

**KETCHIKAN CHARTER COMMISSION**  
AGENDA STATEMENT

NO       H-2      

MEETING OF July 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004

ITEM TITLE Amend Article XII, Areawide, Nonareawide and Service Area Powers, Section 12.03 (2), 12.07 and 12.02 (c) (Second Reading) SUBMITTED BY John Harrington

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

In an effort to make certain that Fire and EMS services are offered as joint services, rather than separate service entities in the service areas, the Chiefs of the three current Fire/EMS Departments have requested changes in the way these departments are referenced in the Charter. The following are suggested changes to the Charter document in Article XII. This item is referred to the Commission for approval in second reading.

**EMS and Fire as NonAreawide Powers Delivered Through Service Areas**

Rewrite: Article XII, Section 12.03 (2) to read, "The establishment and operation of Fire and Emergency Medical Services departments., ~~the hiring of personnel firefighters, and the contracting for fire fighting and Emergency Medical services;~~"

Eliminate: **~~Section 12.07      Emergency Medical Services~~**

~~The emergency medical services previously provided by the City of Ketchikan will be provided to such areas as designated by the Assembly where no other adequate emergency medical service exists. Unless the Ketchikan Service Area is compensated for the resulting increase in its service area costs, emergency medical services shall be provided through the Ketchikan Service Area but funded by the entire area being served. The provisions of Sections 12.04 and 12.06(c) shall not apply to service areas for the providing of emergency medical services. This section shall not require the municipality to extend emergency medical services to remote locations or to areas where the extension of such service is not deemed practicable by the Assembly. Until otherwise changed as provided by this section, emergency medical services shall be provided by the service area established under the transition plan described in Section 16.09.~~

Change: Article XII, Section 12.02(c) The power to provide for hospital and public health services, including, but not limited to, those services formerly provided by the City of Ketchikan's Gateway Center for Human Services. The power to provide emergency medical services shall be exercised as provided in Section 12.03 (2) 12.07;

The Commission approved this item in the first reading after an attempt at changing Fire & EMS powers to function on an areawide basis failed to pass. This item maintains the status quo of the local Fire & EMS providers, but the idea of areawide powers will be addressed to the new Assembly in the Transition Plan.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

"I move, in the second reading, to make the suggested changes to Article XII, Areawide, Nonareawide and Service Area Powers as shown above."