

Introduced by: Council member Williams  
Date: September 9, 1997  
Public Hearing: September 23, 1997  
Action: Failed to be introduced  
Vote: 3-Yes, 2-No (Notti, Phillips)

**ORDINANCE #97-27**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA, AMENDING TITLE 4, TO  
INCREASE THE CITY SALES TAX FROM 5% TO 7%.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Classification. This is a code ordinance.

Section 2. Amendment. Title 4, Section 4.16.020, is amended as follows:

4.16.020 Imposition--Rate--Exceptions.

A. There shall be levied and collected a sales tax of ~~five~~ seven percent of the selling price on all retail sales transactions in the city except as provided in subsection B of this section.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective upon passage.

Section 4. Election

a. The City Clerk shall place a proposition reading substantially as follows on the ballot to be presented to the voters of the City of Bethel at the next regular municipal election.

**Proposition B - Sales Tax Increase Authorization**

**“Shall the City of Bethel increase the sales tax from the current rate  
of 5% to a rate of 7%?**

**THIS IS A BINDING VOTE.**

Yes       No

A **Yes** vote means you want the City of Bethel to increase the sales tax from 5% to 7%.

A **No** vote means you do **NOT** want the City of Bethel to increase the sales tax from 5% to 7%.

b. The tax increase enacted under Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be effective on January 1, 1998, but only if the proposition required under this section of the Ordinance is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question at the next regular municipal election.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1997.

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Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:

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L.J. Warren, City Clerk