

Introduced by: Council Member Rodgers
Date: February 9, 1999
Referred to: Transportation Comm.
Public Hearing: April 13, 1999
Action:
Vote:

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

ORDINANCE #99-02

A ORDINANCE INCREASING THE MINIMUM MANDATORY INSURANCE REQUIRED FOR TAXICABS

WHEREAS, as commercial carriers, cab companies are held to the highest duty of care for the safety of their passengers; and

WHEREAS, some of the cab companies in Bethel are operated by transient individuals, without assets or property; and

WHEREAS, the public in Bethel who ride in such cabs should be fully compensated for any injuries they receive while riding in these cabs; and

WHEREAS, right now, the mandatory minimum insurance for such cab companies is only \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, if a member of the public was killed or severely injured in such cab, this minimum amount may not compensate the person or his/her family; and

WHEREAS, if many passengers were injured, this minimum amount of insurance may not fully compensate them; and

WHEREAS, the public will not be able to collect against the cab owner for damages because most are judgement proof; and

WHEREAS, there have been individuals in Bethel who were not fully compensated for a cab's negligent conduct because the cab owner left town and did not have any assets; and

WHEREAS, hotels and other business in town which serve the public in Bethel are required to have at least \$1,000,000.00 worth of insurance;

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

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

SECTION 2. Amendment of Section: BMC Section 5.30.110B is amended to read:

110B. The insurance required by this section for vehicles for hire shall provide minimum coverage in the amount of \$50,000/\$100,000.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective _____, 1999.

ENACTED THIS * DAY OF *, 1999, by a vote of * in favor and * opposed.

Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor

Gaye J. Vaughan, City Clerk