



CITY OF BETHEL

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Introduced By: Council Member Notti
Date: May 26, 1998
Public Hearing: June 9, 1998
Action: Enacted
Vote: Unanimous

ORDINANCE NO. 98-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 2.25.020 OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION, POWERS & DUTIES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL:

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

Section 2. Severability. If any part or provision of the ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstances is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgement shall be confined in its operation to the part, provision, or application directly involved in the controversy in which this judgement shall have been rendered, and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or application thereof to other persons or circumstances. The City Council hereby declares that it would have enacted the remainder of this ordinance even without such part, provision, or application.

Section 3. Amendment of Section. Bethel Municipal Code Section 2.25.020 is amended to read (new text is in bold and underlined).

2.25.020 Powers and Duties

- A. The commission is empowered to.
1. Hear and review public safety concerns and advise the City Council on these issues;
 2. Hear and review citizen complaints regarding the Police and Fire Departments and provide suggestions for resolution to the City Manager.
 3. Produce interim or special reports on specific public safety concerns that the commission believes will affect the City of Bethel;

i) Be provided with basic, normal and customary information that pertains to the perfunctory operation of the departments;

ii) Upon request to the departments through the City Manager, information requested be provided in a reasonable time line to allow the commission to conduct its business.

4. Inform the City Council on municipal and state legislation relevant to public safety;
5. Support municipal legislative programs on state issues relevant to public safety;
6. Review information presented regarding the availability of all Federal, State, municipal and private resources for public safety in the city, and advise the City Council.
7. Perform such other duties as the City Council may refer to it from time to time;

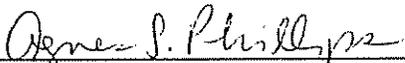
8. Do such other acts as are necessary and proper to the performance of the duties and functions set forth in this chapter.

B. Nothing in this Chapter should be construed to provide the following authority to the Public Safety Commission:

1. To hear or advise on any concerns or complaints related to potential or pending litigation with the City of Bethel,
2. To review or advise on any complaints, concerns or negotiation strategies related to labor contracts with the City of Bethel;
3. To review or advise on any hiring or disciplinary decisions made by the Bethel Police or Fire Departments;
4. To review or advise on past, pending or potential grievance, arbitration or administrative matters that pertain to public safety personnel;
5. To review any personnel files of public safety employees;
6. To review police reports and records unless compliance with AS 47.10.093, AS 9.25.120, AS 12.61.110, AS 11.41.300(a)(1)(c), 11.41.410-11.41.460, and AS 12.62.160 is met prior to review. (Ord. No. 95-35, Enacted, 11/28/95)

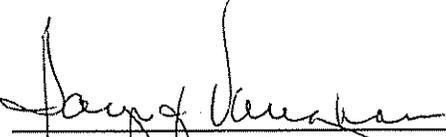
Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 1998, by a vote of 6 YEA,
 0 NAY, and 0 ABSTAINING.**



Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gaye J. Vaughan, City Clerk