

ORDINANCE NO. 179

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA AMENDING CHAPTER 4.16 OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE FOR PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION BY ADDING SECTION 4.16.010K AND AMENDING SECTION 4.16.030P.

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel has consistently levied a Municipal Sales Tax on certain sales made in the City of Bethel and;

WHEREAS, Merchants in the City of Bethel have and do extend credit to some of their customers by billing their customers once a month for all purchases made or services rendered in the previous month and;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel has consistently administered Section 4.16.030P of the City's sales tax ordinance so as to treat all purchases made on credit on any billing cycle as separate sales and not as a single sale unit and;

WHEREAS, the intent of the City of Bethel regarding the sales tax treatment of purchases made on credit could be expressed in a more explicit manner by making clarifications to the language of Chapter 4.16 of the Bethel Municipal Code;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA THAT CHAPTER 4.16 OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE IS AMENDED FOR PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION OF THE PREVIOUS INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA BY ADDING SECTION 4.16.010K AND AMENDING SECTION 4.16.030P AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 4.16.010 DEFINITIONS.

K. "Single Sale Unit".

Single sale unit means that sale of a separate, single item or service which is customarily sold, advertised, contracted for sale or sold in the normal course of business as a separate and single item or unit or by a single unit of measurement (i.e. per gallon, ton, hour, day, week, month, foot sack, yard, pound, piece, group, each, box, set, package, or other common unit of measurement). A single sale unit shall include a sale by contract, quote, bid or other lump sum amount only if the sale is based on and computed as a single bid, quote, sum or package price rather than as an accumulation, sum or aggregation of prices of separately identifiable or separable unit prices as defined above.

Section 4.16.030 Exemptions -- Designated.

P. Over Ten Thousand Dollars.

That portion of the selling price of a single sale unit in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars, including that part of a periodic rental price of all types of property exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars is exempt. The periodic rental price is the amount owed on a monthly or more

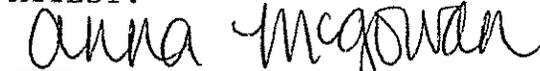
frequent period; Rentals exceeding a payment period of one (1) month are computed for sales tax purposes as though payment were to be made on a monthly basis.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24 DAY OF
May, 1988.



Diane Carpenter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Anna McGowan, City Clerk