

Introduced by: City Manager Herron
Date: December 10, 2002
Public Hearing: January 14, 2003
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

ORDINANCE #02-36

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.40.020 TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR WRITTEN AND DRIVING TESTS FOR RENEWAL APPLICANTS OPERATING A TAXICAB OR RIVER TAXI FROM ANNUALLY TO EVERY OTHER YEAR

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

SECTION 1. Classification. This ordinance is permanent in nature and shall be incorporated into the Bethel Municipal Code ("Code").

SECTION 2. Content. Section 5.40.020 of the Code is hereby amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and deleted language is stricken out):

5.40.020 Application for license.

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- C. Except as provided in subsection D, [A]an application shall not be complete until the applicant has passed an examination administered by the transportation inspection or his or her designee that tests the applicant's knowledge of safe driving, safe vehicle maintenance, knowledge of city streets and significant locations, driver personal safety, drug and alcohol testing requirements, and any other subjects the commission finds to be in the public interest of ensuring safe and responsible public transportation. The examination shall consist of a written test and a driving test. If an applicant fails either the written or the driving portion of the examination three times in a calendar year, the applicant may not reapply for a chauffeur's license for one year from the date of the third failure.
- D. A chauffeur operating a taxicab or river taxi (as opposed to a limousine or bus) who is renewing a license under section 5.20.130(B) is required to take and pass the written and driving tests described in subsection C every other year. A chauffeur who does not apply to renew a license under section 5.20.130(B) and allows his or her license to lapse shall be required to apply for a new license under this section 5.40.020 and to meet all of the requirements for obtaining a new license under this section 5.40.020, including but not limited to taking and passing the written and driving tests described in subsection 5.40.020.C.

[D] E. Applicants for a chauffeur's license must show proof of successful passage of the written and driving portions of the examination required in subsections C and D of this section, and proof of payment of any fees required in Chapters 5.20 through 5.50.

[E] E. Any person who has been denied a license pursuant to this chapter may not apply again for such a license for a period of one year.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval by the City Council.

ENACTED THIS 14th DAY OF January, 2003 by unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

Hugh Short Jr., Mayor

Janette Persinger, City Clerk