

Introduced by: Council Member  
Hoffman  
Date August 5, 2009  
Public Hearing: August 11, 2009  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 6-0

## ***CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA***

### **ORDINANCE #09-21**

#### **AN ORDINANCE MAINTAINING THE 6% SALES AND USE TAX RATE , AND PLACING THE ISSUE ON THE OCTOBER 6, 2009 BALLOT**

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the City of Bethel ("City") authorized an increase in the sales and use tax to: (i) a rate of six percent (6%) for a period terminating on January 1, 2010, and (ii) a rate of five and one half percent (5.5%) from January 1, 2010 through October 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2027, the sales and use tax is to be reduced to a rate of five percent (5%).

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

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

**SECTION 2. Election.** An election is to be held on October 6, 2009 in and for the City for the purpose of submitting a ballot proposition to the qualified voters of the City for approval or rejection. The proposition must receive a majority vote of the qualified voters in the City voting on the question to be approved. The Proposition shall be substantially in the following form:

Shall the current sales and use tax be maintained in the City of Bethel at the rate of six percent (6%)? (Ordinance No. 09-21).

Currently, the sales and use tax rate is six percent (6%). This sales and use tax rate of six percent (6%) is to be reduced on January 1, 2010 to five and one half percent (5.5%), and reduced further on October 2, 2027 to a rate of five percent (5%). A yes vote would cause the sales and use tax to be maintained at a rate of six percent (6%).

**SECTION 3. Ballots.** The proposition, both for paper ballots and machine ballots, shall be printed on a ballot which may set forth other ballot propositions, and the following words shall be added as appropriate and next to a square provided for marking the ballot for voting by a machine.

PROPOSITION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Yes

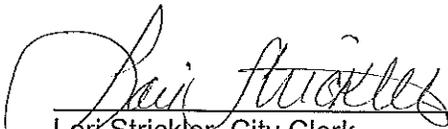
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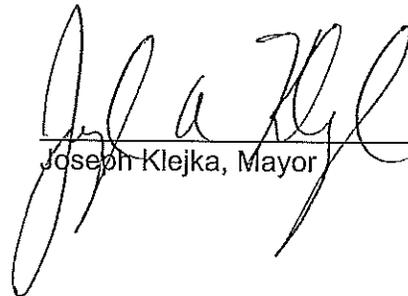
**SECTION 4. Intent.** Effective January 1, 2010, the sales and use tax in the City shall be set at the rate of six percent (6%)

**SECTION 5. Effective Date** Section 4 of this ordinance shall become effective only if the proposition described in Section 3 above is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposition at the regular election held on October 6, 2009. The remaining sections of this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

**ENACTED THIS 11 DAY OF AUGUST, 2009, BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.**

ATTEST:

  
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Lori Strickler, City Clerk

  
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Joseph Klejka, Mayor