

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 86-2

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA,
ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR WATERCRAFT OPERATION ON THE
KUSKOKWIM RIVER AT BETHEL.

WHEREAS, recreation, commercial, and fishing activity has
increased on the Kuskokwim River at Bethel; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide for the orderly use of the
waterway at Bethel to protect the life and property of
the residents of Bethel and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta; and

WHEREAS, present State law and local ordinances do not adequately
provide for the regulation of all watercraft using the
river; and

WHEREAS, the summer river season has begun at Bethel with the need
to provide adequate regulation of watercraft using the
Kuskokwim River at Bethel in order to protect the life
and property of the residents of Bethel and the Yukon-
Kuskokwim Delta.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA,
THAT EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 86-2 IS ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS - watercraft operating on the inland waters
and river within the City of Bethel shall:
 - a. carry and exhibit between the hours of sunset and sunrise
at least one white light to show all around the horizon;
 - b. carry at least one life preserver or lifebelt or ring buoy
or other device of the sort approved by the United States
Coast Guard for each person on board, so placed as to be
readily accessible;
 - c. carry a fire extinguisher capable of promptly and effectively
extinguishing flammable liquids.
2. ENFORCEMENT - a peace officer may enforce this emergency ordinance
and in the exercise of enforcement may stop and board watercraft
subject to this emergency ordinance.
3. DEFINITIONS
 - a. operate - to navigate or otherwise use a watercraft for
recreational, subsistence, or commercial purposes;
 - b. watercraft - every description of vessel used or capable of
being used as a means of transportation on water;
 - c. peace officer - means City of Bethel Police Officer, River
Patrol Officer, Bethel Harbormaster, Alaska State Trooper,
and any other State or Federal Officer authorized to patrol
the waterways of the State of Alaska;

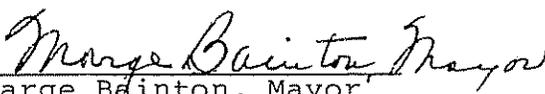
4. PENALTY - violators of Emergency Ordinance 86-2 may be subject to a fine not to exceed \$ 100.00 for each violation.

THIS EMERGENCY ORDINANCE IS EFFECTIVE WITH PASSAGE FOR A PERIOD OF 60 DAYS.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF JUNE, 1986.

ATTEST:


Wayne J. Majers, City Clerk


Marge Bainton, Mayor