



CITY OF BETHEL

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Introduced By: Council Member Rodgers
Date: May 26, 1998
Public Hearing: June 9, 1998
Action: Enacted
Vote: Unanimous

ORDINANCE NO. 98-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 1.20.060 OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED ANNUAL ELECTION

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is general and permanent in nature and shall become a part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

Section 2. Severability. If any part or provision of the ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstances is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgement shall be confined in its operation to the part, provision, or application directly involved in the controversy in which this judgement shall have been rendered, and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or application thereof to other persons or circumstances. The City Council hereby declares that it would have enacted the remainder of this ordinance even without such part, provision, or application.

Section 2. Amendment of Section. Bethel Municipal Code Section 1.20.060 is amended to read (new text is underlined, deleted text is overstruck):

1.20.601 Annual Election.

There shall be held on the first Tuesday of October in each year in the City an election for the purpose of electing three council members in even numbered years and four council members in odd numbered years. **The term of office shall be ~~two~~ three years.** Council candidates shall run at large.

Those candidates receiving the largest number of votes greater than forty percent (40%) of the total votes cast for all the candidates divided by the number of seats being elected shall be seated on the City Council. A runoff election shall be held if not enough candidates receive the minimum number of votes required for election.

The runoff election shall be held within 3 weeks of the date of certification for the election for which runoff is required. A notice of the runoff election shall be published at least 5 days before the election date. The runoff election shall be between those candidates which received the highest number of votes but failed to receive the minimum number of votes required for election. No more than 4 Council seats will be designated 1 through 7 for convenience only.

Voters will be able to cast the same number of votes as the number of seats being elected. Voters may not cast more than one vote for a candidate.

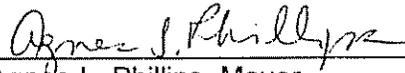
There shall be no limitation on the number of terms a person may serve on the City Council.

A Mayor and an Acting Mayor shall be elected each year by and from the Council members. (Amd. 1 to Ord. 46, 1991; Prior code §2.44.060, Ord. 96-13, 1996).

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

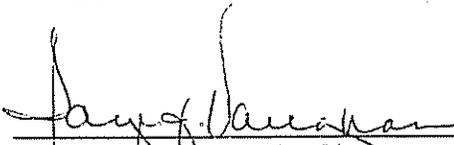
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF JUNE, 1998, by a vote of 6 YEA,
0 NAY, and 0 ABSTAINING.

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Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gaye J. Vaughan, City Clerk

**City of Bethel
City Council
Term Lengths**

one time only = *			
special term length = (a, b or c)			
seats	elected	term	expires
1	98	2 yr*	2000(a)
2	98	2 yr*	2000(b)
3	98	3 yr	2001
4	99	2 yr*	2001(c)
5	99	3 yr	2002
6	99	3 yr	2002
7	99	3 yr	2002
1	2000(a)	3 yr	2003
2	2000(b)	3 yr	2003
3	2001	3 yr	2004
4	2001(c)	3 yr	2004
5	2002	3 yr	2005
6	2002	3 yr	2005
7	2002	3 yr	2005
1	2003	3 yr	2006
2	2003	3 yr	2006
3	2004	3 yr	2007
4	2004	3 yr	2007
5	2005	3 yr	2008
6	2005	3 yr	2008
7	2005	3 yr	2008