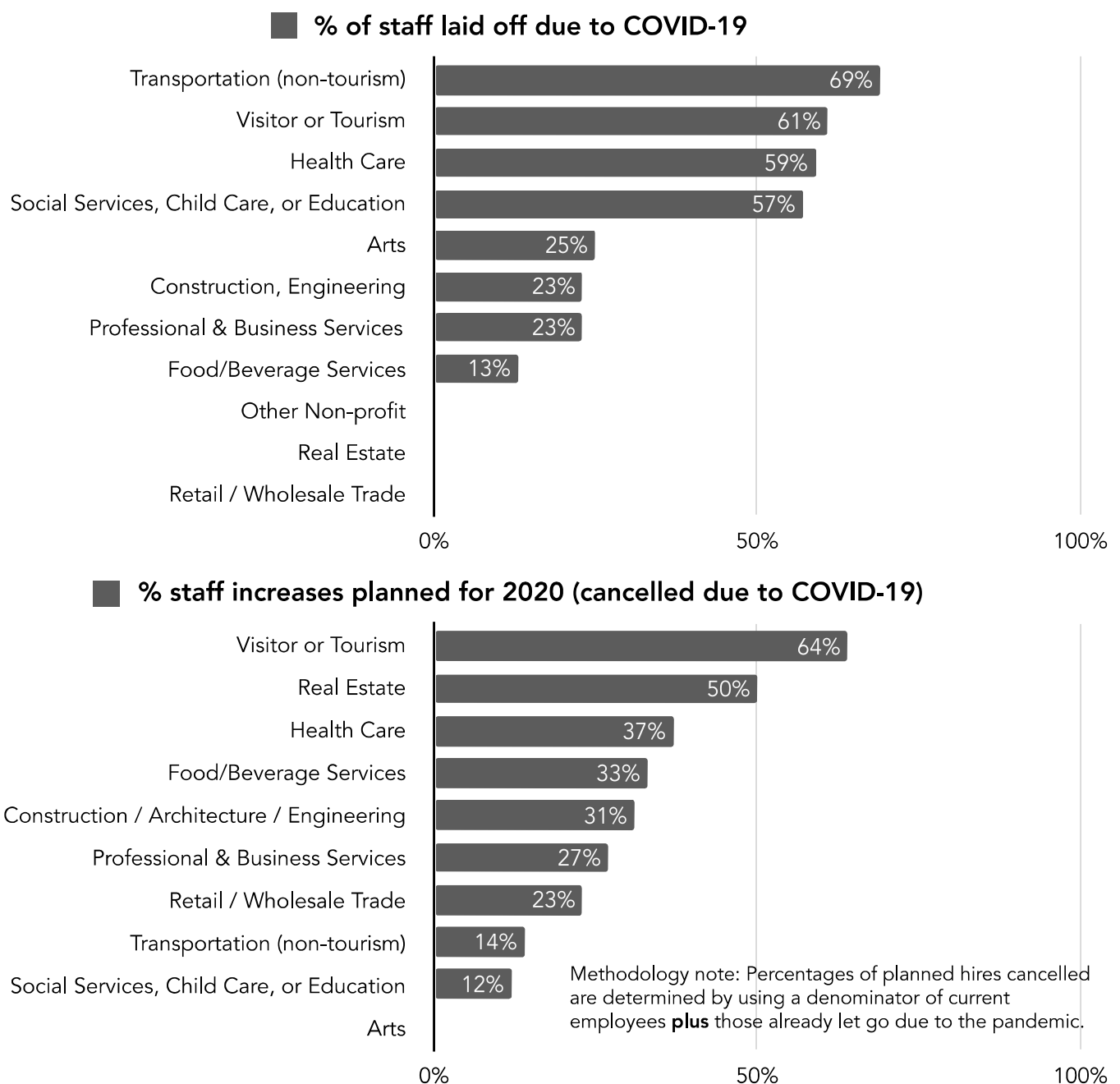
■ Average percent revenue decline to your business due to COVID-19 in 2020



Changes in workforce participation due to COVID-19

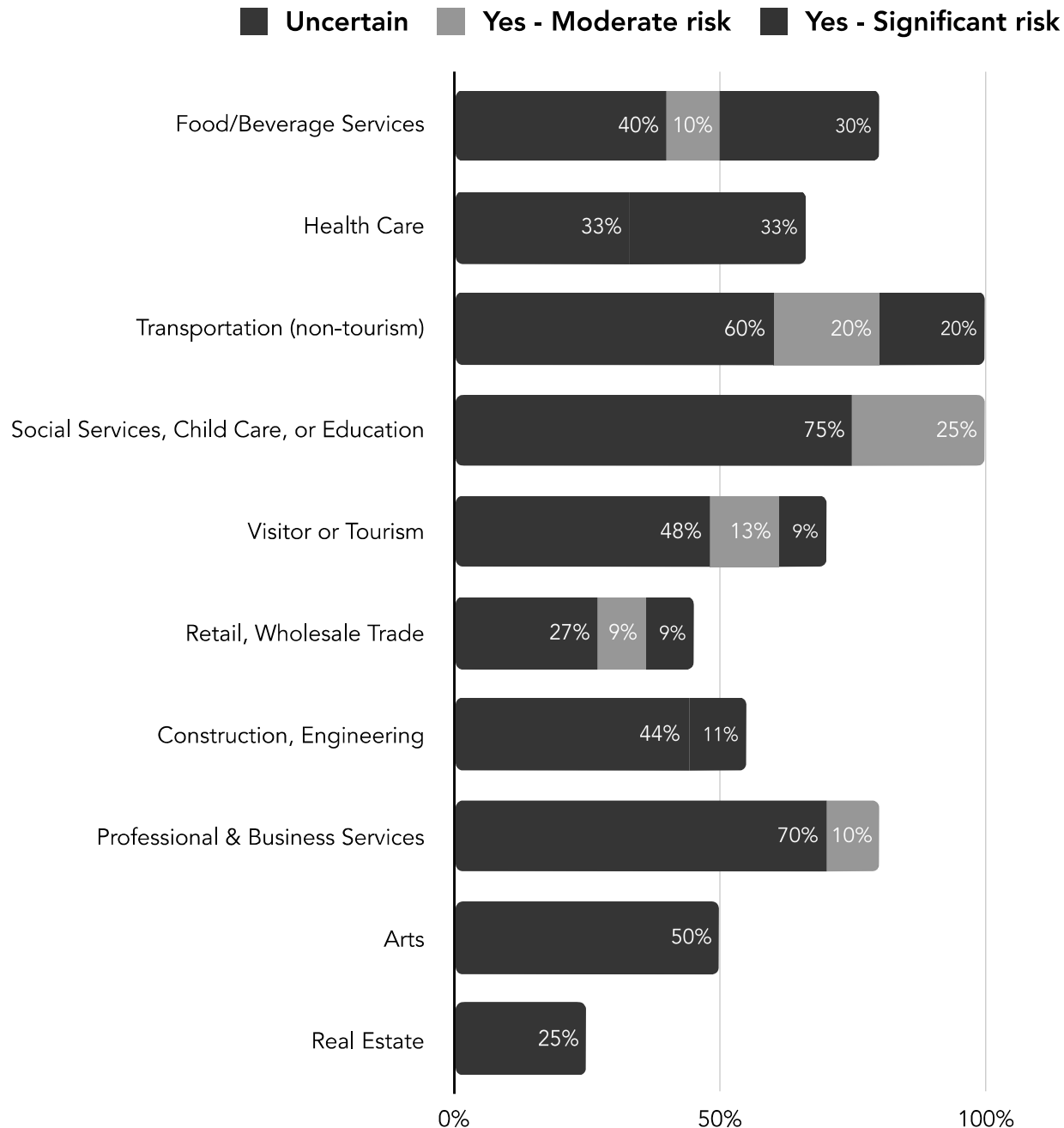
By Industry

A similar pattern to revenue loss analysis emerges when comparing the loss of employment by industry. Business leaders were asked how many existing employees have been laid off or put into unpaid status so far due to COVID-19. They were also asked how many future workers, including all seasonal workers, businesses had planned to hire, but did not. Overall, businesses reported laying off **19.5%** of their staff due to COVID-19 in 2020. The transportation, tourism, and health care sectors were the hardest hit by this measure as well. The industries most likely to cancel planned employee hires include the tourism, real estate, and health care sectors. The new hires would have increased workforce participation by **34%** across participating businesses in Valdez — most significantly in the tourism sector — had the summer of 2020 proceeded as planned.



