

Introduced by: Council Member  
Trantham & Council  
Member Rodgers  
Date: February 13, 2006  
Public Hearing: March 28, 2006  
April 11, 2006  
April 25, 2006  
June 13, 2006  
July 25, 2006  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 4-2

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Ordinance #06-05**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALES TAX CODE TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS' HEATING FUEL.**

**WHEREAS** the cost of living has increased in the recent years;

**WHEREAS** the cost of heating fuel has dramatically increased in the last few years;

**WHEREAS** the City of Bethel recognizes that most senior citizens living in Bethel live on a fixed income and they are markedly burdened by the high cost of heating their homes; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Bethel seeks to give further tax relief to the senior citizens of this area.

**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. Addition to Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 4.16.040** The Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 4.16.040 existing on the date of this ordinance is hereby modified to add this section X to the sales and payments which are exempt from sales tax:

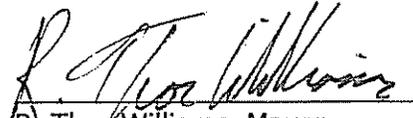
Y. The payment for #1 stove oil used as heating fuel by a senior citizen for a single dwelling occupied as the senior citizen's primary residence and permanent place of abode. The senior citizen shall provide proof at the time of payment of a current and valid senior citizen exemption certificate issued to the person under Section 4.16.050C of this chapter.

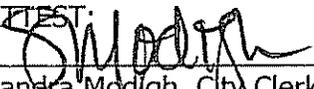
**SECTION 4. Review.** Upon introduction of this ordinance by the Bethel City Council, this ordinance shall be sent to the finance committee for their recommendation regarding this ordinance. It will then be presented back to the city council for their vote on passage of this ordinance.

**SECTION 5. Effective Date.** This section shall become effective immediately upon the passage by the City Council.

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**ENACTED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2006, BY A VOTE OF 4 IN FAVOR AND 2  
OPPOSED.**

  
R. Thor Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Sandra Modigh, City Clerk