

Introduced by: City Manager  
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Public Hearing: April 14, 2009  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 7-0

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Ordinance #09-05**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 5.20 OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE FEES SUBMITTED FOR CHAUFFEUR LICENSES AND VEHICLE PERMITS AND DISPATCH PERMITS**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance to Bethel Municipal Code 4.16.040 (Q) The sales of services of transporting passengers by river taxi, taxicab, bus, commercial airline, air charter, air taxi, hover craft or limousine is exempt from City sales tax;

**WHEREAS**, the monthly payment although recently raised is not a new payment applied to the cab industry, it used to offset the costs of road repairs and administrative overhead impacted by the cab industry;

**WHEREAS**, there are 68 taxicab permits issued adding to the wear and tear of the City's streets;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bethel regulates the cab industry which consumes the time of many individuals throughout different departments, the police department must do vehicle inspections on every cab at least twice a year as well as maintain all of the records regarding driving and criminal history, the complaints of citizens as well as providing constant supervision to insure the public is safe when using this transportation method, the Finance Department receives and manages the payments through the years and the Public Works Department is tasked with insuring all of the roads are maintained;

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

**SECTION 1. Classification.** This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

**SECTION 2. Amendment.** Section 5.20.160 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended as follows (new language is underlined and old language is stricken out):

#### **5.20.160 Fees**

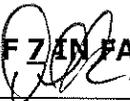
The following fees shall be payable to the city:

- A.** One hundred eighty five dollars (\$185), ~~in lieu of sales tax, fairs~~ monthly shall be paid to the transportation inspector for the issuance or renewal of a bus, limousine, river taxi, dispatch service, or taxicab permit no later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) of each month.

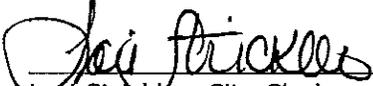
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**SECTION 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage by the City Council.

ENACTED THIS 14 DAY OF APRIL, 2009, BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

  
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Tiffany Zulkosky, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lori Strickler, City Clerk