

Introduced by: City Manager Herron
Date: October 22, 2002
Public Hearing: November 26, 2002
Public Hearing: December 10, 2002
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

ORDINANCE #02-35

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING APPROXIMATELY 9.5 ACRES OF THE AREA COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "SAND PIT" AS A THIRD CITY CEMETERY SITE AND RELATING TO THE PROCESS FOR SURVEYING CITY CEMETERIES

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

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is permanent in nature and shall be placed in the Bethel Municipal Code.

Section 2. Amendment of Section 13.20.070 Section 13.20.070 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended as follows (new language underlined; deleted language stricken out):

13.20.070 City Cemeteries Designated.

- A. ~~The municipal cemetery owned and operated by the City, located at PLAT #81-4, known as Ridgecrest Memorial Cemetery; and the municipal cemetery owned and operated by the City, located at PLAT #97-24, known as Ptarmigan Memorial Cemetery; and~~ approximately 9.5 acres adjoining the west boundary of the Bethel Airport in the area commonly known as the "Sand Pit" located within Sections 13 and 14, T. 8 N., R. 72 W., Seward Meridian are hereby dedicated for burial purposes and shall be made available subject to the provisions of this chapter to all persons regardless of sex, race, creed, color, age, religion, disability, national origin or other legally protected status. The above referenced cemeteries are designated as City cemeteries. After the 9.5 acres in the "Sand Pit" is formally surveyed as provided for in 13.20.070.B, the formally surveyed area shall be designated as a municipal cemetery, and the City shall name the cemetery.
- B. ~~The City Clerk will cause the City cemeteries to be surveyed, laid out and platted into burial lots, duly numbered, and a map thereof made and kept on file at the City. The City Manager will cause the boundaries of the City cemeteries to be surveyed, platted and the plats recorded with the District Recorders Office. The City Clerk will cause a map to be developed within the platted boundaries of the City cemeteries that depicts burial lots, an identification system of burial lots, access ways, fencing, open spaces and all other features that will facilitate the orderly use and maintenance of the cemeteries. The map shall be kept on file at the City.~~

- C. By resolution, the City Council may close City cemeteries, or portions thereof, for additional burial due to capacity limits or other reasons consistent with protection of the public safety, health, and welfare.
- D. The City may, in its sole and exclusive discretion, limit or deny access to certain or all areas of a City cemetery, or limit or deny use of burial lots at City cemeteries. Any person who does not comply with such closure or limited access shall be in violation of this Chapter.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ENACTED THIS 10th DAY OF January 2002, by unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

Janette Persinger, City Clerk