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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #10-26

PLACING ON THE OCTOBER 5TH 2010 MUNICIPAL BALLOT A REFERENDUM ADVISING THE CITY OF BETHEL OF THE NEED TO ENACT REGULATION OF CERTAIN TOXIC SUBSTANCES FROM BEING TRANSPORTED THROUGH, USED, DISCHARGED, OR GENERATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BETHEL

WHEREAS the city of Bethel and the people of the YK Delta have a duty of stewardship of the subsistence resources of the delta;

WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Alaska give citizens the right to protect their health and welfare;

WHEREAS the health and welfare of the citizens of Bethel and the region are of great concern;

WHEREAS the Bethel City Council has the authority to regulate the transportation of certain hazardous chemicals and substances within the city of Bethel;

WHEREAS the transportation of hazardous chemicals and substances within the city limits of Bethel has the potential to severely harm the health and welfare of the citizens of Bethel and the region;

WHEREAS the Bethel City Council seeks to reduce the possibilities for spills and any other toxic contamination within the city limits;

WHEREAS a toxic spill in the Yukon Kuskokwim region could greatly affect the subsistence fishing for a great number of persons living within this area of Alaska;

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

SECTION 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a non permanent nature and shall not be codified within the Bethel Municipal Code.

1. **The following question shall be put on the October 5th 2010 municipal election ballot.**

Should the City of Bethel enact comprehensive regulation of cyanide and other toxic chemicals to ensure to our own standards the health of the people

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of the region, and to protect the environment and water resources of Bethel and the YK Delta ?

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

ENACTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2010, BY A VOTE OF ____ IN FAVOR AND ____ OPPOSED.

Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk