

Introduced by: City Manager Herron
Date: July 10, 2001
Public Hearing: July 24, 2001
Action: Passed
Vote: Unanimous 7-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

ORDINANCE #01-30

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTERS 5.20, 5.30 and 5.40 OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING REGULATION OF TAXICABS

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 of Section 5.20.160. Section 5.20.160 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended as follows (new language is underlined):

5.20.160 Fees.

The following fees shall be payable to the City of Bethel:

H. \$25.00 shall be paid to the Transportation Inspector for administration of the examination required in section 5.40.020.C of the Bethel Municipal Code, except that this payment shall not be required the first time that an applicant for a chauffeur's license takes the examination.

Section 3. Amendment of Section 5.40.020. Section 5.40.020 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended as follows (new language is underlined):

5.40.020 Application for license.

A. An application for a chauffeur's license shall be made to the Transportation Inspector.

B. An application shall be submitted on a form approved by the Transportation Inspector and shall be accompanied by:

1. The fee specified in section 5.20.160;
2. Photographs to be taken by the Transportation Inspector;
3. A complete set of fingerprints made by the Bethel Police Department or the Transportation Inspector on an FBI-approved form;

4. A certificate from a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state, or other health care practitioner licensed in the state to perform such testing, verifying the applicant's physical ability to drive, and proof of a negative drug test from a City-approved drug and alcohol testing facility;

5. Proof that the applicant currently holds a valid state driver's license which entitles him or her to operate a vehicle by which persons are transported for compensation, has held a valid driver's license in Alaska or another state in the United States for at least one year before the date of the application, and has not accumulated more than 8 points against his or her Alaska driver's license or an equivalent number of points against a license issued by another state for at least one year before the date of the application;

6. Proof that the applicant is at least 18 years old; and

7. Proof that the ~~application~~ applicant has complied with paragraphs C and D of this section.

C. An application shall not be complete until the applicant has passed an examination administered by the Transportation Inspector or his or her designee that tests the applicant's knowledge of and has satisfactorily completed a Commission-approved course of study encompassing safe driving, safe vehicle maintenance, knowledge of city streets and significant locations, driver personal safety, drug and alcohol testing requirements, and any other subjects the Commission finds to be in the public interest of ensuring safe and responsible public transportation. The course will include check ride certification for new chauffeurs by persons authorized by the Transportation Inspector to conduct check rides. The examination shall consist of a written test and a driving test. If an applicant fails either the written or the driving portion of the examination three times in a calendar year, the applicant may not reapply for a chauffeur's license for one year from the date of the third failure.

D. Applicants for a chauffeur's license must show proof of successful passage of the ~~chauffeur training and testing program~~ written and driving portions of the examination required in subsection C above, and proof of payment of any fees required in Chapters 5.20 through 5.50.

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E. Any person who has been denied a license pursuant to this chapter may not apply again for such a license for a period of one year.

Section 4. Repeal of Section 5.30.150. Section 5.30.150 is hereby repealed.

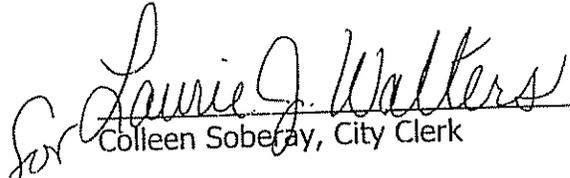
Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF JULY 2001, by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

ATTEST:



Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers, Mayor



Colleen Soberay, City Clerk