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PUBLIC NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, January 19th, 2016 -7:00 p.m.
300 STATE HIGHWAY – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AGENDA

Members

Joan Dewey
Chair

Eileen Henrikson
Vice Chair

Chuck Herman
Council Representative

Naim Shabani

Deborah White

Julene Webber

Ex-Officio Members

Andre Achee
Chief of Police

William Howell III
Fire Chief

Christina Him
Recorder

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF December 1st, 2015
- VI. CHIEFS' COMMENTS
Fire Chief
Police Chief
- VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR'S REPORT
- VIII. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMENTS
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A. Drug Screening Policy for Chauffeurs (Commission Member Shabani)
- X. NEW BUSINESS
A. Bethel Friends of Canines 2015 Year End Numbers & Canine (& Feline) Services Update (Chair Joan Dewey)
B. Reconsideration of Ordinance 15-21: Cab Video Surveillance and GPS System Requirements (Council Recommendation)
- XI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

Christina Him, Recorder

POSTED on January 13th, 2016
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Next Public Safety and Transportation Commission Meeting will be **February 2nd, 2016.**

"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

December 1, 2015

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on December 1st, 2015 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:05PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Dewey *Chair*
 Chuck Herman *Council Representative*
 Eileen Henrikson
 Julene Webber

Absent: Naim Shabani
 Deborah White

Ex-Officio Present: Andre Achee *Chief of Police* (via telephone conference)
 Bill Howell *Fire Chief*
 Christina Him *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Herman	Motion to approve the agenda.
SECONDED:	Henrikson	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED:	Herman	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 3.
SECONDED:	Henrikson	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VI. SPECIAL ITEM OF BUSINESS

A. Nominations for Vice Chair

MOVED:	Webber	Motion to nominate Eileen Henrikson for Vice Chair.
SECONDED:	Herman	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VII. CHIEFS' COMMENTS

Chief Bill Howell – *See Report in Commission Packet.*

Chief Andre Achee – *Staffing issues since the last PSTC meeting - we are down one position, Lt. Corbett's last day was a couple of weeks ago, he has relocated to the Soldotna area. Sgt. Limani and Davis have been conducting interviews for potential candidates. We have good prospective candidates and their backgrounds are done. We will probably be extending several conditional offers of employment. If these candidates pass everything, they will make a fine addition to our team. Dispatch is at full staff.*

Yesterday was the grand opening for the Willow Place Apartments. Michelle DeWitt with Bethel Community Services Foundation (BCSF) did a phenomenal job and assisted us with the grant application for Public Safety.

I have spoken with APSC (Alaska Police Standards Council) and am currently attending AACOP (Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police) to speak with other chiefs in regards to retention and recruitment and what is working for them.

The fire department did a phenomenal job; we and AST troopers assisted them with the fire. Currently, the police department is budgeted for 8 patrol officers, but we are down 4. We have 1 patrol officer who is currently the acting investigator. We have 2 patrol sergeants and 1 investigative sergeant. Our night shift start at 7pm-7am, and it is staffed at minimum staffing, which is 2 officers. We are staffed with 1 patrol officer for half of the week during day shift and I assist them as need be, as well as AST - we appreciate their efforts as well.

Our dispatch supervisor is in Utah attending a conference with eForce which is the records management system software that we use at the police department. She will be learning all the functions of the software that we use in dispatch.

The Police Department participated in the Public Health Nursing Health Fair that was also co-sponsored by YKHC. It was a good turn-out, our employees showed up and we used our command mobile trailer to assist.

Preventative maintenance is an issue that the City and Public works is working on regarding mechanical staffing. We are trying our best to ensure our public safety and emergency response vehicles are maintained and operational. We have addressed this issue with the city manager and we are hoping that we find good mechanics

VIII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

See Report in Commission Packet

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Council Member Herman – *Item E on the agenda (Ordinance #15-32 Repealing and Replacing BMC 5.08, Alcoholic Beverages) has been passed by Council. Item D (Ordinance #15-31, Amending Operation of Low Speed Vehicles) has also passed. We’ll talk about agenda item B (Ordinance #15-19, 15-20, 15-21) when we get to it. Essentially, the goal of these ordinances was to cut down alcohol sales in cabs. We voted to not approve all 3 proposed ordinances, however the reason it hasn’t gone back to council is because we did not follow the proper process/procedures to vote on it as a body. Generally a lot of the issues will be addressed by legal alcohol sales.*

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Drug Screening Policy for Chauffeurs (Commission Member Shabani)

Discussed, no action taken, will continue discussion at the next scheduled PSTC Meeting when Shabani is present.

B. Formal Recommendations/Clarification for disapproval of Ordinance #15-19, 15-20, 15-21 (Council Member Herman)

The goal is to cut down on alcohol sales in cabs. PSTC voted to not recommend the ordinances. We formally move to disapprove.

- 15-19 - PSTC does not support this as there are concerns with the lack of due process for taxi drivers. PSTC would be more interested in a tiered system
- 15-21 - PSTC does not support this ordinance as it is cost prohibitive, estimated at about \$2,200 and there are also concerns with privacy.

MOVED:	Herman	Motion to disapprove Ordinance #15-19 for the reason of concerns with the lack of due process for taxi drivers and an interest in a tiered system of punishment by PSTC.
SECONDED:	Webber	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

MOVED:	Herman	Motion to disapprove Ordinance #15-21 for the reason of concerns that the system is cost prohibitive and concerns with privacy.
SECONDED:	Webber	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

C. Curfew Policy (Council Member Herman)

The idea was to discuss and clarify other options other than monetary citations to juveniles, such as offering community service for curfew violations. The court has always gone with offering community work instead of a fine. The discretion that is given is usually community service work.

D. Ordinance #15-31 Amending Operation of Low Speed Vehicles

No action taken, ordinance passed by council.

E. Ordinance #15-32 Repealing and Replacing BMC 5.08, Alcoholic Beverages

No action taken, ordinance passed by council.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Police Department Staffing Levels

We discussed this a little bit during the last PSTC meeting, however we are still working on some issues. Money can't just be thrown into it, we have to throw other ideas into it, and we are still working on the ideas, but money does play a little of a role. We do compete with the State of Alaska for employees, not only for the police department, but for the City of Bethel. We normally don't compete with Alaska State Troopers, but we do compete with other criminal justice organizations within the City, i.e. Correctional Officers. The starting pay for COI (Correctional Officer 1), with minimum requirements of being 19 years of age or older, with a clear background, is \$31/hour. Whereas police officers start at around \$21/hr. After a year of probation, a correctional officer's pay increases to around \$34/hour. The City of Bethel does offer good benefits packages, however we have to compete with salaries.

We extended two conditional offers to two experienced officers; unfortunately we were not able to compete with the salary so they turned down the job. If we offer them more money than our own current staff, that have been in Bethel for 2-5 years, then this would cause a disparity among the ranks. It is a morale issue and it has happened about 10 years ago in this department.

We are working on trying to get support from PSTC and the finance director. I am looking within our existing budget to satisfy some of the monetary issues that my employees may have and bring it to council. I am not going to council to ask to throw more money at the police department, but I am looking at the existing budget to satisfy the monetary issues that some of my employees may have. This will help to retain existing officers as well as help with recruitment.

Shift issues may help with the morale and help recruit some individuals, but there are some contractual issues. We have to make sure the contractual issues are legal due to some of the PERS requirements, etc.

The way that the City of Bethel currently advertises for Police Officers is done through our Human Resources manager. The police department advertises the positions on free websites for law enforcement - i.e. www.policeone.com, which is a free national website for law enforcement agencies to post vacant positions on. For certain executive type of positions or supervisor positions, there are other free websites such as, APOA and AACOP as well. Word of mouth from past employees or current employees has also helped with recruitment. We have not paid for professional recruiters or paid for advertisement. We use resources that are free and get the message out there. At the recent job fair, our HR manager Laura Cloward attended and we tried to send a couple of officers there as well to assist with recruitment.

A far as housing for law enforcement officers, The Willow House Apartments is a private company, however if there is a vacancy, law enforcement officers will have priority. There are incentives for relocation expenses, housing allowance and employees are reimbursed, however they are required to sign a commitment contract.

We have been basically between 70-50% for over a year in staffing. For emergency situations, AST will assist BPD, but not in basic patrol coverage. Even if we hired a brand new police officer, who is ready to go to the academy, they will not be available for 3 months, as they will be attending the academy for that period. All Police Officers that are hired have a polygraph examination and a psychological examination done, as well as a complete full background prior to employment; this helps eliminates applicants.

B. Fire Department Staffing in Anticipation for Increased Calls for Service due to Liquor Sales

We have a couple of things going on here, the fire department is currently a reactive department, but in the areas that we can be proactive, we are trying to be - one area is staffing. We have been successful at hiring people immediately, and that is a strength for us. The opening of liquor stores is going to be a pretty intense period for Bethel in Public Safety. We deal with a lot of issues that the PD is facing, especially with turnovers.

We are currently training a new employee and we just finished training 3 other new employees. We have a really new crew at the department. Employees getting burned out are a huge concern, as a lot of times, they are asked to standby when they are off duty. They get compensated for it, however even with that being said, when you are constantly cutting into another person's off time, it is tough. We are having to do the coverage because we have 3 shifts and only 5 people to cover it. The assumption is that we are going to have a lot of activity when the liquor

stores are open. If you need evidence, look at what happens during Dividend time. There were 162 calls for service in October for the fire department and the percentages for alcohol related incidents were significant.

The City of Bethel went “wet” in October of 2009, and after that, it was busier for alcohol related calls for services. From 2011 through 2015, our call volumes have just continued to increase year after year. In FY 2015 (2014) our 6th firefighter position was defunded. Based on call volume and numbers, we are up about 23% in call volumes. Alcohol related calls are up about 35% within those 4 years.

I really believe that the liquor store is going to create a lot more call volume for the police department and fire department.

The fire department assists the police department when they are not available. The EMTs will be called to handle these calls and transport inebriated individuals.

We would like to refund the currently vacant positions in our department and we are going to aggressively go after grant funding for these positions (firefighter and EMT positions). We would like to see two firefighters on shift for firefighter safety – if one firefighter goes into the house before the second firefighter or volunteer comes in, they are at risk of safety because their resources are going to be stressed. We would like to take the fire captain off a working shift position, so that he can manage day to day basis operations, such as pre-fire planning and working/training with the crew. We are looking for support from the PSTC and would like to keep this on the agenda and give PSTC more information at the next meeting.

XII. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Joan Dewey – I think this has been one of our more important meetings and I think that it's great to see people having a quorum and being able to have these meetings.

Julene Webber – I just value our police and our fire departments and I'd like to see that be supported in this community, and so I'm going to do what I can do to help make that happen.

Eileen Henrikson – No comments.

Chuck Herman – No comments.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

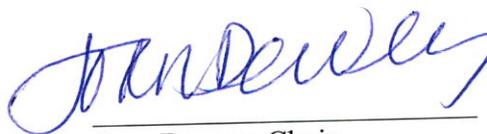
MOVED:	Herman	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Webber	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

APPROVED THIS 2ND DAY OF February, 2016



Christina Him, Recorder



Joan Dewey, Chair



CITY OF BETHEL
Fire Department

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Celebrating 50 Years of Service

DATE: January 4, 2015
TO: Ann Capella, City Manager
FROM: Bill Howell, Fire Chief
SUBJECT: December 2015 Management Report

Current Events

- Run tallies for 2015 are complete. The Department responded to 1182 EMS calls for service and 168 fire responses in 2015. Fire and EMS responses for 2015 are at the highest level recorded in the last 20 years. Of note is the sharp increase in alcohol related calls (over 50%) in 2014 and 2015.
- Preparations are ongoing for an EMT 2-3 initial and refresher training January 4 through 15. EMT 2's and 3's provide advanced life support as members of our community ambulance squad. This class is being offered to volunteers and staff of the department.
- The Fire Chief was acting City Manager, December 17th through January 4th.
- The Department will be hosting its annual fireworks display on New Year's Eve (Dec 31) at 8 p.m. The Bethel Volunteer Emergency Services assn. and VFW post 10041 have worked very hard to make this event possible. All are welcome to attend.
- Our annual holiday party was held on December 12th. Life saver awards were given to department EMT's that responded to and helped revive a patient in cardiac arrest. The attendance of one of the "saved" made this year's event a real treat.

Emergency Planning/Homeland Security

- The Department continues to work with DHS to schedule delivery of an ICS 300 in Bethel. Dates for the class will be announce soon.
- We are conducting final review of the Community Emergency operations plan.

Responses

- The Bethel Fire Department responded to 117 EMS and 10 Fire incidents during the month of December.
- On 12-4-15 at 7:43 p.m. medics responded to the river around Crowley for the report of a snowmobile accident. On arrival medics assessed and transported two patients to the hospital.
- On 12-20-15 at 4:15 p.m. medics responded to Standard Oil Road for the report of a person who was suicidal on the river. The patient was transported back to town by Bethel Search & Rescue, Bethel Police Department Officers, and Alaska State Troopers. The patient was assessed and transported to the hospital.
- On 12/23/15 at 1:53 p.m. medics responded to Larson Subdivision for the report of a vehicle rollover. One patient was assessed and transported to the hospital.
- On 12/24/15 at 3:21 a.m. firefighters responded to East Avenue for the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, firefighters extinguished a smoldering fire and removed one person from the residence. Firefighters overhauled the contents, gathered information, and returned to quarters.
- On 12/28/15 at 6:33 p.m. medics responded to Alaska State Trooper Housing for the report of a gunshot wound. The scene, a death investigation, was left in custody of the Alaska State Troopers and Bethel Police Department.

Staffing/recruitment

- All positions are filled.
- The Department has one FF/EMT position that was defunded FY 15. We will be seeking grant and city funding to fill this position and at least one new position in anticipation of liquor stores operating in the community.
- The Department is drafting a hiring list for future vacancies and new positions. The Department is recruiting nationally at this time.

Training

- On 12/01/15 at 7:00 p.m. an EMT Meeting was held at the Fire Department. Responders set up practical skill stations to help prepare the EMT-1 students for their State of Alaska Practical Skills Examinations on 12/05/15.
- On December 2nd and 3rd eight department personnel were trained and certified by representatives certified in SCBA maintenance on our new SCBA.
- On 12/04/15 and 12/05/15, the EMT-1 students completed their State of Alaska EMT-1 Written and Practical Skills Examinations for certification. The course will yield seven new EMT-1 responders to our roster.
- On 12/10/15 at 7:00 p.m. a Fire Meeting was held at the Fire Department. Responders reviewed Rapid Intervention Crew techniques and practiced deploying and re-loading fire attack hose.
- On 12/15/15 at 7:00 p.m. an EMT Meeting was held at the Fire Department. Responders reviewed behavioral emergencies and placing patients who endanger themselves or others into medical restraints.
- On 12/19/15 at 9:00 a.m. EMT personnel participated in a Basic Life Support CPR refresher course for their upcoming EMT-2 and EMT-3 classes in January 2016.
- Captain Solesbee is coordinating with the Firefighter-1 students who need refresher training in order to take the State of Alaska Firefighter-1 and Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations written examinations.