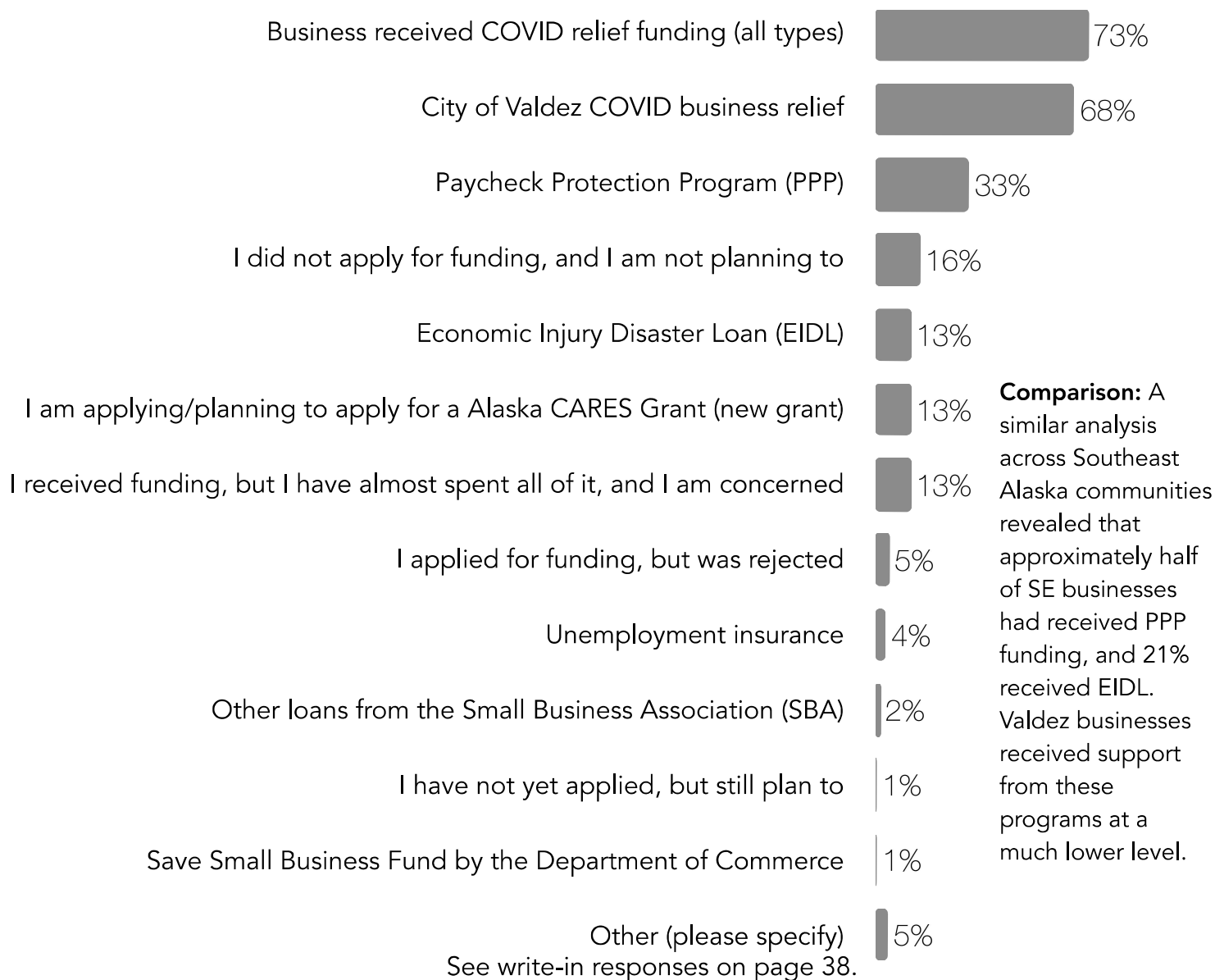
Is your business at risk of closing permanently because of impact caused by COVID-19? By Industry and Community

The following charts analyzed which sectors and communities are at the greatest risk of being unviable due to the COVID-19 economy. Businesses in the food/beverage, transportation, and health care sectors have the greatest risk of closing due to the pandemic, while the real estate and arts industries have the lowest risk.



Did you receive any COVID-19 funding to support your business? (check all that apply)

Nearly three-quarters of reporting business leaders (73%) had received COVID-19 relief funding for their organizations, including 68% who received the funds from the City of Valdez. A total of \$4.2 million in funding was reported received. The median assistance amount was \$3,500.



Total Funding Reported to be Received by 111 Valdez Businesses = \$4.2 million

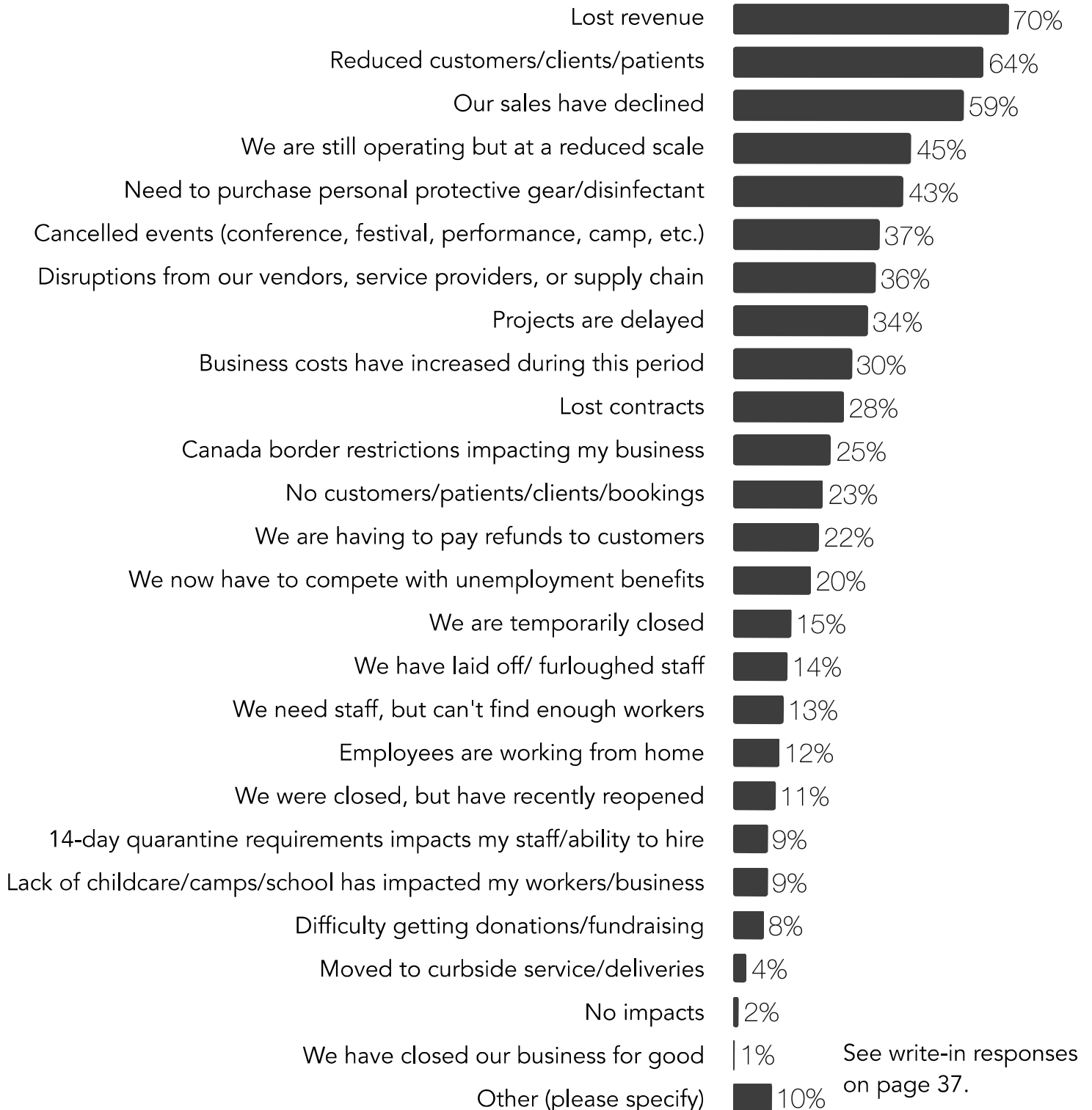
Median amount received by businesses receiving funds = \$3,500

Businesses receiving funding = 73%

How has your business been impacted by COVID-19?

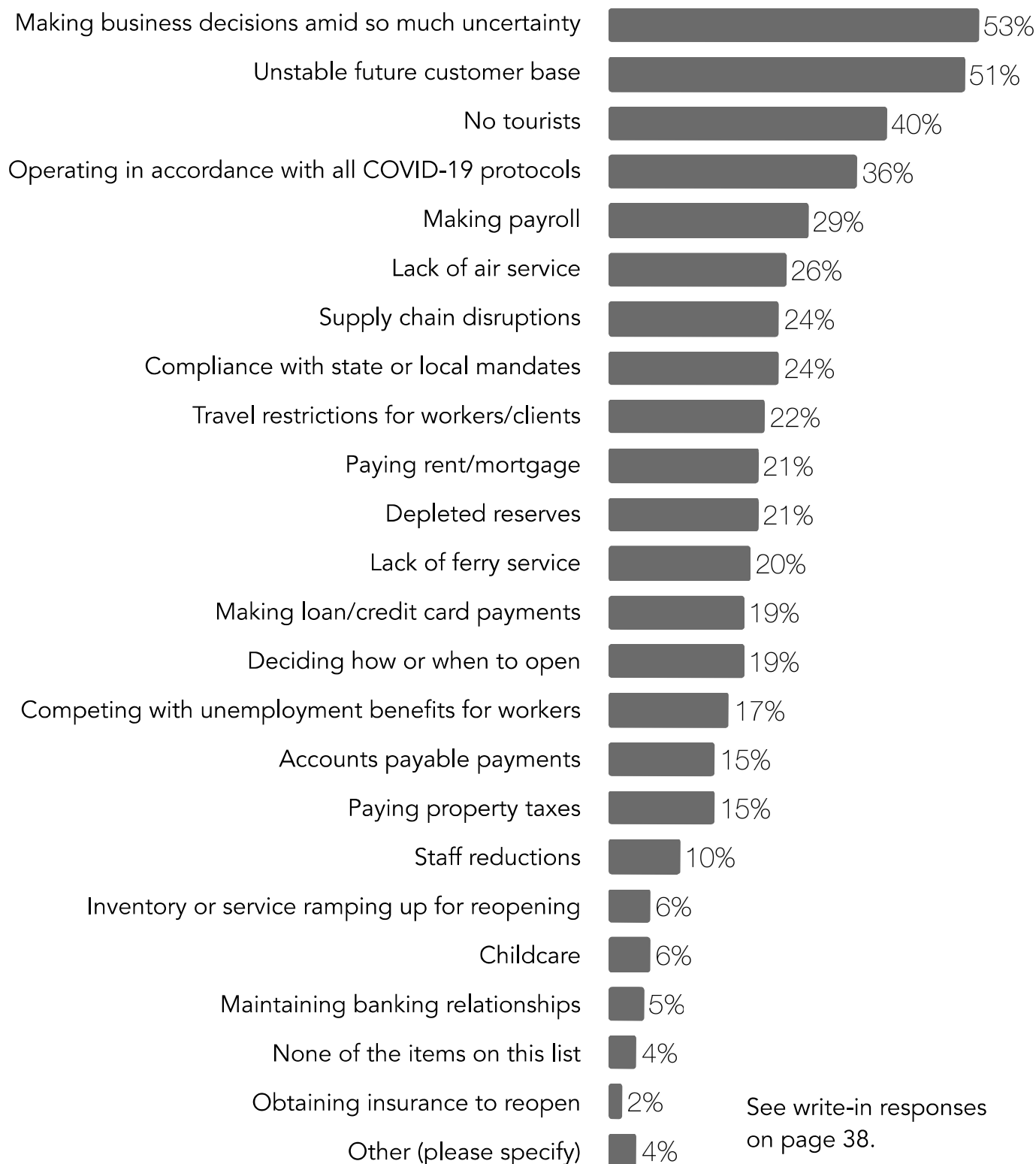
(check all that apply)

Business leaders were asked how their organizations have been impacted by the pandemic. Seventy percent of businesses reported they had lost revenue due to the COVID-19 event, two-thirds reported a decline in customers, while 59% reported sales declines.



