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## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Ordinance #07-18**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 5.20 OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE RENEWAL PROCESS FOR CHAUFFEUR LICENSES AND VEHICLE PERMITS**

**WHEREAS,** currently the expiration of a license or permit is December 31<sup>st</sup>, every year;

**WHEREAS,** by changing the expiration of a license or permit from December thirty first (31) every calendar year to the date of issue every two calendar years the work load for the transportation inspector would not be as concentrated;

**WHEREAS,** without the intense demand and congestion of applications the transportation inspector would be able to provide a more adequate and time efficient renewal process to the transportation industry;

**WHEREAS,** the City would not be out any money, the fee for a two year license or permit would be twice as much as the one year.

**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.** Sections 1.20.130 and 5.20.160 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended as follows (new language is underlined and old language is stricken out):

#### **5.20.130 Renewal of license or permit**

A. A permit or license issued in accordance with Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC shall be valid for ~~one (1)~~ two (2) calendar years and shall expire automatically on ~~December thirty first (31<sup>st</sup>)~~ the date of original issue.

B. An application to renew a permit or license shall be made to the transportation inspector, at the time set for submitting the application, ~~in the same manner as an original application~~ and shall be treated in the same manner as an original application. A decision to grant a license or permit in ~~one (1) year~~ two (2) years does not preclude

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the transportation inspector from denying a license or permit upon application for renewal.

C. If a permittee or licensee is not qualified to hold his or her permit or license at the time of renewal, the transportation inspector shall not renew the permit or license and it shall become void and revert to the commission.

D. Any person whose application for an original license or permit or for a renewal of license or permit has been denied and any person whose license or permit has been revoked may not apply for a new license or permit for (1) year from the initial date of the denial or revocation. New taxicab permits shall only be issued in accordance with the provisions of BMC 5.30.050.

### **5.20.160 Fees**

The following fees shall be payable to the city:

**A.** One hundred fifty dollars monthly shall be paid to the transportation inspector for the issuance or renewal of a bus, limousine, river taxi, dispatch service, or taxicab permit in lieu of sales tax no later than the tenth of each month.

~~**B.** One hundred twenty five dollars annually shall be paid to the transportation inspector for the initial issuances and each annual renewal of a chauffeur's license no later than the tenth day of December each year. One hundred twenty five~~ Two hundred fifty dollars shall be paid to the transportation inspector for the initial issuances and each ~~annual~~ two year renewal of a chauffeur's license no more than three (3) months prior to expiration date, not after one(1) month prior to expiration date, no later than the tenth day of December each year.

~~**C.** One hundred twenty five dollars monthly shall be paid to the transportation inspector for the issuance or renewal of a river taxi permit no later than the tenth of each month.~~

**C.** Two hundred fifty dollars shall be paid to the transportation inspector for the initial issuances and each two year renewal of a vehicle permit no more than three(3) months prior to expiration date, not after one (1) month prior to expiration date.

**D.** One hundred dollars shall be paid to the city finance department for each appeal from a decision of the transportation inspector to the commission under Chapters 5.20 through 5.50. Such fee shall be refunded if the decision is subsequently reversed. The *ex officio* member of the public safety and transportation commission must notify all commission members when an appeal is filed. The fee shall be forfeited if the party making the appeal fails to show for the appeal hearing.

**E.** Eighty-five dollars shall be paid to the transportation inspector each time that a taxicab permittee applies to substitute a vehicle that operates under a permit.

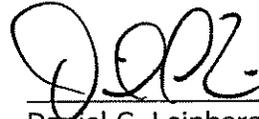
**F.** One hundred twenty-five dollars shall be paid to the transportation inspector for an application to transfer an interest in a taxicab permit or a dispatch service permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50.

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- G.** There shall be a one hundred dollar surcharge for late payment of fees provided for in subsections A, B, and C of this section.
- H.** Twenty-five dollars shall be paid to the transportation inspector for administration of the examination required in Section 5.40.020C of the Bethel Municipal Code, except that this payment shall not be required the first time that an applicant for a chauffeur's license takes the examination,
- I.** Fifteen dollars shall be charged for chauffer and vehicle renewal application which are mailed in.
- J.** Thirty-five dollars shall be charged for chauffeur drug testing.

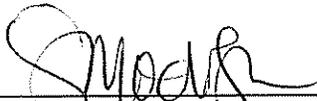
**SECTION 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage by the City Council.

**ENACTED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2007, BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.**



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Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Sandra Modigh, City Clerk