Vehicles & Equipment

- The Departments 1992 F-150 had a major engine failure this month and is at the V&E department. This vehicle will likely not be repaired any further. The department now has two utility vehicles that are functioning as plow and response vehicles.
- M5 had oil leaks and an engine issue repaired this month and is back in service.
- Underwriters Laboratories (UL) visited us on the 1st of December to test the Department's 1980 ladder truck. Although thermal damage was evident to the vehicle, no structural damage was evident. Cost of replacement for a vehicle of this type is around \$500,000.00.
- A work order has been put in to V&E to repair stuck valves and leaking pump packing's on E-3.
- New tires were installed on M-4.

Budget/Financial

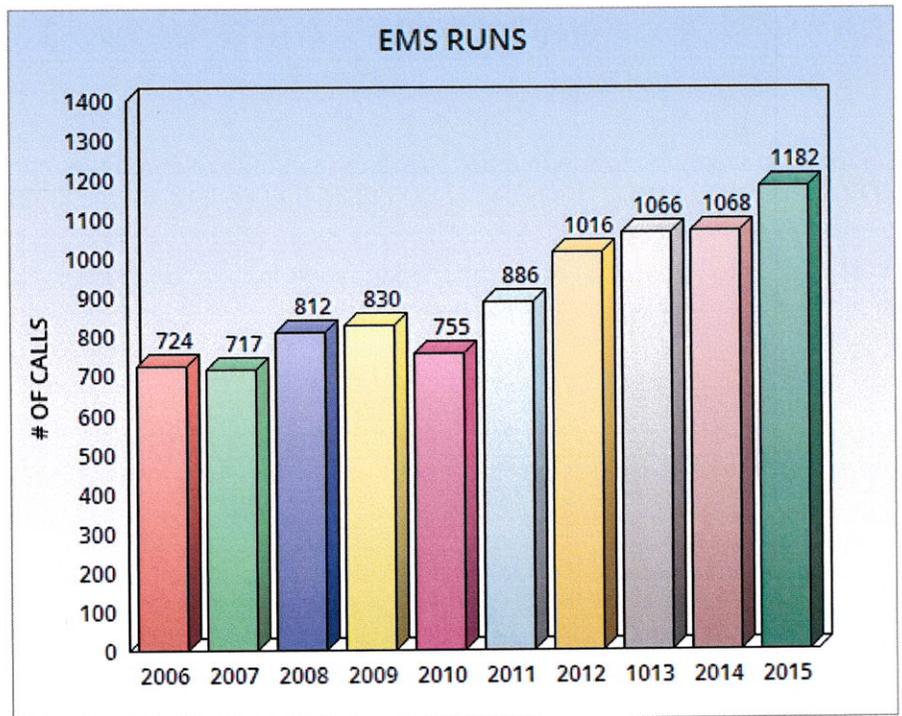
- The Department is operating within FY16 budget guidelines.
- Unanticipated costs for Ladder truck testing and Asbestos training following the Kilbuck Fire from our purchased services account is a point of concern. We will be closely watching this fund.

Grants

- All Grants are operating within allotted timelines.
- The Department is applying for funding through the 2015 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. We seek funding to replace aged turnout gear and firefighting tools.
- Reimbursement requests were made for federal cost share under the 2013 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. We are coordinating payment of invoices, final reports and close out documents with the Finance Department and FEMA.
- Final Purchases are being made with excess funds under the Alaska Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant program. We will file close out reports once purchases are complete.

EMS CALLS

2006	724
2007	717
2008	812
2009	830
2010	755
2011	886
2012	1016
2013	1066
2014	1068
2015	1182



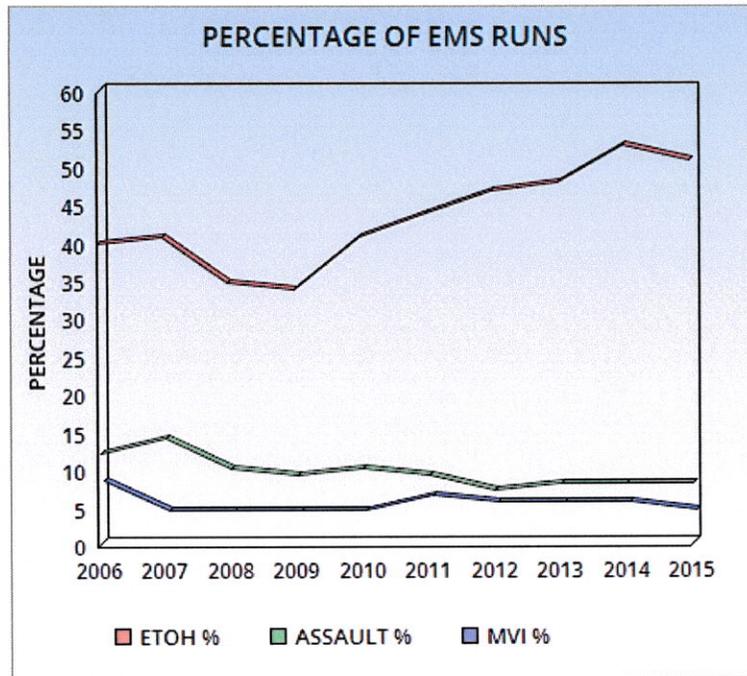
In 2006-2009 there was an average of 771 calls per year. In 2010-2015 there was an average of 996 calls per year, an increase of 29%.

In 2006-2009 there was an average of 285 ETOH calls per year. In 2010-2015 there was an average of 477 ETOH calls per year, an increase of 67%.

In 2006-2009 there was an average of 84 assault calls per year. In 2010-2015 there was an average of 81 assault calls per year, a decrease of .04%.

In 2006-2009 there was an average of 38 MVI calls per year. In 2010-2015 there was an average of 48 MVI calls per year, an increase of 26%.

Since 2006 the percentage of assault and MVI calls per year has remained fairly constant while the percentage of ETOH calls per year has increased at a higher rate as seen in the chart below.



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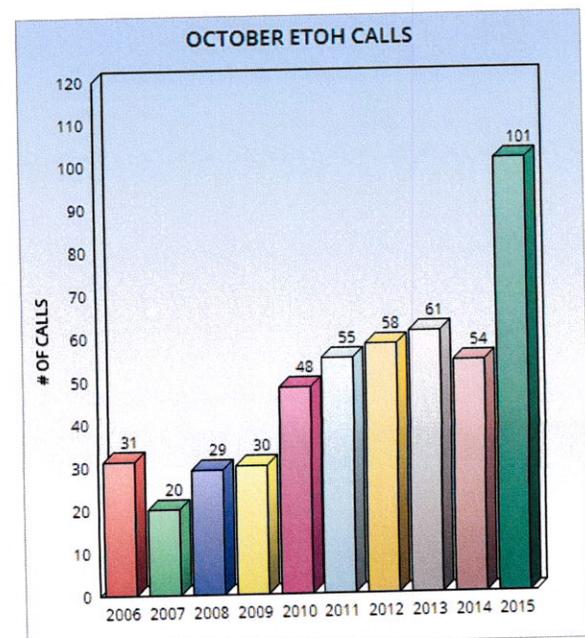
- Only calls that specifically mentioned ETOH on the run sheet were counted. There are many others that would have involved ETOH but it was not stated on the run sheet. The numbers on the spreadsheet are numbers verifiable with documentation. The real world numbers are probably 10-20% higher.
- An additional factor to take into consideration would be the CSP program which began in 2011(?). Presumably, the CSPs are taking ETOH calls that would otherwise be handled by the FD. If that program were not in place our ETOH call volume would most likely be much higher than it is now.
- Taking the two previous points into account, and if you subtracted calls such as patient transports, medivac transports, calls cancelled enroute, etc... from the total run volume, the percentage of ETOH calls would be much greater than what is reflected on the spreadsheet.
- As a general impression, it seems that people were reporting the consumption of alcohol in greater amounts and over longer periods of time after 2010. For example:

"I drank 3 bottles" became "I drank 5 bottles"

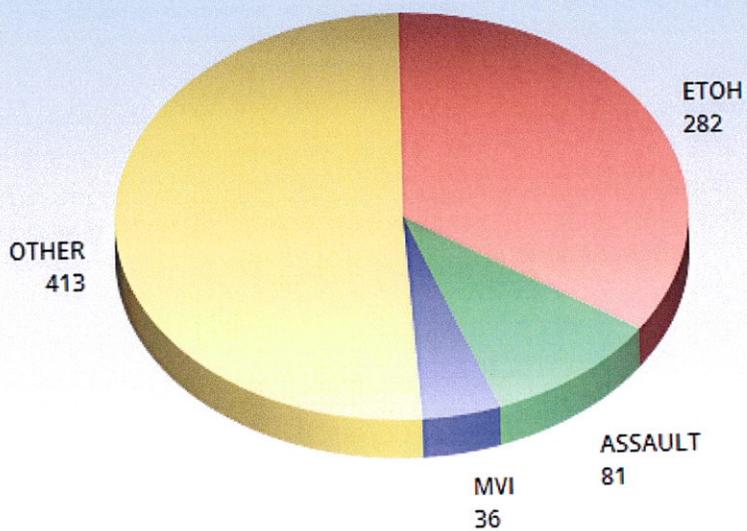
"I have been drinking for two weeks" became "I have been drinking for one month"

"I drank three bottles over the last two days" became "I drank three bottles a day for the last six days"

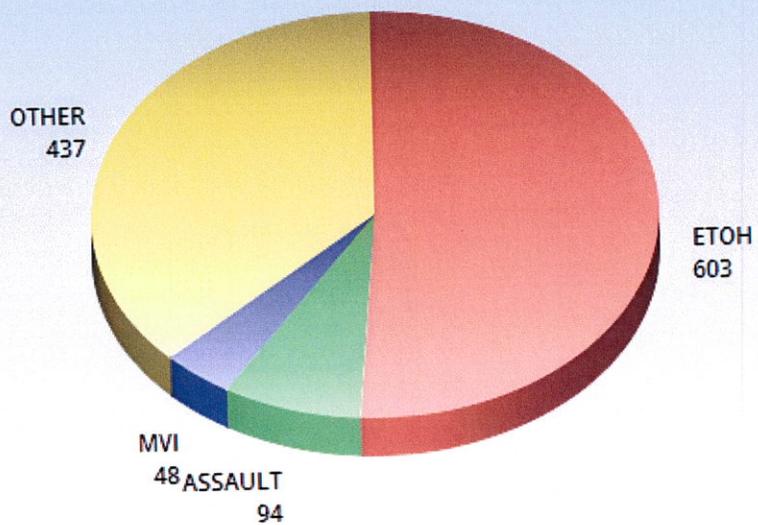
- Beginning in 2014 there is a large increase in the number of calls dispatched as unresponsive/intoxicated person on the ground or something similar. For whatever reasons, more intoxicated people are being found outside on the ground.
- Beginning in 2014 there is also a dramatic increase in calls involving intoxicated minors.
- The number of assault calls has decreased slightly since 2009. There are probably many factors that would affect this number but it is evident from the reports through 2009 that some of the assaults were over the possession of alcohol. Perhaps alcohol becoming more readily available resulted in less assaults.
- Since 2014 there are increasing mentions of marijuana, heroine, and cocaine.
- it seems that at least 50% of the motor vehicle incidents involving an automobile involved a taxi cab and 80% percent involved a cab or a city vehicle.
- ETOH calls in October of 2015 were almost double the number of ETOH calls in October of previous years.



2008

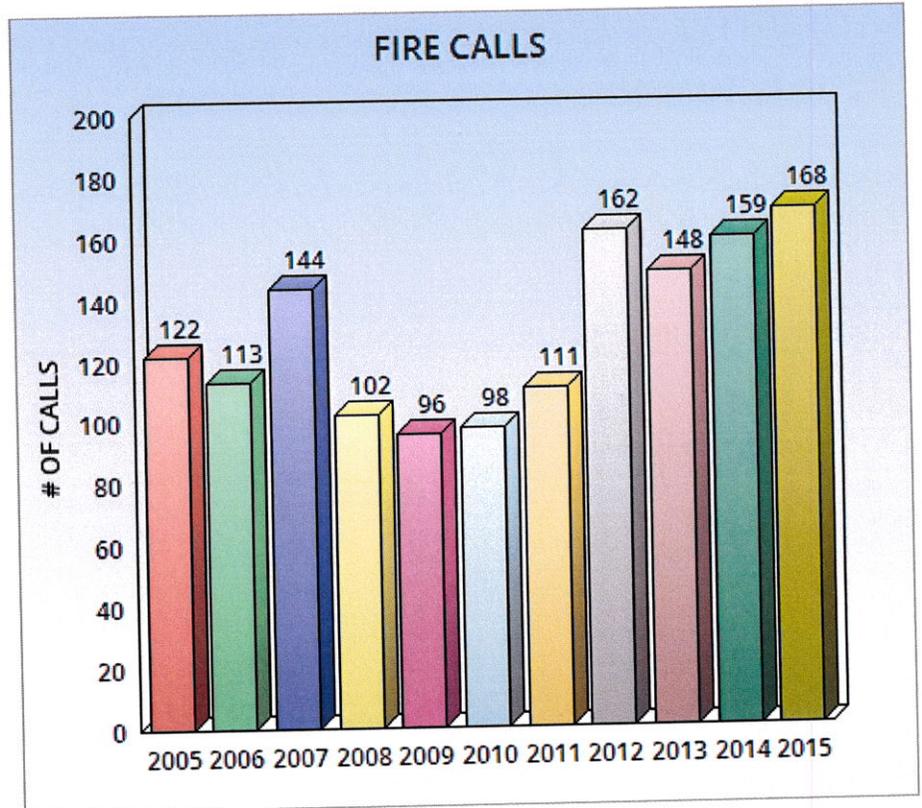


2015



FIRE CALLS

2005	122
2006	113
2007	144
2008	102
2009	96
2010	98
2011	111
2012	162
2013	148
2014	159
2015	YTD 168



2006		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTALS	
ETOH		19	17	20	13	29	30	29	17	29	31	24	25	283	39.1%
Assault		5	6	8	5	6	15	11	0	5	16	3	6	86	11.9%
MVI		5	1	11	3	3	5	5	3	4	5	3	9	57	7.9%
Suicide														1	
# Of Runs		53	60	55	34	65	81	70	49	63	78	60	56	724	

2007		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTALS	
ETOH		17	16	21	20	25	34	33	24	15	20	36	35	296	41.3%
Assault		8	5	6	6	9	7	10	10	5	9	7	16	98	13.7%
MVI		3	1	3	2	1	0	3	2	3	3	2	3	26	3.6%
Suicide														4	
# Of Runs		60	36	57	66	54	62	72	67	43	58	66	76	717	

