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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #15-15

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.04.140, CITY COUNCIL, ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, that the Bethel Municipal Code shall be amended and revised as follows:

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

SECTION 2. Amending BMC Title 2. The Bethel Municipal Code is amended as follows (new language is underlined and ~~old language is stricken out~~):

2.04.140 Organization Of Council.

- A. Newly elected and reelected councilmembers shall be sworn in at the first (1st) regular council meeting following certification of the election. The council shall then meet on the first (1st) Monday after certification of the regular election and elect from among its members a mayor and a vice mayor who shall take office immediately. If the first Monday following the certification of the election is a federal, state or city holiday, the council shall meet the first (1st) Tuesday after certification of the election. For purposes of this subsection A, certification of a regular election in which there is a runoff election occurs when the runoff election results are certified.
- B. The term of the mayor expires upon the earlier of the election of a new mayor or the swearing in of the newly elected councilmember who replaces the councilmember who is the mayor. The mayor may serve only while a member of the council regardless of the term established for the office of mayor.
- C. The term of the vice mayor expires in the same manner as provided for the mayor.
- D. The term of a councilmember shall be two (2) years.

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- E. If there is a vacancy in the mayor and vice mayor's position during the interim period from certification of the newly elected councilmembers until the election of a new mayor and vice mayor, the council shall follow BMC 2.04.070 and elect a mayor pro tempore to preside until a mayor is elected.
- F. The mayor shall appoint councilmembers to such special or adhoc council committees as the mayor may establish and shall appoint councilmembers to such standing council committees as the council establishes pursuant to BMC2.52.020. Appointees to council committees serve at the pleasure of the council. The term of council committee members expires annually upon the election of the mayor.

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

ENACTED THIS 14th DAY OF JULY 2015, BY A VOTE OF ___ IN FAVOR AND ___ OPPOSED.

Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk