

Introduced by: Council Member, Zack Fansler
Date: April 14, 2015
Public Hearing: April 28, 2015
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-1

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #15-08

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, A BALLOT PROPOSITION AMENDING THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT AN ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SALES TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF 12% (TWELVE PERCENT)

SECTION 1. Amendment Section 4.13.030 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended to read (new language is underlined old language is stricken):

4.16.030 Imposition – Rate.

A. There is levied and shall be collected a sales tax on all sales transaction in the City unless specifically exempted under this chapter. The tax is six (6) percent of the selling price.

B. The tax to be added to the sale price, shall be twelve percent (12%) for alcohol and transient lodging.

SECTION 2. ELECTION An election is to be held on ~~July 28~~ October 6, 2015 in and for the City of Bethel for the purpose of submitting a ballot proposition to the qualified voters of the City of Bethel for approval or rejection. The proposition must receive a majority vote of the qualified voters in the City of Bethel voting on the question to be approved. The Proposition shall be substantially in the following form:

Shall the City of Bethel establish a 12% alcohol tax on the sales of alcoholic beverages in the City of Bethel? (Ordinance No. 15-08)

SECTION 3. The proposition, both for paper ballots and machine ballots, shall be printed on a ballot which may set forth other ballot propositions, and the following words shall be added as appropriate and next to a square provided for marking the ballot for voting by a machine.

PROPOSITION NO. _____

Yes

No

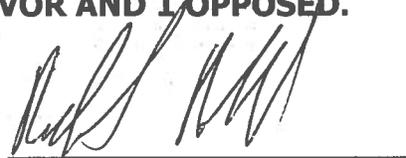
Explanation: A "Yes" vote will establish a tax on alcohol sales at a rate of 12%.
A "No" vote will maintain a sales tax rate of 6% on alcohol sales.

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SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective ~~September~~ December 1, 2015 after ratification by the qualified voters of the City of Bethel voting on the question at the ~~July 28~~ October 6, 2015 City of Bethel Special Regular Election.

SECTION 5. Classification. This ordinance is of permanent nature and shall become a part of the Bethel Municipal Code if the voters in the ~~July 28~~ October 6, 2015 Special Regular municipal election approve the proposition.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL ALASKA,
THIS 28 DAY OF APRIL 2015, BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 1 OPPOSED.**


Richard Robb, Mayor
6-9-15

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk