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# CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

## Ordinance #07-20

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 5.20.020 OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE INCREASING TAXI CAB RATES

**WHEREAS**, the taxicab industry provides a valuable service to the community of Bethel 24 hours a day, seven days a week;

**WHEREAS**, the taxicab industry contributed \$148,365 worth of permit renewal fees to the City of Bethel in FY 2006;

**WHEREAS**, the recent shooting of a taxicab driver while on duty and other life-threatening crimes committed against taxicab drivers demonstrates the danger faced by those in the profession and points to the need to enhance the attractiveness of the profession;

**WHEREAS**, taxicab rates have remained the same in Bethel for the last six years—since the passage of Ordinance #01-12 on March 13, 2001;

**WHEREAS**, the cost of unleaded gasoline represents a major daily operating expense to taxicab drivers and the price of unleaded gasoline increased 60% from spring 2001 to spring 2007 (\$2.87 to \$4.61).

**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** That The Bethel City Council Increase Taxi Fares.

**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**. Chapter 5.20.020 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended as follows: (new language is underlined and old language is stricken out):

#### 5.20.020 Rates.

E. Rates for permitted transportation are as follows:	Old Rates	Maximum Rates
CAB FARES WITHIN THE CITY (including Bethel Heights)	<del>\$4.00</del>	<u>\$5.00</u>
FARE TO THE HOSPITAL	<del>\$4.00</del>	<u>\$5.00</u>
FARE TO THE TRAILER COURT, HANGAR LAKE, POWER PLANT	<del>\$4.00</del>	<u>\$5.00</u>
FARE TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT TO <u>AND FROM</u> ALL LOCATIONS, <u>EXCEPT KASAYULIE SUBDIVISION</u>	<del>\$6.00</del>	<u>\$7.00</u>
FARE TO B.I.A. AND TUNDRA RIDGE	<del>\$6.00</del>	<u>\$7.00</u>

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<u>FARE TO AND FROM KASAYULI SUBDIVISION</u>	<del>-\$10.00</del>	\$10.00
<u>FARE TO AND FROM HAROLDSON SUBDIVISION</u>		<u>\$7.00</u>
<u>HALF-HOUR FARE CHARTER</u>	<del>\$25.00</del>	<u>\$30.00</u>
<u>FARE AIRPORT TO AIRPORT</u>	<del>-\$4.00</del>	\$4.00
<u>SENIOR CITIZENS</u>		
<u>EN ROUTE STOPS</u>		
	<u>THE OLD FARE RATES</u>	
	<u>\$1.00 PER MINUTE</u>	<u>\$1.00 PER STOP, PLUS</u>
	<u>\$1.00 PER MINUTE AFTER THREE MINUTES</u>	

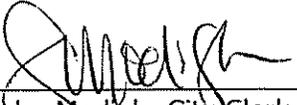
**5.20.160 Fees.**

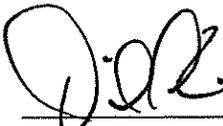
A. ~~One hundred fifty dollars (\$150)~~ One hundred eighty-five (\$185), in lieu of sales tax, fares shall be paid monthly to the transportation inspector for the issuance or renewal of a bus, limousine, dispatch service, or taxicab permit no later than the tenth (10th) of each month.

**SECTION 4. Effective date.** This ordinance shall become effective November 1, 2007.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2007, BY A VOTE OF 4 IN FAVOR AND 2 OPPOSED.**

ATTEST:

  
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Sandra Modigh, City Clerk

  
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Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor