

Introduced by: Vice-Mayor Leinberger  
Date: February 10, 2009  
Public Hearing: February 24, 2009  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 5-0

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Ordinance #09-02**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.04.055 SECTIONS D AND E PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the council is not currently allowed to ask questions of people signed up and speaking under people to be heard unless the item is on the agenda;

**WHEREAS**, a council member may want to establish clarification on a topic brought up under people to be heard and allow the same information to be shared with the entire body;

**WHEREAS**, the council may only ask questions for clarification of an individual, council members may not enter into a dialoged with the individual or solicit or persuade a vote or side on an issue;

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

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

**SECTION 2. Amending Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 2.04.055** The Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 2.04.055, the Bethel Municipal Code is to be amended as follows (new language is underlined and old language is stricken out):

#### **2.04.055 Public participation.**

D. A council member may only ask questions(s) of a person or persons signed up under people to be heard, a question only if the question pertains to an item on the agenda during public hearing of ordinance or as otherwise permitted.

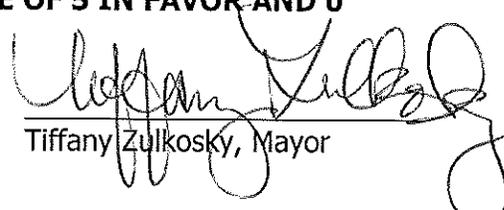
~~E. If a council member has a question of a person or persons signed up under people to be heard and is or has addressed the council during people to be heard they may do so only if the question addresses an item on the agenda.~~

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This section shall become effective immediately upon the passage by the City Council.

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**ENACTED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2009, BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 0  
OPPOSED.**

ATTEST  
  
Lori Strickler, City Clerk

  
Tiffany Zulkosky, Mayor