

ORDINANCE 62

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDANCE 62 PROVIDING FOR THE
THE REGULATION OF AND SETTING FARES FOR TAXI CABS AND
MOTOR BUSSES BY THE CITY OF BETHEL AND SETTING AN
EFFECIVE DATE.

Under AS 29.48.030 (12), AS 29.48.035 (a) (2) (4) and AS 29.48.130 (7)
the City may regulate "licensing of drivers of taxi cabs, for hire Auto
mobiles, Motor busses or other vehicles for the transportation of passengers
or baggage." It may also regulate licensing and operation of motor vehicles,
regulating and fixing of fares.

Sec. 52-1 Definitions:

(a) Chauffeur's permits: Whenever used herein shall be deemed to
mean a license granted by the city to operate any taxicab or motor bus upon
the streets of Bethel as the driver or chauffeur thereof.

(b) Taxicab: Is and shall be deemed for the purpose of this Ordinance
to mean a motor vehicle used for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire
or pay, upon the public streets of Bethel, but not limited in its operation
to any particular route, and not exceeding a seven-passenger capacity,
including the driver, for a sedan, and nine passenger capacity, including
the driver, for a van.

(c) ~~Taxicab~~ and Motor Bux Permit: Whenever used herein shall be
deemed to mean the permit or license granted by the City of Bethel to any
person or business organization to operate or keep for hire, any taxicab or
motor bus, as the case may be, within the City of Bethel, or upon the public
streets thereof.

(d) "Motor Bus": shall mean any motor vehicle having a seating capacity of nine (9) persons or more, according to manufactures rating, operating over established and fixed routes or under private charter agreement, and serving the public at large or any person who is willing to pay the fare or fees assessed.

Sec. 52-2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITS

Every person, including all officers, agents, servants, employees and chauffeurs of any corporation, company, or individual business licensed as provided in this ordinance shall possess the following qualifications:

- (a) Ability to read and write the English language.
- (b) Nonaddiction or the use of intoxicants or narcotics.
- (c) Good moral character and repute as determined by arrest records and two affidavits of character from references.
- (d) No conviction of a felony for ten years previous to date of application; no conviction at any time of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or assault with a deadly weapon or use of or traffic in narcotic drugs or traffic in women for immoral purposes.

In addition to the requirements set forth in this section, all chauffeur's shall possess a current State of Alaska drivers license, a physician's certificate as to a physical ability to operate a for-hire vehicle, this medical certificate not to be issued earlier than 30 days prior to application for chauffeurs permit. Applicant must be 19 years of age or older.

Sec. 52-3. FINGERPRINTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, ETC.

Each applicant for a taxicab or a chauffeur's permit under the provisions of this ordinance shall make application on blanks furnished by the Police department and shall submit together with his application:

- (a) The necessary fees, if any.
- (b) Two photographs of applicant taken within six months of application.
- (c) Two affidavits of his (her) good moral character from reputable citizens who have known the applicant at least six months prior to date of application.

Item (c) of this section shall also apply to officers, agents, servants, and employees (employed in Bethel) of corporations or companies, associations and partnerships.

Sec. 52-14. REGULATION AND DISPLAY OF FARES

The City Council may regulate the fares for the use of any motor vehicle for hire licensed pursuant to this ordinance. Before any of said regulations shall be effective the City Council shall hold a public hearing. Notice of this hearing shall be given to all owners of vehicles affected by the regulations. Fares shall be at all times posted in a conspicuous place in the interior of the vehicle, and said fares shall be nondiscriminatory. Receipt for fare must be given upon request of the passengers.

(a) Effective _____ 1974 in accordance with this section 52-14 of this ordinance # _____ amending ordinance 52 and 62 of this City of Bethel, the following rate and fare structure is approved and will become effective (October 7, 1974) or _____ 1974

Sec. 52-15. VEHICLE INSPECTION

No less than twice a year, and more frequently if required by the Circumstances, the police department shall inspect all vehicles issued a permit. No permit shall be issued until the vehicle is inspected by the Police Department and found in safe, satisfactory and sanitary condition for the transportation of passengers. Any vehicle permitted as provided herein, which has been involved in a collision or accident, shall be inspected by the police department before it can again be used in service. Notice of such collision or accident shall be given immediately to the police department. Private automobile mechanics may be employed for inspection purposes to examine vehicles. The expense in employing private automobile mechanics may be charged against the owner of said vehicles. The chief of police may prohibit the use of any vehicle which is found in an unsafe or unsanitary condition, or is otherwise unfit or unsuited for public patronage.

