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Vote:	

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #07-09

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	New Rates
CAB FARES WITHIN THE CITY (including Bethel Heights)	~~$4.00~~	$5.00
FARE TO THE HOSPITAL	~~$4.00~~	$5.00
FARE TO THE TRAILER COURT, HANGAR LAKE, POWER PLANT	~~$4.00~~	$5.00
FARE TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT TO AND FROM ALL LOCATIONS, EXCEPT KASAYULIE SUBDIVISION	~~$6.00~~	$7.00

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FARE TO B.I.A. AND TUNDRA RIDGE	~~$6.00~~	$7.00
FARE TO AND FROM KASAYULI SUBDIVISION	~~$10.00~~	$10.00
FARE TO AND FROM HAROLDSON SUBDIVISION		$7.00
HALF-HOUR FARE CHARTER	~~$25.00~~	$30.00
FARE AIRPORT TO AIRPORT	~~$4.00~~	$4.00

SENIOR CITIZENS	THE OLD FARE RATES	
EN ROUTE STOPS	~~$1.00 PER MINUTE~~	$1.00 PER STOP, PLUS $1.00 PER MINUTE AFTER THREE MINUTES

5.20.160 Fees.

A. ~~One hundred fifty dollars ($150)~~ One hundred sixty-five ($165), 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 immediately upon passage by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2007, by a vote of ____ in favor and ____ opposed.

ATTEST:

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Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor

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Sandra Modigh, City Clerk