



# CITY OF BETHEL

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Introduced by: City Clerk Tucker  
Date: May 9, 1995  
Public Hearing: May 23, 1995  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No

## ORDINANCE #95-11

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING TITLE 1 OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 1.20, ENTITLED ELECTIONS, SECTION 1.20.040, ENTITLED CANDIDACY--DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel wishes to encourage as much public participation in its local government as possible; and

WHEREAS, the thirty-day time period prior to the annual municipal election coincides with the traditional subsistence moose hunting season; and

WHEREAS, the current ordinance requires candidacy declaration for City Council seats within that thirty-day time period, hindering potential candidates' ability to run for elective office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED** by the Bethel City Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 1 of the Bethel Municipal Code is hereby amended by amending Section 1.20.040 Entitled Candidacy--Declaration.

Section 2. If any part or provision of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstances is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part, provision, or application directly involved in all controversy in which this judgment shall have been rendered, and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this title or application thereof to other persons or circumstances. The City Council hereby declares that it would have enacted the remainder of this ordinance even without such part, provision, or application.

Section 3. Section 1.20.040 is hereby amended as follows:

1.20.040 Candidacy--Declaration. Any qualified candidate of the city may be nominated for elective office and have his/her name placed on the ballot by filing a declaration of candidacy thereof on a form provided by the city clerk. The declaration of candidacy shall be signed and filed by the candidate, in person, at the

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office of the city clerk no earlier than forty-five days nor later than twenty days before the election. Otherwise they shall be unacceptable. A two-dollar filing fee shall accompany every declaration of candidacy.

Section 4. This ordinance shall not be construed as abating any action now pending under, or by virtue of, prior existing laws or as discontinuing, abating, modifying, or altering any penalty accruing or about to accrue, or as affecting the liability of any person, firm, or corporation, by lawful action of the City except as shall be expressly provided for in this title.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and preclearance by the United States Department of Justice.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23RD DAY OF MAY, 1995.

  
Allan Wintersteen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Connie Tucker, City Clerk