

Introduced by: City Manager Herron  
Recommended by: Public Safety Comm  
Date: April 13, 1999  
Public Hearing: April 27, 1999  
Action: Enacted as Amended  
Vote: Unanimous

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

### **ORDINANCE #99-07**

#### **A ORDINANCE PROHIBITING POSSESSION OF LASER POINTERS BY MINORS**

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

**SECTION 1.** Classification: This ordinance is permanent in nature and shall become a part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

**SECTION 2.** Amendment of Title: Title 9 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended by adding the following new Chapter 9.32.

#### Chapter 9.32 Laser Pointers

##### 9.32.010 Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall be defined as provided herein.

- A. "Minor" means a person less than 18 years of age.
- B. "Laser pointer" means any device, including but not necessarily limited to, a pointer, pen, flashlight or similar device, which emits a laser beam.

##### 9.32.020 Possession of a laser pointer by a minor.

Except as provided herein, it shall be unlawful for a minor to possess a laser pointer outside of the presence of, and without the direct supervision of, the minor's parent or legal guardian.

##### 9.32.030 Sale, transfer, or provision of a laser pointer to a minor.

Except as provided herein, it shall be unlawful for a person to sell, transfer to, or otherwise provide a minor with a laser pointer unless the minor is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at the time of the purchase or transfer.

##### 9.32.040 Liability of parent or legal guardian.

The parent or legal guardian of a minor who resides with such parent or legal guardian shall not allow such a minor to possess a laser pointer as described in this chapter, outside of the presence of, and without the direct supervision of, the parent or legal guardian.

##### 9.32.050 Harassment with a laser pointer prohibited.

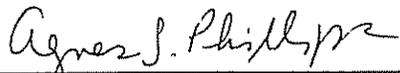
It shall be unlawful for any person to focus, point or shine a laser pointer directly or indirectly at or on another person or animal in such a manner as to harass or annoy said person or animal, or to direct the laser beam from a laser pointer into the eye or eyes of another person or an animal.

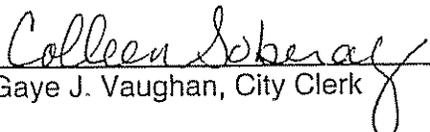
9.32.060 Violations.

Any person who violates any section or subsection of this chapter is guilty of a violation and subject to a fine not less than fifty dollars (\$50) and not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).

SECTION 3. Effective date: This ordinance becomes effective June 1, 1999.

ENACTED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 1999, by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

  
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Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor

  
for Gaye J. Vaughan, City Clerk