What are your top business challenges moving forward? (check all that apply)

Owners and managers were asked what their top business challenges are moving forward. Top responses included making business decisions amid uncertainty, an unstable customer base, no tourists, and operating in accordance with all COVID-19 mitigation protocols.



What help do you need most moving forward?

(check all that apply)

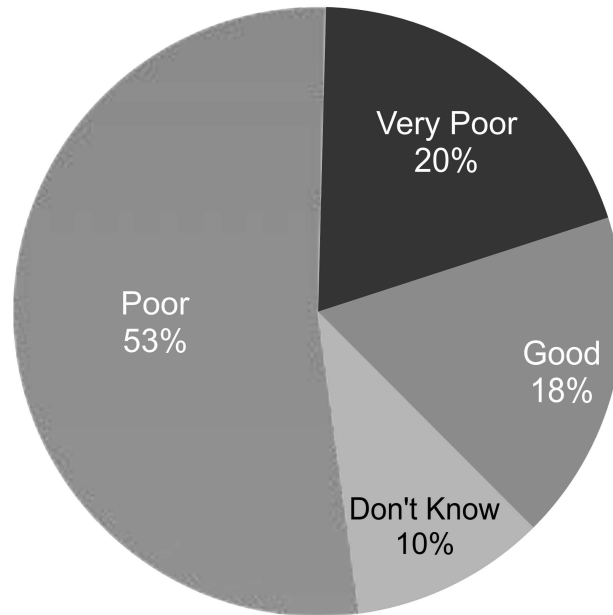
Business leaders were asked what help they most want and need moving forward. Top answers include access to grants, utility bill relief, assistance in applying for funding, access to low or no interest loans, and reinstated air service.



Valdez **Business** Climate Survey Results 2020

July 2020 Valdez Alaska:
How do you view the overall business climate right now?

18% Positive / 73% Negative



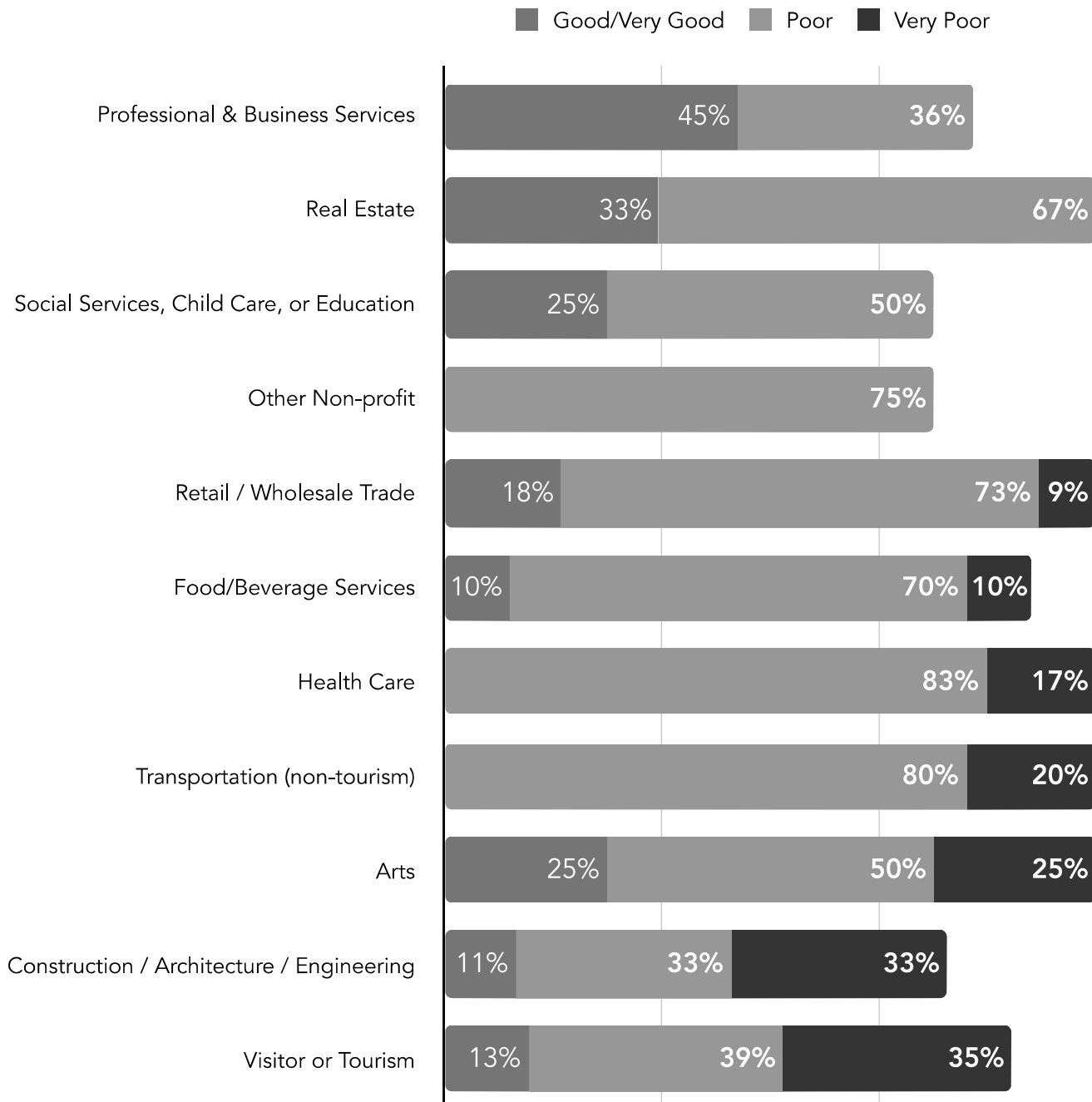
Valdez business leaders were asked how they view the current economy. Unsurprisingly, confidence in the Valdez business climate is low in the wake of COVID-19. Nearly three-quarters of respondents (73%) are concerned about state of the economy, calling the business climate "poor" (53%) or "very poor" (20%). Eighteen percent of business leaders called the Valdez business climate "good" in 2020.

While all sectors have an overwhelmingly negative perspective on the current economy, those in the tourism, construction, arts, and transportation industries were most likely to say that the regional economy is **very** poor.

Valdez Business Climate Survey Results 2020: by Industry

The following graphic breaks out how the current Valdez business climate is viewed by each various sector. Usually such a breakout reveals significant differences between sectors. However, the 2020 breakout shows that no industry has escaped a negative impact due to COVID-19. Professional business services is the most positive, while the tourism sector is the most negative.

Valdez July 2020: **How do you view the overall business climate right now?**



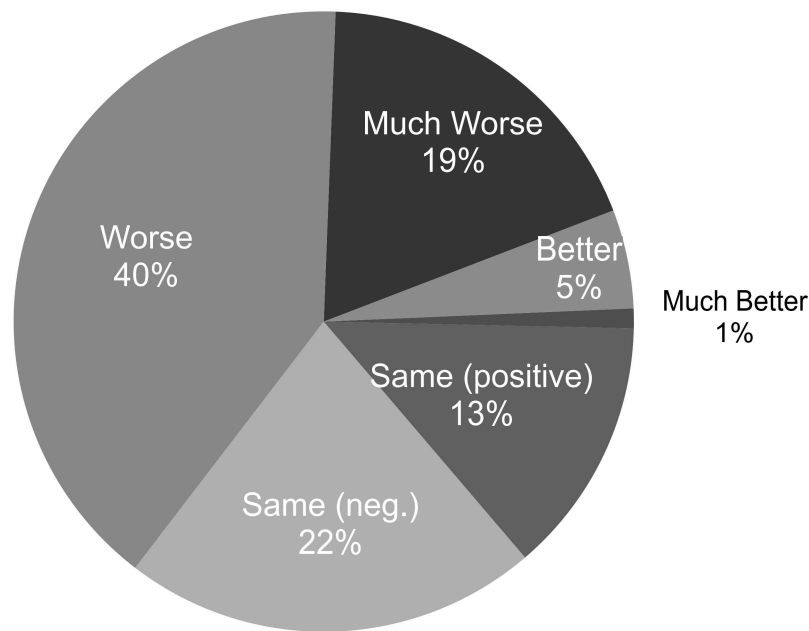
The "don't know" category has been excluded from this chart.

Valdez Economic Outlook

July 2020 Valdez Alaska:
**What is the economic outlook for
your business or industry?**

19% Positive / 81% Negative

6% Better / 35% Same / 59% Worse



Valdez Alaska Economic Outlook

Business leaders were also asked about their expectations over the coming year. More than four-fifths (81%) of businesses say the economic outlook for their business or industry over the next 12 months is negative. Nearly three-fifths (59%) of survey respondents expect their prospects to be worse (40%) or much worse (19%) over the next year, while only 6% expect the outlook for their businesses to improve in the coming year.