2008		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTALS	
ETOH		20	22	23	17	31	21	24	33	22	29	20	20	282	34.7%
Assault		2	6	2	3	10	6	12	10	6	9	9	6	81	10.0%
MVI		2	4	4	3	2	2	0	1	2	4	7	5	36	4.4%
Suicide														4	
# Of Runs		72	73	69	50	79	64	66	68	65	81	59	64	812	

2009		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTALS	
ETOH		21	15	32	16	23	16	29	26	23	30	29	18	278	33.5%
Assault		8	5	10	8	9	1	6	4	4	8	5	3	71	8.6%
MVI		3	4	5	4	3	0	5	2	2	2	3	1	34	4.1%
Suicide														4	
# Of Runs		73	59	82	76	72	53	91	58	72	69	76	48	830	

2010		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTALS	
ETOH		21	18	12	32	29	18	31	29	29	48	19	29	315	41.7%
Assault		11	5	2	5	8	6	9	3	4	9	6	8	76	10.1%
MVI		3	7	2	2	3	0	4	1	1	3	2	3	31	4.1%
Suicide														2	
# Of Runs		65	63	57	68	62	53	70	57	65	84	49	62	755	

CITY OF BETHEL
 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES COMPARED TO BUDGET
 FOR 7 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 31, 2016

GENERAL FUND

	Current	YTD	BUDGET AMOUNT	VARIANCE	% OF BUDGET
<u>SALARIES</u>					
10-60-501 SALARIES	\$19,307.27	\$203,927.06	\$415,856.00	\$211,928.94	49.04%
TOTAL SALARIES	\$19,307.27	\$203,927.06	\$415,856.00	\$211,928.94	49.04%
<u>FLSA OVERTIME</u>					
10-60-502 FLSA OVERTIME	\$1,497.28	\$27,427.29	\$45,000.00	\$17,572.71	60.95%
TOTAL FLSA OVERTIME	\$1,497.28	\$27,427.29	\$45,000.00	\$17,572.71	60.95%
<u>CALL BACK OVERTIME</u>					
10-60-506 CALL BACK OVERTIME	\$1,997.52	\$22,556.15	\$27,000.00	\$4,443.85	83.54%
TOTAL CALL BACK OVERTIME	\$1,997.52	\$22,556.15	\$27,000.00	\$4,443.85	83.54%
<u>LEAVE CASHOUT</u>					
10-60-508 LEAVE CASHOUT	\$0.00	\$27,361.11	\$20,793.00	(\$6,568.11)	131.59%
TOTAL LEAVE CASHOUT	\$0.00	\$27,361.11	\$20,793.00	(\$6,568.11)	131.59%
<u>SOCIAL SECURITY EXPENSE</u>					
10-60-510 SOCIAL SECURITY EXPENSE	\$2.19	\$1,548.23	\$0.00	(\$1,548.23)	100.00%
TOTAL SOCIAL SECURITY EXPENSE	\$2.19	\$1,548.23	\$0.00	(\$1,548.23)	100.00%
<u>MEDICARE FICA</u>					
10-60-511 MEDICARE FICA	\$352.67	\$4,107.53	\$7,074.00	\$2,966.47	58.07%
TOTAL MEDICARE FICA	\$352.67	\$4,107.53	\$7,074.00	\$2,966.47	58.07%
<u>GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE</u>					
10-60-512 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	\$8,286.00	\$49,716.00	\$99,432.00	\$49,716.00	50.00%
TOTAL GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	\$8,286.00	\$49,716.00	\$99,432.00	\$49,716.00	50.00%



City of Bethel

Administrative Committees

Recommendation to City Manager

Recommendation to City Council

Committees and Commissions that wish to make a recommendation to City Council should turn this form in to the City Clerk or to the City Council representative on the committee or commission.

Committee/Commission: Public Safety and Transportation Commission	Chair: Joan Dewey
Date Submitted: 01-19-16	Council Rep: Chuck Herman

Issue:

Since 2009, when the City of Bethel's citizens voted to become wet, the Bethel Fire Department has experienced a marked increase in EMS calls for service. Currently, the Department has seven full-time career positions to include the Fire Chief, Fire Captain, and four Firefighter/EMTs, with one Firefighter/EMT position defunded in FY15. Additionally, the Fire Captain must work part time days in addition to the 24-hour Kelly Shift to meet the operational and administrative demands of the Department and community. Our staff members and volunteers are being stretched thin to cover the demands of the ever-increasing amounts of mandatory requirements, standards compliance, fire and EMS responses and daily duties.

In 2015, the Fire Department experienced its highest EMS response call volume in two decades; 1,182 calls for service. This is an increase of 45% (370) over 2008 levels. When considering alcohol-related call volume from 2008 (282) to 2015 (603), these calls for service have increased by 113% (321). This rise in call volume has caused an increase in the payout of call-out overtime and standby pay to our staff members who respond to calls while they are off-duty or receiving stand by pay. The Bethel Police Department's Community Service Patrol, an outstanding program, has not reduced alcohol related call volume. In fact, EMS responses have increased dramatically since the inception of the CSP program in 2011.

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Recommendation:

The Public safety and transportation committee recommends that the Bethel City Council support fully funding the defunded (FY15) Firefighter EMT position and plan and add one additional Firefighter EMT position to provide two staff per shift.

This staffing enhancement would allow the Fire Chief to place the Fire Captain position on day shift to better manage training, compliance and community inspections and planning.

Current staffing levels require firefighters to cover shift on overtime whenever another employee is on leave or cannot find volunteers. The commission believes there would be an immediate cost savings in the FLSA and Callback overtime budgets to help offset the expenditure of the added employees.

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CITY OF BETHEL POLICE DEPARTMENT



TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT: DECEMBER 2015

2015	December
New Chauffeurs	0
Chauffeur Renewals	6
Chauffeur Transfers	0
Vehicle Permit Renewals	18
Vehicle Transfers	7
Inspections	26
Revocations	0
Temporary Permits	0

- Most of Taxi-Alaska's vehicle permits were renewed in the month of December and are good for another 2 year period.
- This month, I was able to fully implement and complete matching vehicle permit numbers to their respective cab number.
- There was 7 complaints/and or calls for services regarding cabs, 4 of them were officer observations for either an obstructed license plate, or other miscellaneous traffic violations (failure to stop at a stop sign, speeding, parking in a handicap lane) etc. Two chauffeur licenses were suspended for a day and both drivers were sent home due to being involved in a physical altercation with one another that occurred at Alaska Airlines. Our officers responded to this and the disposition of the call was mutual combat. Both supervisors of the involved party were notified of the incident and their chauffeur's licenses were taken away for the day.
- There will be no scheduled semi-annual inspections for the month of January, semi-annual inspections to resume in February.
- Chauffeurs can now request their DMV driving record online via: <http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/> and print it themselves. There is a \$10 fee for this, however this will make it more convenient for chauffeurs to print out their own DMV driving record online. DMV driving records are required for each chauffeur's initial chauffeur license application, chauffeur license renewal and for the semi-annual inspections.



Joan 545-3915

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- 🐾 Spay/Neutering
- 🐾 Rabies Shots
- 🐾 Puppy Shots
- 🐾 Dog Food
- 🐾 Dog House
- 🐾 Leash/Collar
- 🐾 Surrender/Adoption Services

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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #15-21

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 5.30, TAXICAB, RIVER TAXI, LIMOUSINE AND BUS PERMITS, TO REQUIRE VIDEO CAMERA SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM AND GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM CAPABILITIES

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the City of Bethel authorizes a change to the Bethel Municipal Code as described herein.

