

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #10-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE 3.64.060 POLITICAL ACTIVITY TO ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS AUTHORIZING PUBLIC SAFETY VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel (City) supports public safety volunteers and recognizes the intensive training they undergo to qualify for volunteer public safety positions;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare to have as many trained public safety volunteers as needed serving the City and its citizens;

WHEREAS, members of the City Council should not be precluded from serving as a council member and as public safety volunteers because, on balance, serving in both capacities serves the public's interest;

WHEREAS, the City Council declares that it is not an incompatible office and does not create a conflict of interests to serve as a council member addressing public safety issues and as a public safety volunteer.

Now, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of Bethel Alaska as follows:

SECTION 1. Classification. This ordinance is of permanent nature and shall be codified within the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Amendment. Section 3.64.060 of the Bethel Municipal Code are hereby amended as follows (new language is underlined and old language is stricken out):

3.64.060 Political activity.

- A. An employee who is elected as a member of the Bethel city council or to a state or national elected political office shall immediately resign from city employment. In this section, "elected" means the status of a candidate upon certification of a local election or at the time of the candidate is sworn into a state or national office following an election.
- B. It is not an incompatible office for a city council member to serve simultaneously as a council member and in a volunteer public safety position.

Introduced by: City Manager Foley
Introduction Date: June 8, 2010
Public Hearing: June 22, 2010
Action: Passed
Vote: 5-1

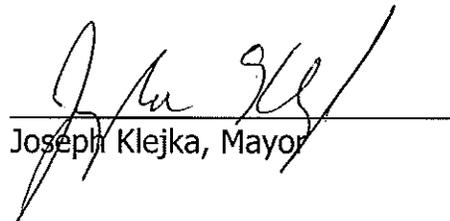
For purposes of this section a city council member serving as a public safety volunteer is not a city employee.

- C. It is not a conflict of interest to serve as a council member addressing public safety issues and as a public safety volunteer.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage by the Bethel City Council.

ENACTED THIS 22 DAY OF JUNE 2010, BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 1 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:



Joseph Klejka, Mayor



Lori Strickler, City Clerk