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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #07-23

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE 2.52.040-BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND COMMISSION MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS

WHEREAS, seats on the City of Bethel Committee and Commissions are voluntary;

WHEREAS, the work of functioning Committees and Commissions bring attention to issues within the community that may not be immediately recognized by the Bethel City Council;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel Committees and Commissions have not been able to operate at full capacity for over 12 months;

WHEREAS, the community of Bethel is transient in nature; however, involvement in the community may decrease resident turnover;

WHEREAS, shortening length of required residency may help promote civic engagement among current Bethel residents, as well as prospective residents.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, that:

SECTION 1. Classification. This ordinance is permanent in nature and shall be placed in the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Amendment. Chapter 2.52.040 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended as follows: (new language is underlined and old language is stricken out):

2.52.040 Qualifications

In addition to any other qualifications required by this code, a member:

A. Shall have been a resident of the city for ~~one (1) year~~ six (6) months;

B. Shall remain a resident of the city while in office.

C. Except as provided in BMS 2.52.170, a city employee shall not be appointed to a committee, commission, or board which conducts any business that concerns or relates to the department where the employee works. A city employee may, however, be appointed to a

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committee, commission, or board which conducts business that concerns or relates to another city department.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage by the City Council.

ENACTED THIS 13th DAY OF OCTOBER 2007, BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 2 OPPOSED.

Mary Kenick, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Modigh, City Clerk