SECTION 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Amendment. The Bethel Municipal Code is to be amended as follows (new language is underlined and old language is stricken)

Chapter 5.30 TAXICAB, RIVER TAXI, LIMOUSINE AND BUS PERMITS

Sections:

- 5.30.010 Taxicab permit required.
- 5.30.020 River taxi permit required.
- 5.30.030 Bus permit required.
- 5.30.035 Limousine permit required.
- 5.30.040 Application for permits.
- 5.30.050 Issuance of new nontransferable taxicab permits.
- 5.30.055 Taxicabs – Renewal of existing permits.
- 5.30.060 Taxicabs – Transfer of existing permit.
- 5.30.065 Posting of taxicab permit.
- 5.30.070 Taxicabs – Number of vehicles operated per permit.
- 5.30.080 Taxicabs – Subscription to dispatch service.
- 5.30.090 Taxicabs – Vehicle markings.
- 5.30.100 Required equipment.

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- 5.30.120 Insurance required.
- 5.30.130 Posting of insurance notice.
- 5.30.140 Records.
- 5.30.160 Single use of vehicle.
- 5.30.170 Vehicle horn honking.
- 5.30.180 Safety equipment tampering prohibited.

5.30.010 Taxicab permit required.

A. No person may provide taxicab service in the city unless that person:

1. Is a permittee in possession of a valid taxicab permit issued to him or her, and is in compliance with Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC; or
2. Has entered into an agreement with a permittee as a lease operator which allows that person to provide taxicab services pursuant to the permittees authority only for as long as the permittee is lawfully in possession of the permit and complies with all terms and conditions of issuance of the permit, and only if such an arrangement is approved in advance by the transportation inspector. In order to obtain such approval from the transportation inspector, the transportation inspector must approve the language of a written lease agreement and determine that the lease operator meets all requirements imposed on chauffeurs and taxicab permittees by Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC. A decision of the transportation inspector denying a lease operator arrangement can be appealed to the commission in accordance with BMC 5.20.100.

B. No permittee shall allow another person to provide taxicab service under the authority of his or her permit except as allowed in subsection A of this section. Violation of this section is grounds for immediate revocation of a taxicab permit.

C. No person may operate or dispatch a vehicle as a taxicab unless that vehicle is described on a taxicab permit as provided in subsection A of this section. Violation of this section is grounds for immediate revocation of a license or permit.

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- D. No person may provide taxicab service pursuant to a taxicab permit except in accordance with Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC. Violation of this section is grounds for immediate revocation of a permit.
- E. The permittee shall utilize as chauffeurs only currently licensed chauffeurs who have satisfactorily completed a commission-approved driver training and testing program and who are otherwise in compliance with all of the requirements of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC.

5.30.020 River taxi permit required.

- A. No person may provide river taxi service within the city without a river taxi permit. A river taxi permit, or any interest in a river taxi permit issued pursuant to this section, shall not be transferable through sale, lease, rental, power of attorney, or any other manner of conveyance, and shall become void and revert to the commission if it is revoked or not renewed in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC.
- B. A person may apply for an original or renewal river taxi permit by complying with the requirements of BMC 5.30.040. If the applicant is in compliance with all of the terms and conditions of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC that apply to river taxis, he or she shall be issued a permit.

5.30.030 Bus permit required.

- A. A person may provide bus service within the city with a bus permit. A permit, or any interest in a permit issued pursuant to this section, shall not be transferable through sale, lease, rental, power of attorney, or any other manner of conveyance, and shall become void and revert to the commission if it is revoked or not renewed in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC.
- B. A person may apply for an original or renewal bus permit by complying with the requirements of BMC 5.30.040. If the applicant is in compliance with all of the terms and conditions of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC that apply to buses, he or she shall be issued a permit.
- C. A bus must operate on a defined route. The route must be submitted to the transportation inspector. Any changes in the route must be submitted to the

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transportation inspector. Bus operators may deviate from the defined route up to three-fourths (3/4) of a mile to accommodate handicapped passengers.

5.30.035 Limousine permit required.

A. A person may provide limousine service in the city if that person:

1. Is a permittee in possession of a valid limousine permit issued to him or her, and is in compliance with Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC;
2. Operates a limousine;
3. Utilizes currently licensed chauffeurs who have satisfactorily completed a commission-approved driver training and testing program and who are otherwise in compliance with all of the requirements of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC.

B. A limousine will provide service by reservation or prearranged call for service. It is unlawful for a limousine chauffeur to provide flag stop service to passengers by curbside hail or the use of fixed routes.

C. The current rates to be charged by a limousine permittee shall be provided to the transportation inspector in the form of a rate sheet. The permittee is responsible for providing the inspector with a new rate sheet as prices change. The prices on the rate sheet must be greater than the maximum rates allowed for the provision of a similar ride by taxicab.

The following rates are established as minimum rates for limousine operators:

One-half (1/2) hour or less arranged ride: fifty dollars (\$50.00);

One (1) hour arranged ride: eighty dollars (\$80.00).

5.30.040 Application for permits.

A. An application for an original or renewal taxicab, bus, limousine or river taxi permit shall be made to the transportation inspector.

B. An application for a permit shall be submitted on a form approved by the transportation inspector and shall be accompanied by:

1. The fee specified in BMC 5.20.160;

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2. Proof of insurance for the vehicle as required by Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC;
 3. Proof that the applicant is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
 4. Proof that the applicant is in compliance with the drug and alcohol testing requirements of BMC 5.20.085.
- C. An applicant shall not be granted an original or renewal permit unless the applicant meets the requirements imposed on chauffeurs in BMC 5.40.030.
- D. If the commission determines that the public convenience and necessity requires issuance of additional taxicab permits in accordance with BMC 5.30.050, the following persons may apply for such a permit:
1. Currently active chauffeurs licensed under Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC with no fewer than two (2) years of continuous experience as a taxicab chauffeur in good standing in Bethel;
 2. Applicants who have not had a felony or misdemeanor conviction entered by a court of competent jurisdiction within five (5) years of the date of application for:
 - a) Assignment, prostitution, solicitation for the purpose of prostitution, offering to secure another for the purpose of prostitution, maintaining vehicle for the purpose of prostitution or accepting money from a prostitute; or
 - b) Sale, transportation, possession or use of any controlled substance as defined by AS 11.71 or a similar law of another jurisdiction, or engaging in an act prohibited under AS 04.11, 04.16 or 04.17.
- E. If the commission decides to issue an additional permit or permits in accordance with this chapter, a taxicab permit may be issued by the commission only if the applicant complies with subsections B through D of this section, and is certified as required by BMC 5.20.150.
- F. Each representation made in an application for an original or renewal permit shall be correct. Any false or misleading statement or misrepresentation as to a

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material matter in an application shall be grounds for denial of the application for a permit or revocation of a permit.

