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## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Ordinance #10-13**

#### **AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #07-08 DESIGNATING AN ANNUAL BUDGETARY ALLOTMENT FOR ALL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE BETHEL AQUATIC TRAINING AND HEALTH CENTER**

**WHEREAS** the Bethel City Council has the authority to designate funds for certain projects within the City of Bethel;

**WHEREAS** the community of Bethel, with approximately 5,803 permanent residents, currently has no public or private facility that offers a variety of indoor recreation opportunities, such as the use of a swimming pool, fitness center, or weight room/exercise room on a daily basis;

**WHEREAS** the need for a community recreation facility was expressed by the public as a priority in the 1979 Community Comprehensive Plan and has been mentioned in every community plan since 1982;

**WHEREAS** the Community Economic Development Strategy Plan (2003), co-produced by the City of Bethel and Orutsararmiut Native Council, is a plan containing input from the Bethel community over the course of one year that recommends that the City of Bethel work with other partners to "develop healthy activities for youth and adults" and "obtain funds to construct and build a recreational center;"

**WHEREAS** the City of Bethel Multiuse Recreation Facility Plan (2005) states that "significant local financial support over the long term will be required," to develop a recreation facility, and that "the larger the percentage of total cost contributed locally, the quicker the project will move from idea to reality;"

**WHEREAS** the proposed Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center will contain a four-lane swimming pool, family swim area, kiddie pool, hot tub, fitness room, and exercise/weight room that will provide many benefits to residents and visitors, including increased health and longevity, employment and entrepreneurship opportunities, a place to socialize and be a spectator or participant, and incentive for the recruitment and retention of employees;

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

**SECTION 1. Classification.** This ordinance is of a permanent nature and shall not be codified within the Bethel Municipal Code.

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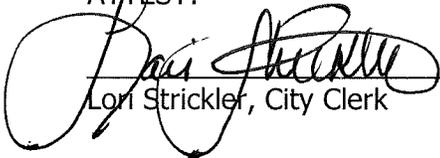
**Designation of Annual Budgetary Allotment.**

- A. The City of Bethel shall ~~designate an allotment of \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars) annually for the purpose of construction, operation, and/or maintenance of a multiuse recreation facility to be built within the city limits of Bethel, Alaska.~~ transfer an amount equal to one-half of one percent of sales taxes collected to a designated interest-bearing account established for use on the Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center;
- ~~B. The \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars) must be spent each year or saved in an interest bearing account for up to two years.~~
- ~~C. That at no time shall the designated interest bearing account accumulate more than \$1,050,000.~~
- B. All funds expended deposited to from the designated interest-bearing account shall be allowed to accumulate as needed and will be used to pay for the all expenses related to the development and operation of the Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center, including but not limited to, design, promotion, construction, operation, repair and maintenance of a City of Bethel Multiuse Recreation Facility. multiuse recreational facility to be built in the city limits of Bethel, Alaska.
- C. The City Manager and/or his designee shall be responsible for administering the funds and insuring that the proceeds from said designated interest bearing account are spent for the purposes stated.

**SECTION 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

**ENACTED THIS 11 DAY OF MAY 2010, BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 2 OPPOSED.**

ATTEST:

  
Lori Strickler, City Clerk

  
Joseph Klejka, Mayor