

Introduced by: Council Member Hippler  
Introduction Date: February 09, 2010  
Public Hearing: February 09, 2010  
Action: Failed  
Vote: 1-6

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Ordinance #10-04**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ONE HOUR EACH MONTH OF ATTORNEY SERVICES TO DISCUSS CITY-RELATED ISSUES**

**WHEREAS**, the City Attorney represents the City of Bethel as a corporate entity;

**WHEREAS**, Council Members should have the opportunity to contact the City Attorney to discuss city-related issues and request advice or direction, as they are elected officials making important decisions that affect the state of affairs for the City of Bethel;

**WHEREAS**, the City attorney is currently operating on a 'billable hour' basis;

**WHEREAS**, a formal approval of excessive billable hours is necessary to protect the finances of the City;

**WHEREAS**, one hour per month will be made available to each individual Council Member, to discuss city-related issues, and these hours will not accumulate; if a Council Member does not use his or her monthly allotment, that one hour is lost;

**WHEREAS**, fifteen hours per month will be made available to the City Manager to discuss city-related issues, and such allotment shall not accumulate; if the City Manager does not use his monthly allotment, the remaining hours are lost;

**WHEREAS**, any direction given to the City Attorney to conduct research and/or work on a project that will exceed the allowed monthly time must be authorized by the Mayor and reported promptly to the City Council;

**WHEREAS**, the details of any conversation/consultation between the City Attorney and a Council Member or employee of the City shall be made available in writing by the City Attorney to other Council Members upon request;

**WHEREAS**, council members utilizing the services of the City Attorney must notify the City Clerk and Mayor in writing stating the date, time and summary of the consultation to be included in the Clerk's Report at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the City Council of Bethel Alaska as follows:

**SECTION 1. Classification.** This ordinance is of permanent nature and shall not be codified within the Bethel Municipal Code.

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**SECTION 2. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective upon passage by the Bethel City Council.

**ENACTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF FEBRUARY 2010, BY A VOTE OF \_\_ IN FAVOR AND \_\_ OPPOSED.**

ATTEST:

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Joseph Klejka, Mayor

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Lori Strickler, City Clerk