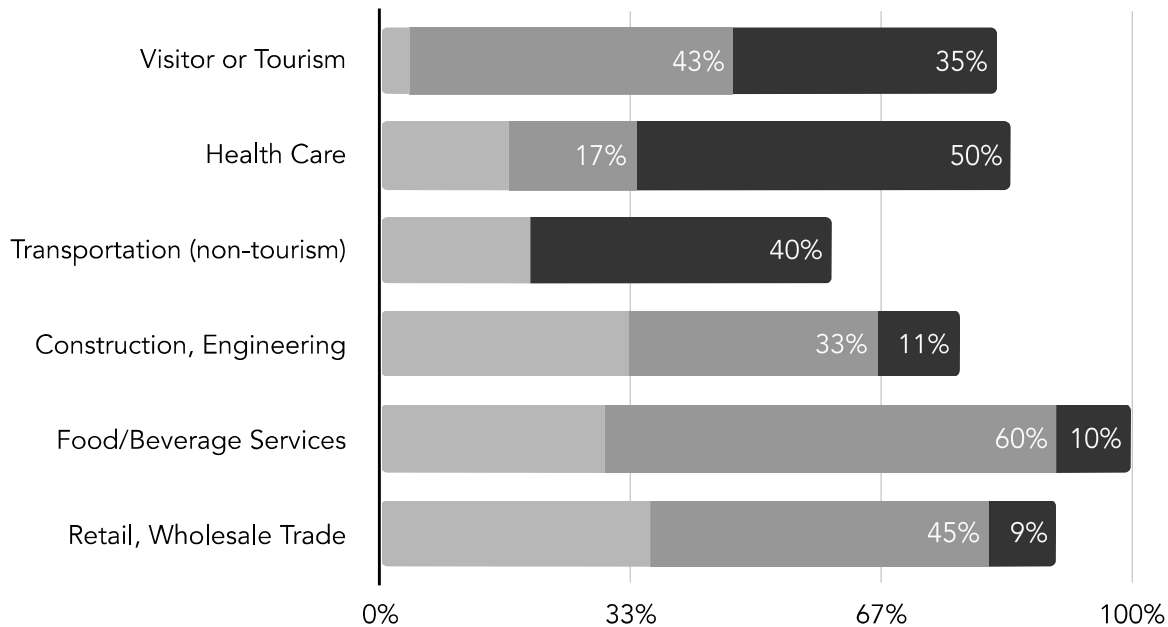
The tourism, health care, and transportation sectors have the most negative outlooks looking forward, with 50% of those in health care, 40% of those in transportation, and 35% of those in tourism saying that the outlook is much worse for the next twelve months.

Valdez Economic Outlook: by Industry

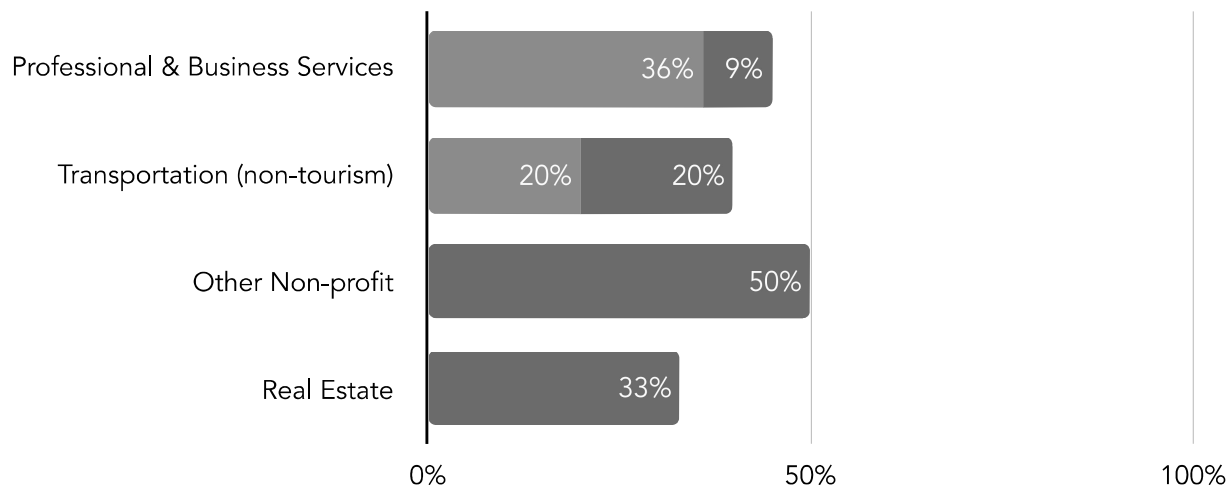
The below graphics show economic outlook breakdowns for the next year by industry.

What is the economic outlook for your business or industry over the next 12 months?

Same (generally negative) Worse Much Worse



Much Better Better Same (generally positive)



Valdez Economic Outlook: by Industry, table

The following table shows a detailed economic outlook by industry.

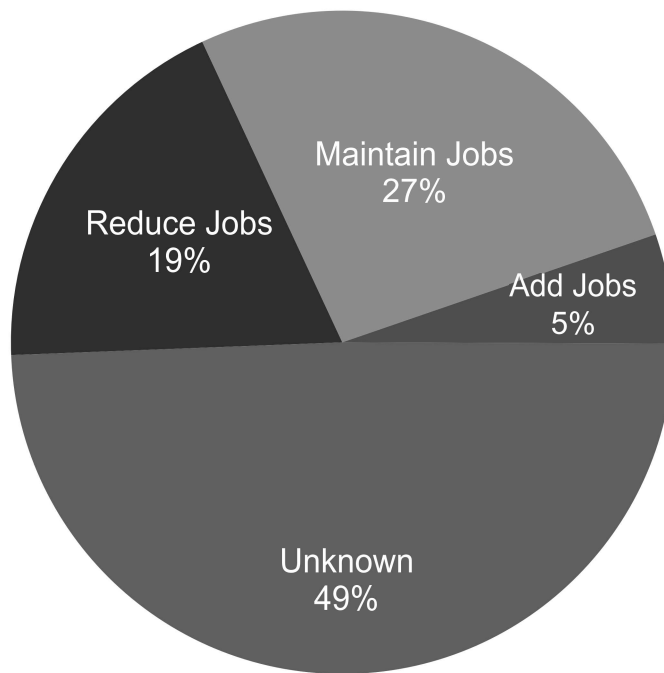
What is the economic outlook for your business or industry?						
Sector	Much Better	Better	Same (generally a positive statement)	Same (generally a negative statement)	Worse	Much Worse
Arts	0%	0%	0%	50%	50%	0%
Communications / Information Technology	0%	0%	0%	33%	33%	33%
Construction / Architecture / Engineering	0%	0%	22%	33%	33%	11%
Food/Beverage Services	0%	0%	0%	30%	60%	10%
Health Care	0%	0%	17%	17%	17%	50%
Other Non-profit	0%	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%
Professional & Business Services / Consultant	0%	36%	9%	0%	45%	9%
Real Estate	0%	0%	33%	0%	67%	0%
Retail / Wholesale Trade	0%	0%	9%	36%	45%	9%
Seafood, Commercial Fishing, Maritime	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
Social Services, Child Care, or Education	0%	0%	0%	50%	50%	0%
Transportation (non-tourism)	0%	20%	20%	20%	0%	40%
Visitor or Tourism	0%	0%	17%	4%	43%	35%

Valdez Job Outlook over the Next Year

Over the next 12 months, do you expect your organization to add jobs, maintain jobs, reduce jobs, or are you unsure?

(For those business with staff)

Jobs Outlook



Employment changes in the next year

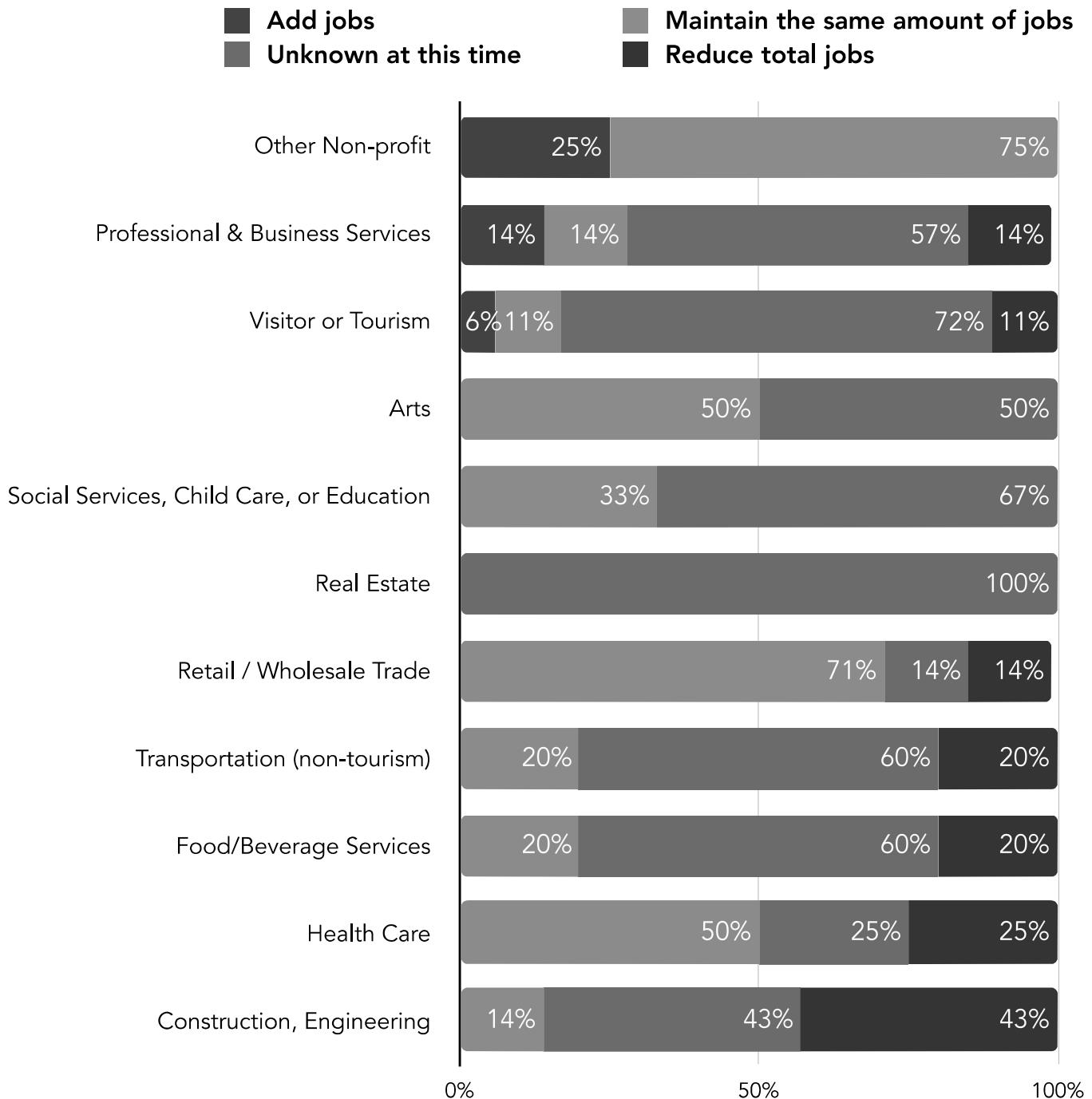
Another way to gauge economic activity moving forward is to better understand where new jobs will be added or lost. Nearly a fifth (19%) of business leaders surveyed expect to further reduce the number of jobs associated with their businesses over the next 12 months, while 27% expect to maintain total jobs, and 5% expect to add new employees. Approximately half (49%) say that workforce changes over the next year are an unknown quantity.

There is appears to be few organizations planning to add jobs in the coming year. Employment reductions are expected to be most significant in the construction, health care, food/beverage services, and transportation industries.

By Industry: Jobs over the Next 12 Months

Only one Valdez sector "other non profit" are likely to add more jobs than they cut in the coming year. Those in the construction sector are most likely to reduce their workforce.

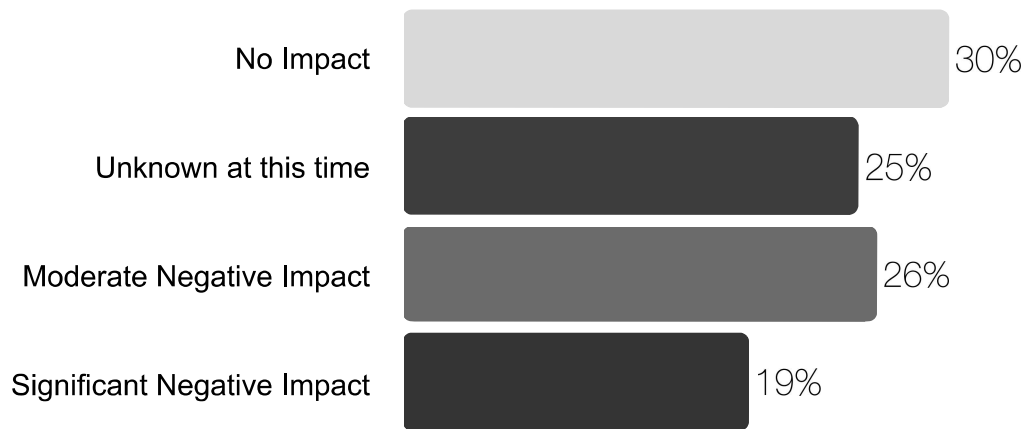
Over the next 12 months, do you expect your organization to add jobs, maintain jobs, reduce jobs, or are you unsure?



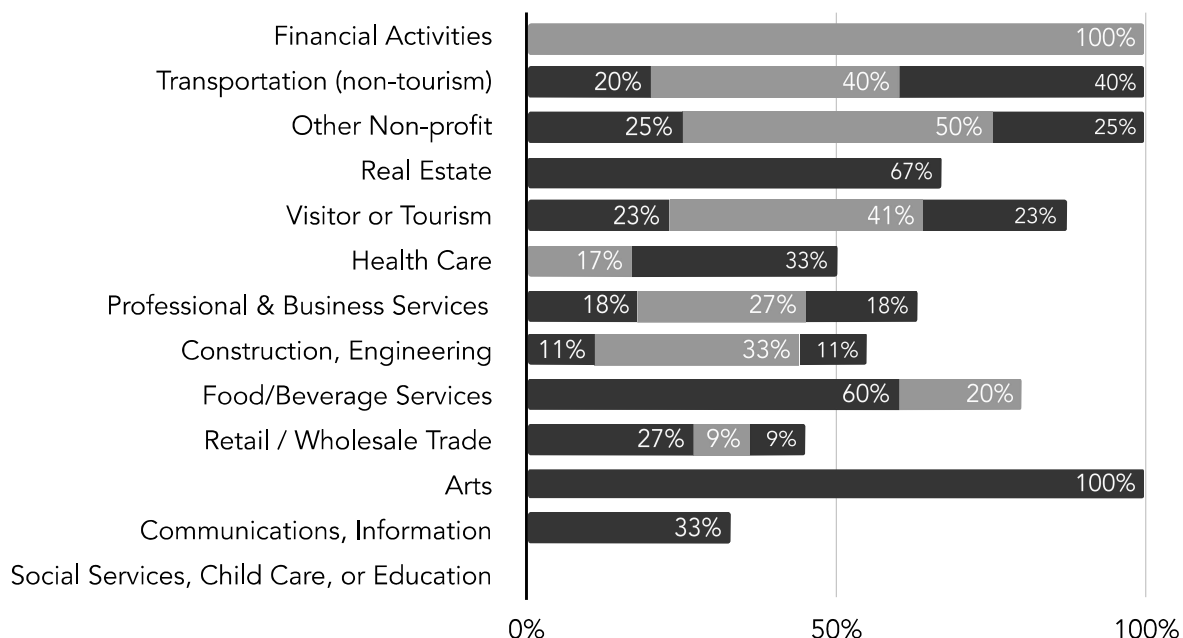
Impacts of Reduced Air Service

Air Service: How has the stoppage of air service to Valdez impacted your business?

Nearly half of responding business leaders (45%) have been impacted by the termination of Ravn Air into Valdez, including 19% who have experienced a "significant negative impact." Thirty percent of businesses say they were not impacted, while an additional 25% say they are not yet sure. Most likely to be impacted include those in the finance, transportation, non-profit, and real-estate sectors. Least impacted include businesses in art, communication, and social services.



Unknown at this time
 Moderate negative impact
 Significant negative impact



Impacts of Reduced Air Service

Please explain the impact of reduced air service to you or your business

- Between the ferry reduction and lack of air transport we all are negatively impacted. Transportation is key to commerce!
- Totally killed our business.
- Air service is needed to move noncritical patients to their appointments in Anchorage, Fairbanks
- All guests fly into Valdez.
- Clients can't get to Anchorage for doctor/specialist appointments and/or funding isn't provided for road travel as it is for air travel
- Getting parts in has been a challenge
- Guests unable to fly in
- Have had to hire private air services to bring in contractors.
- I work in the hospitality cleaning business. Less tourists coming to Valdez have significantly impacted my summer business. This is a loss for me as the service provider to multiple Airbnb's.
- It's more the overseas and US flight cancellations that have impacted us more than air service to Valdez.
- Less customers. No fast freight have to drive to Anchorage for parts.
- Less tourists
- Often during maintenance, we fly in parts and equipment needed
- Parts and supplies
- We had to cancel performances anyways, so has not directly impacted us yet.
- Tribal Board Members and Administration need to go to Juneau, Anchorage, Fairbanks and other places for business.

Specifically, what would you like the City to do regarding air travel moving forward?

- Advocate harder with the industry to ensure service is maintained (for example, seek an exemption with the court in the case of the most recent denial of service due to laws as they are)
- Be supportive
- Bring a carrier in
- City needs air service but rarely impacts me directly.
- Don't care, rather drive.
- Don't waste your money
- Encourage affordable scheduled airline
- Encourage or subsidize air travel to and from Valdez.
- Ferry service would be nice
- Figure out what airline wants to do business in Valdez and make them an offer that appeals to them to get the service up and running.
- Financial/use incentives for carrier.
- Get a new/better carrier
- Get Alaska Airlines to fly here.
- Upgrade the facility to accommodate the bigger more reliable planes that AK Air flies.
- We need it. So, whatever we can do to get air travel going would be great
- Work with new air carrier to make Valdez a viable stop.

Impacts of Reduced Air Service

Continued

- Get air service from here to Anchorage or Seattle.
- Give massive tax incentives for an airline to start flying out of Valdez again.
- Help identify a potential business that could operate quality air between Anchorage and Valdez.
- Help ensure flight service to Valdez for traveling to trainings
- Help provide affordable air travel
- Help support and reinstate a scheduled air service.
- I feel it is important for air travel to resume in Valdez.
- I think it is a burden on us not to have air service. My husband has cancer treatments in Anchorage every three weeks so instead of one day, we have to take 3 along with the expenses of gas, hotel, etc.
- I'm not sure what options we even have. To be honest, I am more concerned for residents needing winter travel to Anchorage as the months progress rather than only having one travel option out of Valdez.
- I'm not sure how to make it happen but we need to keep an airline coming into this community.
- In addition to securing service. Work to have someone locally that FAA will allow to work on navigation aids.
- Invest in air service
- It sounds like this is returning after the Ravn bankruptcy auction. Investment in mitigation of a future collapse is recommended.
- It's not the city's job to subsidize air travel. If a business sees an opportunity for it to be profitable it will happen.
- Keep the airport in compliance with what air carriers need
- Leave it up to private enterprise
-
- Lobby the FAA to reduce barriers to small airlines
- Make it enticing for a new airline to WANT to come to Valdez.
- Make sure that our infrastructure (facilities, partner with the state to facilitate runway improvements when needed) is more than adequate.
- Nothing
- Subsidize Alaska Air to come in once per day.
- Subsidize small tourism-based businesses specifically like our operation that only operates two months a year
- This question implies that I would like the City to do something regarding air travel. It also implies that it is the City's business to do so. I challenge these assumptions.
- This question implies that the City should do something about air travel. I am worried about the City getting involved in air travel. I have yet to see anything the City get involved with run better than private business. Step aside and let private business take care of air travel.
- Tough call with such a small population. It would be nice, but any option would be very expensive for the average person. Plus, is it the city's responsibility? Is that an area the city should be overseeing? Ravn was a private company providing a service. It's not life or death, we still have the road.
- Try and secure a commercial service contract.

