



**Background:**

In 1989, the State of Alaska enacted a mineral location **Annual Rental Law**, Alaska Statute 38.05.211, which requires locators and holders of State mining locations to pay an annual cash rental. The Annual Rental requirement applies to mining claims, leasehold locations, upland mining leases, offshore mining leases and prospecting sites on State land. Department regulations 11 AAC 86.215(f), 11 AAC 86.221, 11 AAC 86.260, 11 AAC 86.265, 11 AAC 86.313, and 11 AAC 86.422 identify how rental payments will be made. Please consult these regulations for specific requirements.

**What is the Annual Rental requirement?**

For **Prospecting Sites**, there is a **one-time rental** payment requirement of **\$255** which covers the **two-year term** of the site. For **MTRSC Locations, Traditional Mining Claims, Leasehold Locations and Leases**, the **Annual Rental Fees** are identified below:

**Annual Rental for Each Location**

(11 AAC 86.221(b))

| Number of Years for Location  | Quarter-Section Size MTRSC Location (160 Acres) | Quarter-Quarter Section MTRSC Location (40 Acres) | Traditional Mining Claim or Leasehold Location | Date Due                      |
|---|---|---|--|-------------------------------|
| Year 1<br><i>Day 1 - September 1<sup>st</sup> of Mining Year Location Is Staked</i> | \$140   | \$35  | \$35   | 45 Days From Posting Location |
| 2 - 5   | \$140   | \$35  | \$35   | September 1 <sup>st</sup>     |
| 6 - 10  | \$280   | \$70  | \$70   | September 1 <sup>st</sup>     |
| 11 or More  | \$680   | \$170   | \$170  | September 1 <sup>st</sup>     |

**Annual Rental for Each Lease**

(11 AAC 86.313(c))

| Number of Years of Lease   | Rental Amount Per Acre for Mining Lease | Date Due                     |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| Year 1<br><i>Day 1 - September 1<sup>st</sup> of Mining Year Lease Inception</i> | \$0.88                                  | 45 Days From Lease Inception |
| 2 - 5  | \$0.88                                  | September 1 <sup>st</sup>    |
| 6 - 10   | \$1.75                                  | September 1 <sup>st</sup>    |
| 11 or More   | \$4.25                                  | September 1 <sup>st</sup>    |

**When are rental payments due and when does the Annual Rental year begin and end?**

The Annual Rental year follows the **“Mining Year”**, which begins and ends on **September 1<sup>st</sup> at noon**. It does not follow the calendar year. The first Annual Rental payment must be paid within 45 days of posting a new location pursuant to 11 AAC 86.215. This payment covers your rental until noon of the following September 1<sup>st</sup>. Rent is paid in advance so as of the September 1<sup>st</sup> following the date of posting the location, another rental payment is due, and must be paid within 90 days of that September 1<sup>st</sup>. **Depending on when you stake your claim or initiate your lease, you may incur two rental payments within the same calendar year. Rental payments are not pro-rated.**

Subsequent Annual Rental payments are based on the Annual Rental year and are due September 1<sup>st</sup> and must be paid within 90 days afterward (usually November 30<sup>th</sup>). The penalty for failure to make a timely payment is forfeiture (abandonment) of the location, except in the case of a lease, in which case the lease is deemed in default.

**How is the first rental payment made on a new location? (Staked within the last 45 days)**

The locator of a new mining location can pay the first rental payment in two ways. The first rental payment can be made at the recording district office at the same time the location certificate (notice) is submitted for recording, or the locator may pay the first rental at a DNR Public Information Center. If rent is paid at the time of recording, the locator **must complete and submit the required rental calculation worksheet** with the claim(s) being recorded so the required rental can be timely credited to the locations. The number of claims shown on the worksheet must equal the number of documents submitted for recording. **If the required worksheet is not attached or is not completed, the required rental payment cannot be posted to the newly recorded location(s) resulting in the recorded location(s) becoming forfeited (abandoned).** For worksheet assistance, or to cure rental deficiencies, contact one of the Public Information Offices listed below.