5.30.050 Issuance of new nontransferable taxicab permits.

- A. The total number of outstanding taxicab permits shall be determined by the public convenience and necessity. Any person or any member of the commission may initiate commission inquiry into the public convenience and necessity for issuance of additional permits. Hearings regarding public convenience and necessity shall be held to determine if the public convenience and necessity warrants issuance of one (1) or more additional nontransferable permits. The commission shall hold an inquiry into the public convenience and necessity at least once in a twenty-four (24-) month period.
- B. At the hearing conducted pursuant to subsection A of this section, the commission may consider, among other things, evidence of:
1. The public demand for additional taxi service;
 2. The unfulfilled requests for service;
 3. The reasonableness of waiting time for service; and
 4. The economic impact of additional permits on the viability of the existing taxicab industry.
- C. If the commission finds that it is more likely than not, based on the evidence presented at hearing, that the public convenience and necessity would be best served by the issuance of one (1) or more new taxicab permits, such permit or permits shall be issued in the manner provided in subsection D of this section.
- D. No later than ninety (90) days after the commission determines that a new taxicab permit should be issued, the transportation inspector shall conduct a public auction as follows:
1. The auction shall be conducted by sealed bid, and the permit shall be issued to the highest qualified bidder;

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2. To be responsive, a bid must equal or exceed the taxicab permit issuance fees provided for in BMC 5.20.160;
 3. The term "qualified bidder" means a person who meets the requirements of BMC 5.30.040, and tenders the successful full bid price in cash within five (5) days after notice that he or she is the highest bidder;
 4. If the highest bidder is not a qualified bidder, the permit shall be issued to the next highest bidder who is also a qualified bidder. If none of the bidders are also qualified bidders, the transportation inspector shall again offer the permit at auction as provided by this section within one hundred eighty (180) days after the previous auction.
- E. No person may apply for a hearing pursuant to subsection A of this section within one hundred twenty (120) days after one (1) or more new permits authorized for issuance pursuant to this section have been actually issued. The commission may consolidate multiple hearing requests if it deems it appropriate to do so.
- F. A permit, or any interest in a permit, issued pursuant to this section shall not be transferable through sale, lease, rental, power of attorney, or any other manner of conveyance, and shall become void and revert to the commission if the permit is revoked or not renewed in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC.
- G. Permittees issued nontransferable permits in accordance with this section are subject to all revocation, suspension, and penalty provisions of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC, as well as all other requirements of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC.

5.30.055 Taxicabs – Renewal of existing permits.

An application for renewal of an existing taxicab permit made in accordance with BMC 5.30.040 shall be renewed only if the applicant is in compliance with all of the requirements of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC that apply to taxicabs and taxicab permittees. A permit that is not renewed shall become void and revert to the commission.

5.30.060 Taxicabs – Transfer of existing permit.

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- A. A person may transfer an interest (whether financial or proprietary in nature, a security interest, or some other form of interest) in a taxicab permit originally issued prior to December 31, 2000, or any interest in the corporation, joint venture, association, partnership, or other group or entity which owns an interest in a taxicab permit originally issued prior to December 31, 2000, only if the person obtains the prior approval of the transportation inspector.
- B. An application for transfer of a taxicab permit in accordance with subsection A of this section shall be made to the transportation inspector on forms approved by the transportation inspector and shall be accompanied by the proposed contract for sale or other interest transfer which states the specific consideration to be paid by the transferee, as well as all other material conditions of the sale or other transfer of interest. The application for transfer shall also identify all parties who have or are proposed to have a financial, proprietary, security or other interest in the permit. The application may request other information necessary to determine if the transfer is in the best interests of the public, including but not limited to evidence of the financial ability to meet the consideration requirements of the contract for sale or other interest transfer. If the transferee meets the requirements of this section and all other requirements for obtaining a taxicab permit contained in Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC, and the transportation inspector approves the language of the contract for sale or other interest transfer, the transportation inspector may approve the transfer.
- C. A decision of the transportation inspector with respect to transfer of an interest under this section may be appealed to the commission in accordance with BMC 5.20.100.
- D. If transfer of a permit is not approved in accordance with this section and the permittee no longer wishes to operate under the permit or the permittee is no longer in compliance with the provisions of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC, the permit shall become void and revert to the commission.
- E. New permits issued in accordance with BMC 5.30.050 shall not be transferable, and shall become void and revert to the commission if the permit is revoked or not renewed in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC.

5.30.065 Posting of taxicab permit.

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The permit for each taxicab, river taxi, limousine or bus shall be posted in the interior of the taxicab, river taxi, limousine or bus in the manner designated by the transportation inspector. No person may operate a taxicab, river taxi, limousine or bus unless the permit is so posted.

5.30.070 Taxicabs – Number of vehicles operated per permit.

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this section, only one (1) vehicle, which shall be designated on the taxicab permit application, may be operated pursuant to that permit.
- B. Upon application to the transportation inspector, payment of the appropriate fee, and a demonstration of need, the transportation inspector may authorize operation of a substitute vehicle for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) consecutive days. The transportation inspector shall be notified prior to substitution of the date, time, and substitute vehicle being placed in service, the permit number utilizing the substitute vehicle, the reason for the use of the substitute vehicle and the signature of the person authorizing the use of the substitute vehicle. If substitution is authorized, the transportation inspector shall subsequently be immediately notified of the date and time the substitute vehicle is removed from service and the original permitted vehicle is placed back in service. The transportation inspector shall require an inspection of the original vehicle before it is returned into service. No person may operate a substitute vehicle under this section unless the substitution has been authorized by the transportation inspector in accordance with this section, and a copy of the authorization is carried in the substitute vehicle at all times.
- C. If the use of the substitute vehicle was occasioned by a mechanical problem or vehicle accident affecting the safe operation of the original vehicle, the transportation inspector may allow a permanent vehicle transfer.
- D. The transportation inspector may permit a permanent vehicle transfer not more than four (4) times before the expiration of the original permit for reasons other than mechanical problems.

5.30.080 Taxicabs – Subscription to dispatch service.

Every taxicab permittee shall subscribe to a dispatch service permitted pursuant to Chapter 5.50 BMC for the taxicab operated under his or her permit. No taxicab may be

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dispatched by more than one (1) dispatch service. Failure to comply with this section shall be grounds for immediate revocation of a permit or license.

5.30.090 Taxicabs – Vehicle markings.

- A. Every taxicab shall display the trade name under which it operates and the vehicle number assigned to it by the transportation inspector in the area between the back bumper and the top of the trunk of the taxicab on the rear end of the taxicab with permanent contrasting letters and numbers no less than four (4) inches high.
- B. Every taxicab shall bear its vehicle number, as assigned to it by the transportation inspector, on all sides of the taxicab with permanent letters no less than four (4) inches high. Every taxicab shall display its vehicle number assigned by the transportation inspector on the front fender adjacent to the front door jam on both the driver and passenger side of the vehicle in numbers no less than four (4) inches high. The number shall be placed in the middle of the fender, but in no event less than two (2) inches above the bottom of the fender, or more than four (4) inches below the top of the fender.
- C. The transportation inspector will provide every taxicab permit holder with reflective decals bearing the assigned vehicle number required to meet the requirements of this section. Taxicab permit holders shall display trade names on vehicles with reflective decals that meet the requirements of this section.
- D. Except as otherwise provided by law, no taxicab may be used or sold for any purpose other than for use as a taxicab until all signs, insignia, license plates, lights or other markings have been removed or an "out of service" sign is posted on the taxicab in the form and manner designated by the transportation inspector.

5.30.100 Required equipment.

In addition to the mechanical equipment required in BMC 5.20.080(D), every taxicab shall have the following equipment:

- A. Every taxicab shall be equipped with an operable two-way radio that receives and transmits a signal only on the frequency used by that taxicab's dispatch service. At no time may a taxicab be equipped with an apparatus capable of monitoring a

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frequency used by a dispatch service other than that used by that taxicab's dispatch service. The radio of each taxicab shall be identifiable through the dispatch company through which the taxicab is dispatched.

