

City Council
City of Bethel

Resolution 82

Whereas the present condition of the roads in Bethel Heights are a treat to the lives, health and safety of the residents;

Whereas the road conditions will become more dangerous at spring breakup;

Whereas, there appears to be no provision for work to be done on the roads until Spring of 1973;

Whereas, the materials to make temporary repairs to the roads are available in Bethel at this time;

Be IT RESOLVED that, the City Council of Bethel unanimously supports the petition to Senator Mike Gravel requesting his assistance in obtaining temporary repairs to the roads in Bethel Heights.

Adopted this 28th day of December, 1972.

Margaret Cook Cooke
Mayor for City of Bethel

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City Council
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Dear Council Members:

Alaska Legal Services Corporation is representing the residents of Bethel Heights in their attempt to get temporary repairs made on the roads in Bethel Heights. Our first step is a petition to Senator Mike Gravel asking his assistance in this matter.

We would like the City Council to consider the attached proposed resolution showing support for the petition. This resolution, if approved, will be attached to the petition and sent to Senator Gravel.

A copy of the petition is also enclosed for your information.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Mary Jenny
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Law Clerk

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PETITION

We, the undersigned Residents of Bethel Heights, hereby petition the Honorable Senator Mike Gravel, Senator for Alaska, to contact the responsible parties and obtain the following measures necessary for the health, welfare, and well-being of the Residents of Bethel Heights:

1. Temporary measures, such as gravel and grading; necessary to keep the roads open during breakup.
2. Temporary measures, such as gravel and grading, necessary to allow access to some of the housing by the residents and various service vehicles.

In support of the above request, the following conditions currently exist or will exist during breakup at Bethel Heights:

1. During breakup, the condition of the roads will not allow sanitation vehicles, fuel service vehicles, and other necessary service vehicles access to the various housing units, thus resulting in making the housing units unfit for human habitation and a threat to the health and welfare of the residents of Bethel Heights.
2. Presently, there is essentially no access to some of the housing units other than by four wheel drive, heavy duty vehicles. This condition results in placing the residents and the various service vehicles and their drivers in danger to life limb and property by using the roads in their present condition.

3. Gravel is currently available in Setnei and its use on the roads at this time would not preclude its reclamation and reuse at a later time.

4. There is rumor of a legal dispute between the various parties responsible for building permanent roads which may result in a long delay in completion of the permanent roads.

5. If this petition is not sufficient to obtain the requested temporary relief, we the undersigned will be forced to go to court to attempt to obtain relief from the above described intolerable conditions.