

Introduced by: Mayor Phillips at
request of City Clerk
Date July 28, 1998
Public Hearing: July 28, 1998
Action: Enacted
Vote: Unanimous

**CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA
ORDINANCE #98-15**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CHANGING THE DATES FOR FILING FOR
ELECTIVE CITY OFFICES FOR 1998 AND
AUTHORIZING USE OF BALLOT COUNTING SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska will be using new computer equipment for the tabulation of ballots in the Primary and General elections in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel has the opportunity to make use of this equipment for the Regular City Election to be held October 6, 1998;

WHEREAS, use of this equipment will require special printed ballots for the regular election; and

WHEREAS, the period for filing for city elective office provided for in the Bethel Municipal Code does not allow sufficient time for the printing of these ballots and time for absentee voting beginning 15 days prior to the election; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that there is not sufficient time to introduce an ordinance to change the filing dates for the 1998 regular election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED the Bethel City Council that:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is an emergency ordinance and shall not become a part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

Section 2. Temporary Change of Filing Dates. For the 60-day duration of this ordinance, Bethel Municipal Code section 1.20.040 shall read as follows:

1.20.040 Candidate - 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 shall be signed and filed by the candidate, in person, at the office of the city clerk not earlier than 8:00 a.m. on August 5 [FORTY-FIVE DAYS] nor later than 4:30 p.m. on August 20 [TWENTY DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION]. Otherwise they shall be unacceptable. A two-dollar filing fee shall accompany every declaration of candidacy.

Section 3. Temporary Addition of New Section. For the 60-day duration of this ordinance, a new section, 1.20.360, to the Bethel Municipal Code shall read as follows:

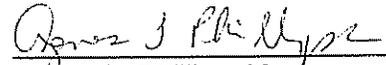
1.20.360. Ballot counting system authorized.

Nothing in this title prohibits the use of other ballot counting systems which have been approved for use in state elections. The city clerk, subject to any further approval as may be required by law, may prescribe rules for the use of these systems or may adopt such rules, regulations and procedures as have been adopted by the state for use in state elections.

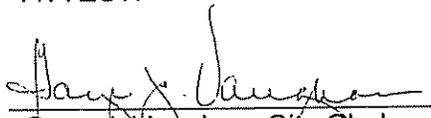
Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

ENACTED BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL THIS 28th DAY OF JULY, 1998, by a vote of
 7 YEA, 0 NAY and 0 ABSTAINING.

CITY OF BETHEL


Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:


Gaye J. Vaughan, City Clerk