Sec. 52-16. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HOURS PER DAY FOR CHAUFFEURS

No chauffeur shall remain in control of any vehicle for hire for a total period of more than twelve consecutive hours and shall not return to work until another eight hours have elapsed.

Sec. 52-17. DUTY TO SERVE THE PUBLIC

If the taxicab or motor bus is available, no chauffeur shall refuse or neglect to convey any orderly person or persons upon request unless forbidden by this ordinance to do so.

Chauffeurs shall not drink alcoholic beverages while on duty or for three hours prior to starting a shift.

The Chauffeurs shall have no alcoholic beverages in his possession in a taxicab or motor bus except beverages in the possession of fare-paying passengers. Such alcoholic beverages shall be unopened.

The Chauffeurs shall not use or have in his possession narcotic intoxicants while on duty.

Sec. 52-18 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TAXICABS OR MOTOR BUSES IN OPERATION

The Council shall have the power to determine from time to time the maximum number of taxicabs or motor buses required. The City Clerk with council approval may issue taxicab permits not to exceed the total number authorized by the City Council. The total number of taxicab permits within the City of Bethel shall be limited to _____. Request for additional permits will be received as deemed necessary by the City Council. The City Council shall consider the public necessity and convenience and shall arrive at their decision; after a public hearing and after notice to all taxicab and motor bus permittees, by the consideration of the following:

- (a) The demands for such services;
- (b) The effect on traffic congestion.
- (c) Whether the safe use of streets for vehicular traffic will be impaired.
- (d) Any other facts which the City Council deem relevant.

Sec. 52-19. MINIMUM UTILIZATION OF TAXICAB AND MOTOR BUS PERMITS

No taxicabs or motor bus permits shall be issued for a second ~~year~~ or succeeding year for the same taxicab or motor bus or for any other taxicab or motor bus for which the permit has been transferred, (which includes temporary down-cab or down-motor bus permits for a permitted taxicab or motor bus,) has, during the current year covered by the permit, been operated on a regular twelve hour shift for at least two weeks out of the month for which the permit was valid; nor shall any new taxicab or

motor bus permit be issued to any person holding another permit which lapses because of failure to meet the foregoing use requirement shall be determined by the council after examination of dispatch and other records at such times as the council deems appropriate. Each company or corporation operating taxicabs or motor buses must certify in writing to the City Clerk that this Sec. 52-19 has been complied with during the preceeding year before new permits for his company is issued.

Sec. 52-20. TAXICAB AND MOTOR BUS

Sec. 52-21. REMOVAL, CHANGE, ETC., OF TAXICAB MARKINGS

SEC. 52-22. TAXICAB AND MOTOR BUS DISPATCH OFFICE AND TAXICAB AND MOTOR BUS RECORDS GENERALLY

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Sec. 52-23 TERM AND COST OF PERMIT(S)

All permits issued under this ordinance shall be for a period ~~of~~ not exceeding one year and must be renewed on or before January first of each year ~~and thereafter~~ hereafter.

The fee schedule for permits issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be as follows:

Taxicab Van permit per year, \$200, with \$50.00 payable in advance to receiving permit, and \$50.00 payable quarterly thereafter.

Taxicab Sedan permit per year, \$150.00, with \$37.50 payable in advance to receiving permot, and \$37.50 quarterly thereafter.

Motor Bus permit per year, \$200, with \$50.00 payable in advance to receiving permit, and \$50.00 quarterly thereafter.

Chauffeur's permit per year, or any part thereof, \$10.00, payable in advance to receiving payment.

Permits not renewed timely are suspended until paid and taxicabs and

Motor buses suspended under this section will comply with Section 52-21 and remove a;; signs, markings and any other device or insignia indicating that such vehicle is a taxicab or motor bus.

Sec. 52-27 If any provision of this ordinance of any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other ~~persons~~ persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.