

Introduced by: S. Tundy Rodgers,  
Council Member  
Introduction Date: March 28, 2006  
Public Hearing: April 11, 2006  
Action: Failed  
Vote: 3-3

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Ordinance #06-09**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FRONT SET BACK REQUIREMENT FOR STRUCTURES.**

**WHEREAS** the City of Bethel requires sufficient clearance from roadways to adequately plow and maintain the city streets; and

**WHEREAS** the current Bethel Municipal Code requirement of a 15' front setback does not allow vehicles to be parked at a safe distance from drivable surfaces of city streets; and

**WHEREAS** an increased front setback requirement would provide increased pedestrian safety by giving added space between the roadways and houses for pedestrian use; and

**WHEREAS** an increased front setback requirement would provide increased safety for the community by moving homes further back from the roadway; and

**WHEREAS** an increased front setback requirement would provide more green space for community beautification, giving room for grass, trees, and gardens; and

**WHEREAS** a 25' front setback would be beneficial to the city and citizens of Bethel.

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

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

**SECTION 2. Modification of Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 18.20.050 A.** The Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 18.20.050A existing on the date of this ordinance is hereby modified:

A. Front yard: ~~fifteen~~ twenty five feet.

**SECTION 3. Modification of Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 18.24.050 A.** The Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 18.24.050A existing on the date of this ordinance is hereby modified:

A. Front yard: ~~fifteen~~ twenty five feet.

**SECTION 4. Modification of Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 18.28.050 A.** The Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 18.28.050A existing on the date of this ordinance is hereby modified:

A. Front yard: ~~fifteen~~ twenty five feet.

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**SECTION 5. Modification of Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 18.32.050 A.** The Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 18.32.050A existing on the date of this ordinance is hereby modified:

A. Front yard: ~~fifteen~~ twenty five feet.

**SECTION 6. Modification of Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 18.34.050 A.** The Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 18.34.050A existing on the date of this ordinance is hereby modified:

A. Front yard: ~~fifteen~~ twenty five feet.

**SECTION 7. Modification of Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 18.35.050 A.** The Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 18.35.050A existing on the date of this ordinance is hereby modified:

A. Front yard: ~~fifteen~~ twenty five feet.

**SECTION 8. Modification of Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 18.36.050 A.** The Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 18.36.050A existing on the date of this ordinance is hereby modified:

A. Front yard: ~~fifteen~~ twenty five feet.

**SECTION 9. Modification of Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 18.40.050 A.** The Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 18.40.050A existing on the date of this ordinance is hereby modified:

A. Front yard: ~~fifteen~~ twenty five feet.

**SECTION 10. Application.** This ordinance shall only apply to property platted subsequent to passage of this ordinance.

**SECTION 11. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage by the City Council.

**ENACTED THIS DAY OF 2006, BY A VOTE OF IN FAVOR AND OPPOSED.**

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R. Thor Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sandra Modigh, City Clerk