

Introduced by: City Manager Herron
Date: June 25, 2002
Public Hearing: July 9, 2002
Action: Adopted
Vote: 7 - 0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

ORDINANCE #02-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXEMPTION OF SALES TAX ON PAYMENT OF RENT TO BETHEL COMMUNITY SERVICES CLIENTS WHO LIVE OFF SITE

WHEREAS Bethel Community Services strives to support the citizens of Bethel with severe physical disabilities and chronic mental illness; and

WHEREAS Bethel Community Services current assisted living residence and supported living residences are at their capacity; and

WHEREAS Bethel Community Services wishes to continue to foster independence for those clients who have the ability to live in non-assisted residences;

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. Exemption. Section 4.16.040.U of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended to read as follows (new language is underlined):

4.16.040 Exemption

The following sales are exempt from the tax levied under this chapter only in accordance with the limitations provided for in this section:

...

- U. The payment of rent by residents of Bethel Community Services and the payment of rent by Bethel Community Services clients who reside in Bethel at places other than the Bethel Community Services assisted living and supported living residences.

SECTION 3. Exemption certificates – Applications. Section 4.16.050.A of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended to read as follows (new language is underlined):

4.16.050 Exemption certificates – Applications

A. Persons desiring an exemption certificate for exemptions under Section 4.16.040N, R, S, T or U must make written application for the certificate on a form supplied by the finance director, pay the application fee and meet the other requirements of this section. The finance

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director may at any time require proof that the original grounds for the exemption still exist and the claimant shall have the burden of establishing his or her qualifications for the exemption.

SECTION 4. Effective date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF JULY 2002, by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

ATTEST:



Stanley "Turdy" Rodgers, Mayor



Janette Persinger, City Clerk

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #02-22, AUTHORIZING THE EXEMPTION OF
SALES TAX ON PAYMENT OF RENT TO BETHEL COMMUNITY SERVICES
CLIENTS WHO LIVE OFF SITE**

Ordinance #02-22 is amended by adding a new section 3A as follows:

SECTION 3A – Exemption Certificates – Applications. Section 4.16.050 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended by adding a new subsection D as follows:

- D. An exemption certificate for persons applying for an exemption under Section 4.16.040U *for the payment of rent by a Bethel Community Service client who resides in Bethel at a place other than the Bethel Community Services assisted living and supported living residences* may be issued only:
1. Upon submission of a complete application to the finance director;
 2. Proof satisfactory to the finance director that the applicant is a Bethel Community Services client; and
 3. Address of residence along with name, address and phone number of property owner;
 4. Proof satisfactory to the finance director that the property owner has a current Bethel business license and a current State of Alaska business license.

A certificate issued under this subsection shall be numbered, identify the applicant, be signed by the finance director, and shall expire on the last day of the twenty-fourth month following the issuance of the certificate. The expiration date shall be prominently displayed on the certificate. The finance director shall conduct such investigation of the facts set out in an application as the director determines to be appropriate to verify the qualifications of the applicant for the certificate and shall issue the certificate within thirty days of the submission of the application if the applicant is determined to be qualified.