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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #10-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY COMMITTEE AND REMOVING THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE AS A COUNCIL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City Manager established the Administrative Alternative Energy Committee in October 2005 with the purpose of evaluating, exploring, and appraising "the feasibility of developing alternative energy sources and resources that would have the potential to provide alternatives to the consumption of fossil fuels in order to supply electricity and other energy requirements needed by the community of Bethel;"

WHEREAS, membership in the Administrative Alternative Energy Committee has included City Council members, City employees, and members of the general public;

WHEREAS, the Administrative Alternative Energy Committee has met at least once monthly since November 2005;

WHEREAS, the current focus on alternative energy uses, and reducing the cost of electricity and cost of other fuel sources for the City and community of Bethel necessitates the elevation of the Administrative Alternative Energy Committee from and administrative committee that reports to the City Manager to an Energy Committee that reports to City Council;

WHEREAS, the City is interested in taking a more active role when considering new ways to conserve and protect the surrounding resources and the resources brought into the community; as well as ways to improve the manner to which the resources are used to allow for more efficient utilization of materials;

WHEREAS, by frequently discussing these issues and establishing solutions to their continued use, the committee will assist the community and the City in saving money by reducing the amount of energy and resources needed to maintain the same or better quality of life;

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WHEREAS, the Committee shall serve as a forum to review, recommend and suggest environmental projects and sustainability initiatives and develop a sustainability plan for the city, working to reduce the city's environmental footprint by minimizing its energy use while reducing greenhouse gas emissions, reducing the volume of waste generated, promoting the local economy and protecting its environment;

WHEREAS, the committee will make recommendations on legislative matters including but not limited to, resource matters, regional matters, air pollution regulations, environmental policies and initiatives, alternative energy sources.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, that:

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

SECTION 2. Amending Bethel Municipal Code, Chapter 2.52, Section 2.52.025. The Bethel Municipal Code, Chapter 2.52, Section 2.52.025, is to be amended as follows (new language to be inserted is underlined):

2.52.025 Committees.

A. There shall be a finance committee, a public works committee, a parks and recreation committee, ~~a cemetery committee~~ and a energy committee for the purposes of gathering information, conducting research, advising the city council regarding matters within their purview, and performing any other such duties as the city council may refer to them from time to time.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This section shall become effective 45 days upon the passage by the City Council.

ENACTED THIS 27 DAY OF APRIL, 2010 BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

Eric Middlebrook, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

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