Participant Overview

A total of 111 businesses in Valdez communities responded to the private investment survey. Respondents came from 15 different regional economic sectors. The highest number of respondents came from the visitor industry sector. Thirty percent of responding business owners are sole-proprietors.

Which best describes the primary industry focus of your company?

Answer Options	# of business responses	Normal Peak Workers
Visitor or Tourism	25	235
Professional & Business Services	13	30
Retail, Wholesale Trade	11	35
Construction, Engineering	11	32
Food/Beverage Services	10	156
Health Care	7	55
Transportation (non-tourism)	6	57
Real Estate	5	10
Arts	5	6
Other Non-profit	5	153
Social Services, Child Care, or Education	4	31
Seafood, Commercial Fishing, Maritime	4	52
Communications / Information Technology	3	21
Financial Activities	1	9
Alaska Native entity	1	15
TOTAL	111	897

How many people does your business currently employ? How many people does your business typically employ during the summer peak?

Answer Options	Current	Normal Peak
One	42	35
Two	21	16
Three to Five	15	18
Six to Ten	16	20
11 to 60	17	22
TOTAL	111	111

Open Ended Responses

Please elaborate on how COVID-19 has impacted your organization

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Wordcloud visualizes responses, with more frequently used terms appearing more prominently



- COVID has killed the tourism industry on which we use to survive the winter. The unemployment benefits are more than what we can afford to pay people, so no one wants to work. I have gone through 3 people trying to find a permanent one.
- COVID has quit bringing people to town for events where we would sell our products plus restricted access.
- Covid-19 has made our business significantly more difficult to run and keep profitable. Probably the single most impact was loss of air service.
- COVID-19 has required a large increase in payroll to perform job functions. In a small business time spent on COVID mitigation or COVID activities is time not being spent in business. Sales have suffered because staff doesn't have adequate time to focus on that. My business relies on support from other local businesses, but the uncertainty of sales is, understandably, making everyone cautious of spending money.
- Have had a lot of projects postponed or cancelled. Other businesses aren't getting much business, so they aren't able to do projects.
- Home repair is harder, as uncertainty of health if home and people around
- I cannot perform makeovers or skin profiles for skincare and cosmetics sales or to work towards my make-up artist certification or skincare profiler certificate.
- I had to close my doors since I teach children. Other bills and rent are still due. With no revenue I will run out of money before October.

- I have a boat repair and constructing business. Boaters including fisherman, recreational and charter boat operations are reduced in numbers, contracts for services and jobs have been postponed or eliminated.
- I have been mostly closed since March 11th. I still am responsible for rent and all my business bills. I work with people one on one for 90 mins at a time. It is putting both myself and my clients at high risk of infection, even while observing state mandates. I am obligated to my office lease for another two years and am not wanting to close down or risk losing my office space. I have been looking into other ideas of how to make my office space work for itself, ex. more retail goods, and services that are not one on one. This will take funding which is limited. I applied for the EIDL loan and received a small grant, and a loan, which I returned without using. Because I received a loan, even though I returned it, I am ineligible for the AK Cares Act. I am hoping to reopen fully soon, but the increase of COVID-19 cases in Valdez and in Alaska is making it very daunting. I am worried about exposing my elderly clients and my family by working one on one with my clients.
- I have had significantly reduced sales due to galleries, museums, etc. being closed, and have been unable to offer classes, a significant source of revenue.
- I have two businesses, one in airport has closed and the other is down by 50%. We will likely close earlier this year. COVID-19 has changed the entire way we structure the business. During summer we added a tent to serve customers. Due to safety reasons. Without it we would be closing at the end of summer.
- I sell artwork to tourists and this is my first official year as a business. I do get some local support, but it only goes so far.
- Impossible to get samples to Anchorage Lab within hold times. DEC has been helpful
- It has caused us to open later than normal, and at a limited capacity.
- It has forced the closure of both my businesses effecting about 14 local people who enjoyed the part-time work that I provided them.
- It will probably be a huge impact come Feb and March 2021
- Less bookings due to COVID-19 screening requirements and travel restrictions.
- Less Business = Reduced income. For my business it's been the cancelled (or decreased level of) events around town (Fly In, Gold Rush, Quilt Fest, etc.)
- Limited work & some Clients do not care or believe in this virus (is really serious)
- Loss of income to residents reduces the potential for projects for our business.
- Lost work
- Major part of our business reflects around out of state tourists during the summer.
- Mandates have crushed our seasonal. Haines and costs upwards of 300k
- Many children are staying home with parents causing us to lose the anticipated numbers. We recently moved into a larger building to provide for the demand for childcare at the time. Now we have a bigger building less staff, and more bills.
- Minimally to date unless rentals become/remain vacant.
- Most of our guests in the past have been coming from overseas and from the lower 48, so because of cancelled overseas travel, fear of COVID, and doctors' recommendations most people from outside Alaska have cancelled their reservations. Our business is way down this year.

- My sales are way way down compared to the same time last year. I can barely pay my overhead each month and am buying inventory from my personal bank account.
- No bookings
- No tourism, limited days open, higher supply costs equals less revenue
- No tourist to do tours
- No tourists no sales, too scared to set up booth because people will not wear a mask
- No visitors and I believe the mask mandate will almost completely kill all business.
- Not doing any charters this season
- Not wanting to advertise in order to keep gatherings at a safe volume has impacted my bottom line.
- Office closed to public, staff in to work one at a time
- Our company chose to not operate in 2020 due to wanting to protect our staff/community and due to low booking. By not operating at a loss we have maintained funds to be able to operate at some level next year based on travelers' access and desire to travel.
- Our contracts with the cruise industry have been cancelled as most of our transportation contracts
- Payroll has gone up due to more overtime to reduce the number of shifts with clients (clients are high-risk)
- Projects have been either delayed or canceled. Several city bids put on hold indefinitely. Still busy but with more small projects rather than bigger, higher-dollar projects. Obtaining supplies more difficult now due to outages or having to go out of town to obtain.
- Reduced customers, leads to reduced sales of tickets, charters, etc.
- Reduced demand for the services I offer due to reduced economic activity in the industry.
- Significant changes to staff interactions, increased labor costs for planning and evaluation, quarantine and PPE.
- Since COVID-19 started all of my reservations have been canceled. In addition to the cancellation I'm not comfortable allowing people into my home not knowing if they have the virus or not.
- Since the onset of the Coronavirus here in Alaska, the Museum was closed from March 13, 2020 through June 30, 2020. Usually, by this time of year the Museum generates 40% of its annual operating revenue, equating to roughly \$250,000. With only 20 - 30 people coming in a day it really does not pay to open the doors. However, we are. While 2020 is grim, leadership believes that we will be able to sustain scaled down operations through the first quarter of 2021. After that, if people are not coming, there will likely be more staff reductions and reconfiguration of the program of work.
- Speaking for the Valdez Arts Council, Performers have cancelled their Alaskan tours, so we had to cancel shows in March, April, event in May, September, and October, so far. We don't make money, as we are funded primarily by grants and donations, but we have not been able to provide our services. Civic Center is closed anyways, as it should be, so we do not have a venue.
- Supply challenges, serving our customers that don't feel safe in public spaces, and the general uncertainty. Difficult to plan!

- The biggest impact has been the ever-changing mandates and trying to react to those in a responsible manner while keeping our team informed but not overreacting to any of these changes. Scheduling of projects have been impacted but we have adapted.
- The closure due to mandates took business away
- The ridiculous implementation of COV mandates has caused all local businesses significant unnecessary headaches.
- The social isolation for our members and beneficiaries, is especially difficult for our elders and children.
- Unknown ability to operate and fears of clients
- We are a parent-volunteer operated preschool, and it is unclear how schools in general, let alone our preschool, will be able to safely open this fall. We are waiting to see how VCS decides to move ahead with the school year, but this makes it very challenging to plan, enroll students, and hire for this next year.
- We are a small mom and pop business that only operates 6 months out of the year. We have taken a very large hit this spring and summer closing.
- We have moved 979 less passengers as of July 6th.
- We have seen a decline in winter and spring tourism. We have seen a decline in work at TAPS. These are a large customer base for us, and we are seeing a much smaller revenue year
- We purchased our business April 3rd of this year just as COVID was hitting the US. We were not going to back out of a deal we agreed to, even though the outlook was quite frightening, as people were depending on our word and agreement. So, we are new first-time business owners in this environment, and had been expecting sales about what they'd had previously. We spent much of our savings on the down payment and are looking at living on savings for the next year, as we probably cannot take any money out of the business. We are wondering if we will be able to make payroll to the end of the season, as well as pay all of the rest of the bills. We hope that our savings will last and see us through, but then we will have nothing after having saved for 20 years. It's quite a frightening time for business. Amid this, of course we cannot hire and so are doing everything ourselves, which means that parts of our business that would bring in revenue are closed. Also, we can't do improvements as we need to conserve cash.
- We purchased this business by using all our savings and an equity loan against our home. Lost most of the promised contracts. Thank god we have other jobs. But it's a struggle keeping it all juggling.
- We serve customers in their homes providing cleaning and maintenance services. The virus has halted much of our work due to the need for social distancing which we take seriously.
- We usually sell 100 prepaid phones and other products to cannery workers and they are confined so we haven't had their business
- We would have had to lay off essentially everyone, and not hire anyone, but we have an \$80,000 Community Service Organization grant from City Council. (\$20,000/qtr.). I immediately cut my pay in half to \$2,000/month and am using all the CSO grant funds to employ as many community members as possible who lost their jobs due to COVID until they can get other jobs or such (7 total so far).

