Introduced by: Finance Committee
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Public Hearing: September 28, 2010
Action: Not Introduced
Vote:

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #10-31

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4.14.020 INCREASING THE TRANSIENT LODGING BUSINESS TAX FROM THREE (3) PERCENT TO SIX (6) PERCENT

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel "City" currently has established a transient lodging business tax in the amount of three percent (3%) of the gross receipts of the operator from the rental of rooms;

WHEREAS, the excise tax known as a "bed tax" is much higher in other communities in Alaska and represents an opportunity to realize income from transient visitors to the Bethel community;

WHEREAS, the additional revenue realized from such an increase is expected to be around $120,000 a year and could possibly be used to pursue energy efficiencies that would save money on energy costs.

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 4.14.020 of the Bethel Municipal Code are hereby amended as follows (new language is underlined and old language is stricken out):

4.14.020 Levy, payment, collection and distribution of tax revenues.

Subject to the provisions of this chapter, there is levied a transient lodging business tax on all operators in an amount equal to ~~three (3)~~ six (6) percent of the gross receipts of the operator from the rental of rooms.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective beginning with reporting period for January 2011.

ENACTED THIS 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, BY A VOTE OF _____ IN FAVOR AND ____ OPPOSED.

Introduced by: Mayor Klejka
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ATTEST:

Joseph Klejka, Mayor

Lori Strickler, City Clerk