

REPEALED 8-1-84 WJM

CITY OF BETHEL

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 84-4

AN ORDINANCE DELCARING AN EMERGENCY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INTO THE CITY OF BETHEL FOR A PERIOD OF FORTY FIVE (45) DAYS.

WHEREAS, in recent weeks there has been an extraordinary increase in alcohol related problems within the City, and

WHEREAS, these problems include sharp increases in violent crime and alcohol-related accidental deaths, and

WHEREAS, the City Police Department and other service agencies are currently overwhelmed with demands for service in connection with alcohol-related emergency situations, and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines that a forty five (45) day moratorium on importation of alcoholic beverages is necessary in order to prevent a breakdown of the City's ability to maintain public safety and order, and

WHEREAS, the City expects to utilize the moratorium to review in-depth its options for a more permanent solution to the City's alcohol-related problems.

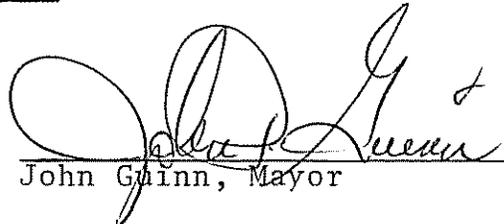
NOW, THEREFORE, the Council for the City of Bethel ordains:

Section 1. Emergency. In accordance with AS 29.48.160, an emergency exists in the City of Bethel in that alcohol-related crimes, accidents and other public disturbances have reached a level which existing City services and enforcement agencies are unable to manage effectively, with the result that there is a serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare.

Section 2. Ban on Importation. For a period of forty five (45) days from the effective date of this emergency ordinance, no person shall import or cause to be imported into the City of Bethel any alcoholic beverage, as defined in AS 04.21.080(b)(1). Violation of this ordinance is a civil offense, punishable by confiscation of the alcoholic beverages imported in violation hereof.

Section 3. Approval. This ordinance takes effect immediately upon passage and approval of all members of the Council present and voting, or three-fourths (3/4) of the total membership of the council, whichever is less.

DATED this 18 day of July, 1984, at Bethel, Alaska.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John Guinn, Mayor

ATTEST:

*for* Anna Wassilie  
City Clerk