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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

ORDINANCE #02-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 5.20 OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS AND CHAPTER 5.40 OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO CHAUFFEURS

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

SECTION 1. Classification. This ordinance is permanent in nature and shall be placed in the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Amendment to Section 5.20.080(D). Section 5.20.080 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended to read as follows (new language is underlined):

5.20.080 Vehicle inspections.

A. All regulated vehicles shall be inspected by a designated inspection station and the approved inspection form presented to the transportation inspector before a permit will be issued. At least twice a year thereafter, all regulated vehicles shall be inspected. No regulated vehicle may be operated until it has been inspected and found to be in compliance with Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 of this code and any other applicable law. The transportation inspector may also inspect a regulated vehicle at any time to determine if the vehicle is in compliance with all provisions of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50, and keep the vehicle out of service for a reasonable time in order to perform the inspection.

B. When a regulated vehicle has been operating under any permit for two years or has accumulated a total of two hundred thousand miles, whichever occurs first, the transportation inspector may increase the required annual inspection frequency to four inspections annually, after reasonable notice to the permittee.

C. No person may operate a vehicle as a regulated vehicle unless such vehicle is in a safe, clean condition and in compliance with all applicable laws. If the transportation inspector determines that a regulated vehicle is mechanically unsound, unclean or otherwise out of compliance with all applicable laws, the

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permittee shall take the vehicle out of service immediately upon notification from the transportation inspector.

D. Mechanical Equipment Standards.

1. The steering mechanism shall be in good working order and wheel play shall not exceed two inches;
2. All door hinges and latches shall be in good mechanical working order so that doors open easily and close securely. All door locks shall function as designed;
3. All windows shall be fully operable and composed of approved safety glass. The windshield shall have no chips or stars larger than a twenty-five cent piece and shall not be cracked above four inches from the bottom or below four inches from the top of the windshield. No cracks in a vertical position are permitted on either side of the windshield. At no time shall a driver's vision be obstructed by damage to the windshield, side windows or rear window. Interior and exterior mirrors shall be firmly attached to the vehicle;
4. All brakes shall be in good mechanical working order. When pressed, the brake pedal shall not be less than one and three-fourths inches from the floorboard. Brake linings shall not be less than one-thirty-second of an inch at any point. Brake drums shall not exceed 40/1000 of an inch in excess of factory specifications;
5. The exhaust system, gaskets, tailpipes and mufflers shall be in good condition. Exhaust fumes shall not permeate into the interior of the vehicle;
6. The vehicle shall be equipped with four tires, each of which shall have tread depth measurements at approximately every one hundred twenty degrees of its circumference of not less than two thirty-seconds of an inch. There shall be no sidewall damage to the tires;
7. The speedometer shall be properly installed and maintained in good working order and exposed to view;
8. The interior of the vehicle shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and be free from torn upholstery and from damaged or broken seats;
9. All exterior and interior lights and turn signals shall be in good mechanical order. Headlights shall be properly aligned for both high and low beam use, and shall be on whenever the vehicle is in use;
10. The horn and two windshield wipers shall be in good mechanical working order;
11. All wire connections shall be permanent and located out of the way of the driver and passengers;
12. The vehicle shall be structurally sound and not have cracked or dented fenders and shall be painted so as to provide reasonable protection

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- against structural deterioration. Body and sheet metal should have all the manufactured parts securely mounted with no dangerous protuberances;
13. Defrosting and heating systems shall be operational;
 14. There shall be no measurable leakage of fluids or oil from any part of the vehicle;
 15. The vehicle shall be equipped with a readily accessible fire extinguisher with a gauge that clearly indicates that the unit is fully charged, mounted, and readily accessible within the driver's immediate reach in the vehicle;
 16. The vehicle shall be equipped with accessible and operable seat belts for all seats;
 17. The vehicle shall comply with the provisions of AS 28.05.095 regarding child safety restraints and seat belts;
 18. The vehicle's odometer shall be kept in good working order.

E. All regulated vehicles shall be subject at all times to an inspection by the transportation inspector, or a police officer who has reason to believe that the vehicle does not comply with all federal, state and local equipment laws or regulations.

SECTION 3. Amendment to Section 5.40.110. Section 5.40.110 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and old language is stricken out):

5.40.110 ~~Two-way radio~~ Scanners prohibited.

No chauffeur may possess in a taxicab or allow another to operate a ~~radio scanner~~ capable of monitoring a frequency used by a dispatch service other than that used by the taxicab's dispatch service.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2002, by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

ATTEST:

Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers, Mayor

Colleen Soberay, City Clerk