- B. Every taxicab shall be equipped at all times with an interior light of not less than two (2) candlepower arranged so as to illuminate the entire passenger compartment. The light shall be illuminated whenever passengers are being loaded or unloaded from the taxicab between one-half (1/2) hour after sunset of one (1) day and one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise the next day. No shades or blinds shall be drawn over any windows of the taxicab while occupied by a passenger.
- C. Every taxicab shall be equipped with a nonflashing light on the exterior of the roof of a type approved by the transportation inspector. The light shall be illuminated only when the taxicab is in service.
- D. All taxicabs, limousines and buses must have factory seat belts for the maximum number of passengers that may be transported in a particular vehicle.
- E. River taxis shall have the following:
 - 1. Four-wheel drive vehicle with at least twelve- (12-) inch clearance;
 - 2. VHF radio;
 - 3. Dual battery system;
 - 4. All equipment listed in subsections A through C of this section in addition to the following: a come-a-long or winch and shovel; ground and air flares; carbon monoxide detector; first aid kit; safe alternate form of heat, i.e., candles, canned heat, etc., one (1) wool blanket, one (1) survival or space blanket for each potential passenger, spare tire, and tools required to change a tire, i.e., jack lug wrench, etc.;
 - 5. A river taxi driver shall carry clothes appropriate for the weather conditions and the number of passengers for a particular trip, to include but not be limited to, winter hats, boots, gloves, pants and coats.

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Not feasible.

F. Every regulated vehicle shall be equipped at all times with a video camera surveillance system and have global positioning system capability. The surveillance and GPS systems shall be capable of recording and storing the data of at least 72 hours of in-service operations. The recorded data shall be stored on board the taxicab or transmitted for storage. The stored data for the immediately preceding 72 hours of recording shall not be altered or manipulated by any person, and shall be made available for review and inspection by the transportation inspector for purposes of enforcement of chapters 5.20, 5.30 and 5.40 or by a peace officer as defined in AS 1.10.060 upon request. For good cause, the Transportation Inspector may order retention of recorded data of specific dates, trips, or incidents for up to two years.

1. The video camera surveillance system shall have the capability to operate 24 hours a day, record video only, and be compatible with surveillance during both daytime and nighttime. The surveillance system shall either have continuous operation or be activated by the opening of a door, or some other self-initiating device which does not require the specific decision or action by the chauffeur to activate the surveillance system. The system shall be capable of producing high-quality pictures for law enforcement use. The system shall have cameras facing the front and rear and positioned in a manner that provides views of the regulated vehicle interior that are visible to passerby and does not violate privacy rights. A limousine shall not have video surveillance of the passenger area designed and intended to provide privacy from the chauffeur and public view, but may have a view into that area when a privacy partition or device is open.

2. The global positioning system capability of any regulated vehicle shall either have continuous operation or be activated by a self-initiating device which does not require the specific decision or action by the chauffeur to activate the global positioning system. The global positioning system in taxicabs must be capable of alerting the monitoring station of emergencies. The dispatch company or a company within the municipality approved by the transportation inspector will be the monitoring station for a taxicab's global positioning system.

5.30.120 Insurance required.

A. Before any permit is issued for any taxicab, river taxi, limousine or bus, the applicant shall furnish to the transportation inspector the insurance policies

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required by this section, issued by an insurance company that is authorized to do business within the state.

- B. The insurance required by this section for vehicles with a manufacturer's rated seating capacity of six (6) persons or less, or, if a mini-van, six (6) persons or less seating capacity after seat removal to accommodate baggage, shall provide coverage as follows:
1. Combined single limit for all bodily injury or property damage arising from one (1) accident: three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000); and
 2. For all persons injured or dead in any one (1) accident caused by an uninsured motorist: One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).
- C. The insurance required by this section for vehicles with a manufacturer's rated seating capacity of seven (7) persons or more, or if a mini-van, seven (7) persons or more seating capacity after seat removal to accommodate baggage, shall provide coverage as follows:
1. Combined single limit for all bodily injury or property damage arising from one (1) accident: Seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000); and
 2. For all persons injured or dead in any one (1) accident caused by an uninsured motorist: One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).
- D. Every insurance policy or certificate shall contain a clause obligating the insurer or surety to give the transportation inspector written notice no less than thirty (30) days before the cancellation, expiration, nonrenewal, lapse, or other termination of such insurance, unless the specified policy is for a vehicle which will no longer be used as a taxicab. A lapse, cancellation, expiration, nonrenewal, or termination of insurance coverage shall work an automatic suspension of any permit for so long as the permittee is without insurance as required by this section, and it shall be a violation of this chapter to provide taxicab service with a vehicle not insured as required by this section. The insurance policy shall list the city as a certificate holder.

5.30.130 Posting of insurance notice.

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Proof of insurance as required by Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC shall be carried in the passenger compartment of all taxicabs at all times.

5.30.140 Records.

A. Every taxicab, river taxi, and limousine permittee shall maintain a current and accurate daily list of the regulated vehicles operated pursuant to the permit. The daily list shall contain the following information:

1. The name, address, telephone number, chauffeur's license number and expiration of each chauffeur operating such regulated vehicles;
2. The daily hours worked by each chauffeur operating such regulated vehicles;
3. The number of days each such regulated vehicle is operated during each calendar month;
4. The records maintained pursuant to subsection A of this section as well as many other records related to the operation of the permit shall be retained by the permittee for at least six (6) months and shall be made available upon the request of the transportation commission or the transportation inspector. The transportation inspector may request that the permittee forward the record to him or her on a monthly basis.

B. The records maintained pursuant to subsection A of this section as well as any other records related to the operation of the permit shall be retained by the permittee for at least six (6) months and shall be made available upon request of the transportation commission or the transportation inspector. The transportation inspector may request that the permittee forward the record to him or her on a monthly basis.

5.30.160 Single use of vehicle.

It is unlawful to use a regulated vehicle for any other transportation service regulated by Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC other than that service which is authorized on the permit.

5.30.170 Vehicle horn honking.

It is unlawful to honk the horn of a taxicab from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, and from 12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday.

Introduced by: Council Member Springer
Date: July 28, 2015
Referred to the Public Safety and
Transportation Commission for a 90 day
review period.
Public Hearing:
Action:
Vote:

5.30.180 Safety equipment tampering prohibited.

A. Except for maintenance or repair, no person shall disconnect, cover, misdirect or cause to be non-functional the radio identifier, silent electronic alarm, surveillance or security camera, or global positioning system in a regulated vehicle. Tampering with the safety equipment as described herein is a violation subject to civil penalty of:

1. First violation. \$250.00.
2. Second violation. \$500.00
3. Third violation. \$750.00.
4. Fourth violation. \$1,000.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This section shall become effective upon passage by the City Council.

ENACTED THIS ___ DAY OF _____ 2015, BY A VOTE OF ___ IN FAVOR AND ___ OPPOSED.

Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk



City of Bethel

Committees and Commissions

Recommendation to City Council

Committees and Commissions that wish to make a recommendation to City Council should turn this form in to the City Clerk or to the City Council representative on the committee or commission.

Committee/Commission: Public Safety & Transportation Commission	Chairman: Joan Dewey
Date Submitted: 01/25/2016	Council Rep: Chuck Herman
Issue:	
City Council's recommendation for PSTC to reconsider Ordinance 15-21: Cab Video Surveillance and GPS System Requirements.	
Recommendation: To accept, by Resolution,	
The Public Safety and Transportation Commission does not recommend Ordinance 15-21 due to the concerns of lack of due process for taxi drivers, the system being cost prohibitive, as well as concerns with privacy.	

Other: Passed unanimously by the PSTC on January 19th, 2016

Received by: _____
Date: _____