



MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 5, 2024

TO: City Council

FROM: Brooks Chandler, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: *R-24-12-01 Taxicab Licenses*

This is another case of seeing something slightly off in City operations and wanting to fix it. City code set a limit of 13 taxicab permits in 2005. In 2017 the City Council rescinded 2 licenses by resolution. Since then 5 other licenses were revoked.

City code says “[u]pon lapse or revocation of a taxicab license, the council shall determine whether the number of authorized licenses shall be reduced.” The resolution before Council is intended to meet this code requirement. If Council adopts the Resolution the limit will remain 13. If Council desires to reduce the limit the city clerk will proceed to prepare an ordinance amending code to reflect the lower limit.

There is a practical impact of adopting the Resolution. City code says “If the number of authorized licenses is not reduced, the lapsed license shall be determined by lot in a public drawing conducted by the city clerk”. This means someone wanting to enter the taxi business in Nome would have an opportunity to become eligible to apply for a taxicab license through participating in a drawing.