- With the lack of visitors and specifically the cancellation of festivals (4th of July and Gold Rush) we have lost our ability to generate the amount of revenue we depend on during our short summer season.
- All restaurants and schools shut down ... They all require refrigeration

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- Fairly easy
- Fairly easy and greatly appreciated
- Fairly straight forward to submit 5 forms to State agencies.
- For Valdez the process was super easy. Thank you for that because applying other places is very difficult.
- Good
- Great! Well explained ahead of time exactly what we needed to fill out, bring. One problem was - I went twice, first for business then for personal. The first time I stood in line a long, long time because the none of the 3 people ahead of me had all the correct documentation. The second time the woman at the drop off window was busy with a person so the woman at the reception window processed it.
- Great. Thank you
- It is somewhat difficult to keep up with what is available and what the criteria is to qualify but considering the unique circumstances the City of Valdez has done a good job keeping the public in the loop.
- It was hard to get funding and had to go a nontraditional but up and coming route. Now we are worried to see how much of it will be forgiven and how hard our government is going to be in the end
- It was very easy and quick.
- It went pretty smoothly except for times when the bankers themselves weren't sure what was required of us. I am still in the process of making sure that the loan will be forgiven rather than having to pay it back.
- n/a
- Nice smooth process. Very helpful. Thank you.
- OK
- Pain ... Your caller 532 Grrrr
- Pay for supplies
- PPP is all I did, it was O.K.
- PPP Loan through FNB and it was really easy and fast.
- Rigorous reporting guidelines
- Simple
- Simple and easy
- Smooth. Just small.
- Still waiting to hear back
- The city funding was easy. The AK Cares is extremely difficult, and they are not that responsive.
- The city relief application was easy
- The limitations I see is the lack of communication between the federal and the state. The future looked very bleak in April when I applied for the federal EIDL Loan, if I would have known that there would be an AK Cares Act, I would have waited. I hope that the regulations change for small business in Alaska who did apply for the EIDL. It is a huge let down to have received \$1000 from the federal government and not be able to apply or receive the AK Cares Grant.

- The process was fairly simple & straight forward, but we've VERY concerned about forgiveness of the PPP loan. If the forgiveness is denied, we're sunk.
- Too much documentation required
- Very efficient.
- Very simple and city staff are the best! Shout out to Nikki Duhamel, she is very friendly and caught my clerical error and helped fix it
- Very time consuming and difficult
- Very well managed and organized by the City of Valdez. Thank you!
- Was difficult to maneuver the loan process and paperwork.
- We secured the PPP loan and I was not very impressed with the process. I applied when it came out in early April and didn't receive the funds until almost three months later.

If you did not receive COVID-19 business funding support, why not? Do you plan to apply (or re-apply) in the future?

- Did not qualify for PPP or state CARES Act funding because of financial position. Would like to find grant to offset just COVID related incidental costs.
- Didn't know it existed.
- Didn't need. Left for those who did.
- I applied for Alaska Cares several weeks ago but my application has yet to be reviewed.
- I did not apply because the process was confusing, and I couldn't find anyone to help.
- I did not receive business funding because city rules I could not apply because my business did not have a separate physical address than my residence. We are a mobile dessert vendor that operates during the summer only.
- I only received the City's \$1700
- I signed up for PPP. Also accepted City's \$1,270 and passed it along to one of my employees who is having a tough time. I added \$1,270 to her gross payroll. I will pay taxes on that payroll, so I guess I didn't benefit from the City support, but I do appreciate the opportunity to help out an employee.
- I'm a sole-proprietor LLC, and I work out of my home. I already received the stimulus from the city for the household. Additional funds weren't needed to support my family.
- If this situation continues for another few months, I will have to look for funding.
- Not needed at this point.
- Our needs have been met through a state issued CCPO grant. We haven't applied for PPP funds at this time.
- PPP turned me down. SBA turned me down. Waiting on CU1 for a response on the AK Cares.
- Received some support. Waiting to hear from AK Cares about my submitted application on June 10th.
- They've said it's yet to be processed.
- To many restrictions
- Too many rules restricting the funding. I own multiple business so I had to choose which one would survive since you can only apply
- We are non-profit, we have not paid staff so haven't needed additional funding
- We did receive the PPP funding.
- We have been able to make payroll and pay our creditors. The money should be available to businesses to maintain that and no more.
- We haven't been as economically impacted by COVID due to the nature of our business.
- Yes ... Want to have an appliance store in town
- Yes, and yes
- Yes. We did not have a current Valdez Business License because of when we originally applied for it the City of Valdez had just hired a bunch of new staff that didn't know how to help us. We tried for nearly two weeks before we were tired of getting the "run around" and decide just to operate with the State of Alaska Business. We have since applied and received a Valdez Business license.

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artisans and small business could lease from the city would be a great start. The old sea otter campground on S harbor drive would be an ideal place to accomplish this.

- I have talked to multiple parties attempting to do construction that find the cities permitting process slow and challenging.
- I think recreation development is important. Increase visitation outside of cruise ships, as cruise shippers tend not to spend money off the boat.
- I think Valdez should make our community a beautiful place people want to come. The rest of it will fall into place naturally as it is needed and allow the private sector to startup businesses. The city should never be in competition with the private sector. That isn't their job.
- I would like to see more transportation options to and from Valdez. Having one road and no ferry or air travel services really limits us to what we can do for our community.
- I would like to see the city abilities award building contracts to local businesses, not people from other parts of the state. We have plenty of people willing in need of work here. Seeing out-of-town contractors working on road projects is quite depressing. We should be supporting local hire.
- I wouldn't change a thing due just because of COVID-19. I would ADD to the usual businesses / events going on, but as far as tourism goes, they will come. I don't miss air travel since the flights even in the summer are about as reliable as keeping the power on.
- I'd like to see the city stop wasting money out of town and start spending it smart in town as much as possible. Stop taking on huge projects in the middle of an economic downturn.
- I'm afraid it's too late now, but having a ski area would have been helpful, shipping and transportation have always been a need.
- Import industry of substantial goods.
- In normal years business does fine. The closure of a marine store has impacted my business, but that was not due to COVID-19. Rate increases in the harbor have impacted my business as well. But again, not due to COVID-19.
- Investing in a back-country chair lift or gondola. It could even be run in the summer to give people rides up to the top of a mountain at Thompson Pass. Skiers and snowboarders would best recommend which mountain. King salmon rearing might also attract more tourists. Both of these would attract people from Alaska and other parts of the US and the world. More maintained hiking trails would be an easy one: like the overlook cross country ski trail in Mineral creek could be a maintained and advertised trail in the summer. Doing a mountain race like they do in Seward on Mount Marathon, would bring in a lot of people if it's annual. We could do it up High School Hill and the overlook trail and start at the city dock. Of course, we would need to widen the trail up High School Hill or make more trails up there to be able to have it be a race. Cruise ship visitation would be helpful to Valdez's economy, but wouldn't help my business much unless the cruise ended in Valdez and dropped people off here so they could continue on and tour Alaska by land and be picked up again later here.
- It's always good for a small community to diversify its future economy whenever feasible to do so; if the COVID-19 disruption makes it more feasible then Valdez should go for it.

- It's always a good idea to look to diversify. Additional work with fishery development for both rearing and processing would be beneficial. Additional cruise ships would bring economic growth to multiple businesses in Valdez.
- Just open everything up.
- Keep the Cruise ships coming and utilize our port for shipping.
- Make significant investments in diversifying the local economy. We are extremely dependent on the oil pipeline tax dollars. The eventual reduction in revenue from that source could be worse than COVID has been these last few months. I would like to see investments in energy projects, tourism (including eco-tourism but not Cruise Ships), transportation (i.e. VCT) and further commercial and sport fishing.
- Mariculture and tourism, but not cruise ship tourism as it doesn't seem to really benefit local businesses.
- Mariculture development, transportation and shipping services.
- Mariculture, recreation, not a fan of cruise ships- they have ruined Southeast
- Maritime, Industry training.
- More tourist activities and investing in small businesses to grow for future expansion to support more tourists.
- No cruise ships please.
- Our port is the best kept secret in Alaska. An underutilized economic engine! We need to look to improved roads for transport to the interior (or rail, one can dream), the Pacific Rim countries for transporting fish, etc. Increased fishing resources, definitely. Cruise ship visitation is nice but visitors by road spend far more and cost less.
- Projects to strengthen and extend our summer tourism.
- Rail
- Rail and air
- Rail services, recreation development, king salmon rearing and mariculture.
- Rail!!!! Recreational development, small business promotion, organization, and encouragement.
- Recreation and marine culture development
- Recreation development
- Recreation development and mariculture
- Reinstatement of airline service.
- Self-sustaining, by creating our own energy, food source, focus on outdoor sports, skiing, hockey, windsurfing, biking trails on the snow and in the summer, any opportunity to keep people outside and healthy. If we become a self-sustaining community, we can show the world we know how to survive at any level. We need minds to think how to entice people to move forward. We need a council that supports business growth not hindrance i.e., afraid one business might do better than another. We need to show positive action and retrain our community people to think out-of-the-box. There are a million solutions if we have minds that help people think forward.
- Shoup trail development a priority. World class hiking destination. A goldmine for local business. I see it all over the world... we have one of the world's greatest hikes right here...undeveloped. So much potential.

