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## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Ordinance #09-30**

#### **AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A 0.5% SALES AND USE TAX APPROPRIATION FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL FIRE STATION REPLACEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Bethel City Council has the authority to designate funds for certain projects within the City of Bethel, Alaska ("City"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City retained the services of Bratslavsky Consulting Engineers ("BCE") to perform a structural engineering assessment of the City's Fire Station; and

**WHEREAS**, BCE's structural engineering assessment, dated July 17, 2009, found the City's Fire Station to be "in a state of imminent danger of collapse, unsafe for occupancy, and is a significant threat to life and safety"; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Fire Station is currently unoccupied due to the hazard of collapse caused by excessive amounts of dry-rot to the infrastructure of the building, including but not limited to the ceiling trusses, load bearing wall studs, still plates and floor joists, beams and sheathing, pending condemnation, personnel are only allowed into the building for emergencies and the emergency response vehicles are parked outside, unprotected; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City to provide funding for a replacement fire station.

**BE IT ORDAINED** 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.

#### **Designation of Annual Budgetary Allotment.**

- A. If the 0.5% sales tax on the October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Ballot is approved, the first 2 million dollars collected shall be designated towards costs of a replacement and or repair as well as the rental or lease or a suitable structure until such time the building is repaired or replaced.

- B. The sales and use tax allocated to costs of a replacement fire station shall be held in a dedicated interest bearing account referred to herein as the fire station replacement account.
- C. All funds expended from the designated fire station replacement account shall only be used to finance the costs of the fire station replacement till such time as the fire station is successfully replaced.
- D. The City Manager and/or his designee shall be responsible for administering the designated funds and ensuring the proceeds from said designated fire station replacement account are spent for the purposes stated herein.

**SECTION 2. Effective Date.** This allocation shall become effective January 1, 2010, upon passage, at the City's general election held on October 6, 2009, of the ballot proposition maintaining the City's sales and use tax at a rate of six percent (6%).

ENACTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2009, BY A VOTE OF \_\_\_\_ IN FAVOR AND \_\_\_\_ OPPOSED.

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Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori Strickler, City Clerk