**When will I be billed for a new mining claim?**

You may not receive a bill for the first rental payment due within 45 days of posting your new location(s). Due to processing time, new locations recorded between July 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup> may not be included on the September courtesy rental bill for the following rental year. **Your first payment will only cover the rent due from the date your claim is located to September 1<sup>st</sup>. It is in your best interest to pay two years of Annual Rent when you record new mining claims staked over the summer to ensure your claims are not abandoned for failure to pay annual rent for the next mining year.**

**How are subsequent rental payments made?**

The Department will attempt to mail each locator a Courtesy Bill that lists all active ADL Numbers and claim names shown in their name in September. It is a miner’s responsibility to make sure Annual Rent is paid for all claims. A copy of the Department’s Courtesy Bill or a letter that identifies the Bill Numbers and ADL Numbers that are being paid for must be included with your payment.

**Cross out claims on the Courtesy Bill that are not being paid for. DO NOT ADD ADL NUMBERS TO A BILL! Payments may be paid according to either the Bill Number or the ADL Number.** This will ensure your payments are being properly credited. Claims that you cross off the Courtesy Bill are **not** credited and will be **abandoned** by operation of law (AS 38.05.265) on December 1<sup>st</sup> of that rental year.

**Payments must be received no later than November 30<sup>th</sup> each year.** Payments may be made online, via mail, or in person at one of the Public Information Centers. Online payments may be made at: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/ccpayments/index.cfm> until November 30<sup>th</sup>. **Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>** payments must be made via **mail or in person** at a Public Information Center.

| <b>Send Payment Via Mail To:</b>  | <b>Pay In Person at the Anchorage PIC:</b>  | <b>Pay In Person at the Fairbanks PIC:</b>  |
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| Department of Natural Resources<br>Support Services Division<br>550 West 7th Ave, Suite 1410<br>Anchorage, AK 99501-3561<br>Attention: Financial Services | Department of Natural Resources<br>Public Information Center<br>550 West 7th Ave., Suite 1260<br>Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3557<br>Monday thru Friday / 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM<br>(907) 269-8400 TDD: (907) 269-8411 | Department of Natural Resources<br>Public Information Center<br>3700 Airport Way<br>Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-4699<br>Monday thru Friday / 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM<br>(907) 451-2705 TDD (907) 451-2770 |

**What are the Annual Rental requirements for locations on State-Selected land?**

Locations made on State-selected land do not require rental payments until the State receives conveyance of the land from the federal government. **PLEASE NOTE: The first rental payment must be paid within 90 days of the Date of Conveyance** pursuant to 11 AAC 86.215 or the claim will be closed. Your first rental payment only covers the period from the Date of Conveyance to the September 1<sup>st</sup> immediately following the conveyance. You may make a **non-refundable deposit** for the first rental on State-selected claims that will be credited to your first Annual Rental payment if the State receives conveyance of the selection. This will cover your first year of annual rent upon conveyance. The payment can be made at all locations listed above. However, there are risks. Please consult the Fact Sheet *“Mining on State-Selected Land”* for more information. Depending on when the land is conveyed to the State, you may incur **two rental payments** within the same calendar year.

**What happens if the rental payment is late?**

Late payments result in claims being considered abandoned under Alaska Statute 38.05.265. If you would like to cure your abandonment, you must pay a penalty equal to the annual rent for the mining claim or leasehold location that was abandoned. Late payments, are only refunded if the Department receives a written request for the refund within 90 days after the date of payment.

If a rental payment is timely submitted to the department, but the payment is less than the amount due, a deficiency notice will be issued and the locator will have 30 days from receipt of the notice to make the required payment in full. If full payment is received within 30 days, no penalty will be applied. If full payment is not received, the location(s) will be deemed abandoned. If you would like to cure your abandonment of the claims, you must pay a penalty equal to the annual rent in addition to the deficiency.

**If another person has located a mining claim or leasehold location that includes all or part of your location during the period of the abandonment, your location cannot be cured.** A locator of an abandoned location or a successor in interest may **not** relocate the location until **one year** after abandonment. Please consult the Fact Sheet on *“Abandonment of a Mining Location and Options Available Under the Law”* for more information.

**Who should I contact if I have further questions:**

Further information can be obtained at either of Public Information Center offices listed above.