- The City needs to diversify the economy -- to bring in more residents.
- The relief (i.e., waived harbor fees and stimulus checks) is a big help and much appreciated.
- Transportation and recreation
- What is it that the City wants to accomplish with these projects? That's where the City needs to start. It is imperative the City's role be to foster business development and determine what they want to accomplish before jumping into a project. "How exactly would each of these suggested projects accomplish your goals?" Get a Loan Application from any bank and answer the questions for each project you are considering. Don't make any decisions or start projects until they are vetted and clear objectives are defined.
- Work on zoning and better response rate from the Planning Department. We can't diversify as business growth stops with this department. Codes and zoning have to change for us to grow and there needs to be oversight over the planning department. Diversification is only solution to our problems, but overall City is not supporting growth and development of existing or new businesses. Update outdated codes and hire qualified people to run departments so we can do business and be successful. Have oversight over Economic Development as this department didn't bring much value to economy of this town yet. We were promised a lot but for now we only pay for it with our tax dollars without any results.
- Yes, let's build tourism

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- Ending this pandemic. I need to be able to host small classes, but am not willing to do so if it means putting people's health at risk
- Enough residents to shop at my store
- Extra funding
- Financial security for the business.
- Fish
- Get rid of COVID mandates.
- Getting back to normal.
- Grants or low interest loans.
- Grants, not loans
- Having renters.
- I'll be doing what I need to do as a business owner to survive.
- If all the non-profit / for profit events can start back up.
- If public health professionals help determine whether there are safe ways for pre-k students to be in a classroom together (not sure if it's possible).
- Increased numbers of visitors to Valdez and resuming festivals that provide an opportunity for us to sell our products in volume.
- Keep the faith stay strong we will get through this together
- Low interest loans and grants.
- Make everyone wear a mask in any social setting until this is safely out of our town
- MONEY.
- Money. I need money to order inventory, without inventory I can't make profit. Businesses around town have slowed down so my customer base is down, they don't need office supplies if they're not fully up and running.
- More customers
- More people coming to town.
- More people driving into Valdez.
- More projects in town.
- More stimulus funds
- More tourist base events gold rush, parades, tailgate, winter and summer sports events, consistent business from the city. These are service areas we focus on
- More visitors in Valdez!
- No COVID
- No more COVID....
- No more government mandated shutdowns.
- People and businesses remaining in Valdez.
- People wanting to remodel their homes
- People who are willing to find solutions and stop businesses from thriving by clogging up the system with too much protocol. It appears that it is difficult to make decisions to get things done in this community. We have a short season and we have departments that clog each other up with protocol that is not necessary. I've seen too many businesses get hurt because of taking too much time and control. Those are two important items and need to be used in a way that is beneficial for everyone. The city was created to help businesses grow and it

appears we are stuck in one that stops us from growing by not being able think fast and efficiently.

- People. Which no one can help with just yet.
- Removal of mask mandate
- Return of Tourists.
- School reopening
- Shop Local!
- Still good.
- Supply availability and transportation. Locals supporting their businesses.
- Temporarily reducing or removing some of the costs of doing business in Valdez. For our business that would mean reducing harbor fees, property taxes and boat slip fees.
- The ability to pay rent and back rent and credit card bills and to have funding to provide services and retail goods that would diversify my business.
- The end of COVID-19
- There are several #1 things: we need to hire more people, we need fewer mandates which are forcing us to spend more money, we need more income/ability to fundraise, and we need full area services (flight, ferry, etc.)
- There is not just one thing. But if I had one thing, I would say visitors.
- To get back to work. But it's too much liability and risk go in and out of client's houses.
- Tourism
- Warm weather.... Key word refrigeration
- We are limited due to gathering restrictions, that are necessary at this time.
- We need to have recreational activities, city activities etc. that would ensure folks will come to Valdez.
- We will survive as long as general business operations are permitted.

How has your business been impacted by COVID-19?

Responses to “other please specify”

- Lack of Air Service causes more expense for travel as ANMC use to cover the airfare, we now must pay for ground travel.
- Am currently closed for 14-day Quarantine.
- Flights cancelled & overseas restrictions caused many to cancel their whole trip
- Forced to close our two-month businesses, but kept lodge open.
- Mask mandate, really upset some of our potential guests
- Modified work schedules and working arrangements, closed offices to the public, and additional steps to bring in outside contractors (COVID related and air transportation).
- Only open one or two days a week.
- Unemployment benefits are hard to compete with. It's almost impossible to find anyone that will work for less than 35 an hour since unemployment pays almost 25 an hour.
- We close June-August, but unclear if we will have enrollment/can open in September
- With the new mask mandate, I believe we are going to have to close for good.

What help do you need most moving forward? Responses to “other please specify”

- COVID mitigation plans for reopening the preschool
- Don't need help. Need Business Opportunities.
- Getting the border open for Travel
- How to get more guests from Alaska since we can't get them from overseas right now.
- More workers
- People visiting need to wear masks
- Rents currently stable
- Repeal city mask policy
- Stabilizing of the marine industry: fishing, charters and recreational opportunities. COVID 19 managed, flattened and gone.
- The marketing assistance question is split in two distinct topics, not associated. I can agree ramping up marketing is a need, but not the PPE assistance.

What are your top business challenges moving forward? Responses to “other please specify”

- Canadian border closures, worrying about how long it's going to be closed and are they going to do this to us again next summer.
- Lost business opportunity.
- Performers ability to tour Alaska, lack of rental car service.
- Reduced income due to services we can't provide.

Did you receive any COVID-19 funding to support your business? Responses to “other please specify”

- AK CARES ASM Relief, ASL Relief, AK Humanities Forum, ASCA CARES
- corp. for public broadcasting
- Future possible relief funding. And we hold an SBA loan and they paid 6 month of the loan.
- I applied for City of Valdez for our business but didn't receive a check nor was I notified of rejection.
- I do not know if corporate heads applied for any relief or not
- I received an EIDL grant and a loan but returned the loan so as to not go deeper into debt.
- need help with funding
- One biz we got an EIDL loan, the other waiting on a Cares Grant
- Received a check from city
- State Child Care Program Office capacity grant
- Was not eligible because we are a mobile food business and don't have a storefront
- We are a non-profit, all volunteer organization



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ITEM TITLE:

Community Service Organization; Committee Report

SUBMITTED BY: Jordan Nelson, Finance Director

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: n/a

Unencumbered Balance: n/a

Funding Source: n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Community Service Organization (CSO) Committee met on July 8th the attached reflect minutes from the meeting for council review and discussion.



July 8th, 2025

To: Valdez City Council

Re: Community Service Organization; Committee Report

The City of Valdez Community Service Organization Committee ("CSO Committee") met on July 8, 2025 comprised of 3 members of City Council, Finance and Administration Staff, and the City Clerk.

Discussion as follows:

- I. National Avalanche Center (NAC) Report
The NAC has concluded their report on the Valdez Avalanche Center (VAC) pursuant to City Council request, and the report will be available as a part of the packet submission for 2026 CSO Applications should the VAC continue to seek funding from the City of Valdez. An official document has not been submitted to the City of Valdez at the time of this writing.
- II. CSO Biannual Progress Reports (New requirement for CSO applicants in 2025)
The CSO committee had two main points of discussion.
 1. CSO committee asked staff to informally poll grant recipients regarding reporting and inform the council of any important findings or feedback for consideration.
 2. The committee further contemplated a tiered approach to reporting in order to reduce the reporting requirements for low dollar grant recipients and/or increase the requirements for high dollar grant recipients. No recommended changes were proposed at this time.
- III. Target Funding Not-To-Exceed (NTE) 75% of Valdez Program Budget (New requirement for CSO applicants in 2025)
A proposal to reduce the target to 50% was proposed, however, there was not unanimous support from the committee. Therefore, there are no recommended changes at this time.
 1. For clarification: "Target Funding of NTE 75% of the Valdez Program Budget" refers to operations or programs that are funded by the City of Valdez CSO grant that take place within the City of Valdez jurisdiction. If the CSO request exceeds the Target Funding, a narrative is given and considered for funding on a case-by-case basis.
 2. The committee desired to ask the broader body of the City Council if there is a different specific Target Funding goal on which a majority could agree.



IV. City Sponsored Events

Economic Development receives applications for City Sponsored Events, defined as events in which in-kind and/or monetary contributions are requested. This does not include "City Events" which are entirely run by the City of Valdez.

1. The CSO Committee respectfully asks the City Council if the same CSO Committee can meet to further develop and examine the application process for City Sponsored Events as they have done with CSO Applications, adding to the committee's original scope.

V. Other Business

The CSO Committee had recommendations to bring clarity to the CSO application, feedback was well received by staff and will be incorporated in 2026 applications. Applications for CSO Funding are on track to be available July 15th and due August 15th.



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ITEM TITLE:

Verbal Report: Monthly Projects Update

SUBMITTED BY: Scott Benda, Senior Project Manager / Acting Capital Facilities Director

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive & File

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

A verbal report will be presented to the Council on the current project statuses.

General project information can be found on the city website at:

<https://www.valdezak.gov/520/Featured-Projects>



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ITEM TITLE:

City Manager Report

SUBMITTED BY: Nathan Duval, City Manager

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive & File

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Attached report outlines events since the last Council meeting. Verbal update provided in conjunction with report.



Council Priorities

- **Child Care** [Complete an operating, active, licensed childcare facility by Fall 2026]
 - 65% design and construction estimate for D.O. move complete
 - College will be offering existing online classes locally for residents utilizing the THREAD scholarship funds. Looking into hosting on site in future years
- **Housing** [Increase housing stock by Fall 2027, utilizing the housing needs survey]
 - Scheduling meeting of the Subcommittee for July to review survey and prepare next steps
 - Spoke with College about opportunities for their Construction program. They are looking for a fixer upper to purchase with grant funds they received.
- **Maintenance** [Annually appropriate funds toward deferred maintenance on critical infrastructure]
 - Project status update on 2nd meeting of every month
 - Objectives discussed in Directors' retreat
- **Modernize Aging Infrastructure** [Annually modernize aging infrastructure, while leveraging natural and transportation assets, to expand: Outdoor Recreation, Tourism, Maritime, Community]
 - Objectives discussed in Directors' retreat

Legislative Interactions

- Coordinating next steps for Federal priorities related to recent Funding Bill
 - USCG received \$20+ Billion
- Need to pencil in date for fall DC trip (November?)
- August 20th is tentative date for legislative reception in Valdez

Essential Air Service

- EAS RFP issued. Responses Due 7/23/25
 - Order requiring RAVN to continue service through 10/31
- Communicating with other air carriers to explore options to fill the gap & respond to RFP

Operations & Initiatives

- Directors' retreat 7/10-11
- Thank you to staff that made 4th of July a huge success
- Cutter Black Tip arrived in Valdez 7/7



Personnel

- July 7th marked an official farewell and thank you to Ken Wilson PRCS Director and the beginning of the “official” tenure of Bridget Rich as the PRCS Director
- Completed the annual engagement survey. “positive” feedback increased. Working with the executive team to identify focus areas and strategies.
- Meeting with departments to make introductions and understand needs and align their priorities with Council

Projects

- Meals Hill Ribbon Cutting tentatively to coincide with State Parks Conference in September, will be publicly available prior.
- Scrap Metal collection is on track to make a barge load. Alaska Scrap & Recycling will mobilize to Valdez next week to begin processing. Working with local commercial businesses to assist in their scrap removal.