





CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

A COAST GUARD CITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

Thru: John Leach, Municipal Administrator 

From: Amy Ainslie, Acting Public Works Director 

Date: November 6, 2024

Subject: Central Garage Supplemental Appropriation – Solid Waste Vehicle

Background

The Solid Waste team currently relies on the availability of a larger truck (F-350) in the Streets division to pick up waste oil from the recycling center and from the harbors (as well as any bulky items that may be improperly disposed of at these or other sites). With competing demands for the truck's time, and the distance between the scrapyard and the Public Service Center at Jarvis Street, having a vehicle of this size/capacity dedicated to Solid Waste would increase operational efficiency and flexibility.

One of the Fire Department's ambulances (#393) is currently slated for replacement and scheduled to take place later this year. The replacement will utilize the current ambulance box, but not the vehicle's chassis, cab, or engine. The ambulance is a 2008 F-450 with less than 35k miles.

Analysis

When we replace the ambulance, CBS will receive a credit of only \$500 for the chassis/cab/engine if we choose not to ship it back to Alaska. The Chief Heavy Equipment Mechanic has determined that for approximately \$18,000-\$20,000, this vehicle could be repurposed as a flatbed truck with a tow-hitch that will be adequate to meet the current needs of Solid Waste.

Comparatively, the cost for a new vehicle of this size/capacity would be at least \$100,000 - \$125,000. Although the ambulance is up for replacement because it is over 10 years old, it is still a good option for Solid Waste because of its size/capacity, low mileage, and availability of substitutes within the Public Works fleet should reliability become an issue.

Fiscal Note

The Solid Waste Fund will transfer \$20,000 to the Central Garage Fund. Appropriations for fixed assets (vehicles) in the Central Garage Fund will increase by \$20,000.

If this supplemental appropriation is approved, the FY26 budget will include a sinking fund for this vehicle so that we can begin saving towards a replacement in the coming years.

Recommendation

Approve the supplemental appropriation to transfer \$20,000 from the Solid Waste Fund and increase the Central Garage fixed assets (vehicles) budget by \$20,000 to refurbish vehicle #393 for Solid Waste use.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-27

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

(Solid Waste Vehicle)

BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska as follows:

1. **CLASSIFICATION.** This ordinance is not of a permanent nature and is not intended to be a part of the Sitka General Code of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska.

2. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and application thereof to any person and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

3. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to make a supplemental Capital appropriation for FY2025.

4. **ENACTMENT.** In accordance with Section 11.10 (a) of the Charter of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, the Assembly hereby makes the following supplemental appropriation for the budget period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

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<u>FISCAL YEAR 2025 EXPENDITURE BUDGETS</u>
ENTERPRISE AND INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
Central Garage Fund – Fixed Assets: Increase appropriations in the amount of \$20,000 for the Solid Waste vehicle. These funds will come from the Solid Waste Fund.

EXPLANATION

This funding will repurpose an out-of service ambulance's (vehicle #393) chassis, cab, and engine with low mileage to meet the needs of the solid waste division at a lower cost than purchasing a new vehicle. The Solid Waste Fund will transfer \$20,000 to the Central Garage Fund. Appropriations for fixed assets (vehicles) in the Central Garage Fund will increase by \$20,000.

5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective on the day after the date of its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 26th day of November 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st reading: 11/12/2024

2nd and final reading: 11/26/2024

Sponsor: Administrator