

CITY OF ALPENA
STANDARD OPERATING POLICY

SUBJECT: Second Avenue Bridge Opening Requests SOP No.: 32
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Copies to: City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, Department Heads, Public Safety Facility, Central Dispatch, Earth Tech Operation Services, Thunder Bay Electric

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a notification procedure for Second Avenue Bridge opening.

STATEMENT OF POLICY:

Step 1. Boat owner calls the Police Department and/or Central Dispatch at 989/356-3371 and requests a bridge opening. The time of the requested opening must be a minimum of three hours from the time of the telephone call per U.S. Coast Guard Regulation No 117.655, Title 33. The regulation requires the person to give the dispatcher the following information:

- A. Name of the person requesting the opening
- B. Name of the boat that will pass through the bridge
- C. If inbound (going upstream of the bridge), give the boat's destination and expected time of arrival at the bridge. If outbound (going downstream to the bridge), give the expected time of arrival at the bridge.

Step 2. The Police Department and/or Central Dispatch shall call Thunder Bay Electric at 989/354-2840, during normal working hours (or at their home after normal working hours), and indicate to the person answering the phone that an opening of the Second Avenue Bridge has been requested. Tell that person the time that the bridge is to be opened and ask that they have someone call back one half hour (30 minutes) prior to that time to confirm that someone will be sent over to the bridge.

Step 3. The Police Department and/or Central Dispatch shall contact the City Fire Department at 989/354-3151 and give them the expected time of the opening so that they are aware of it in the event they get a call-out around the time of the expected opening.

Step 4. Thunder Bay Electric shall contact the Police Department or Central Dispatch approximately one half hour (30 minutes) prior to the requested bridge opening. If they fail to confirm that an operator will be sent to the bridge, the Police Department and/or Central Dispatch shall contact them again to verify that an operator will be going to the bridge.

The City Manager shall have the authority, with City Council approval, to enter into agreements with third parties for the operation of the bridge. These agreements shall be designed to facilitate operations that cannot reasonably be accommodated under the aforementioned policy.

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