

Introduced by: Mayor Robb
Date: September 22, 2015
Public Hearing: October 13, 2015
Action: Passed
Vote: 7-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #15-31

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF BETHEL AMENDING BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.02.465, MOTOR VEHICLE AND DRIVING OFFENSES, OPERATION OF LOW SPEED VEHICLES

- Whereas,** people of Bethel use multiple forms of transportation;
- Whereas,** in 2010 the Alaska Legislature passed a provision to allow off-road municipalities to permit use of mini trucks and other low speed vehicles;
- Whereas,** mini trucks are potentially a low cost, low fuel, method of transportation;
- Whereas,** the people of Bethel have traditionally supported multiple forms of transportation;

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 10.02 The Bethel Municipal Code is amended as follows (new language is underlined):

10.02.465 Operation of low-speed vehicles.

~~A. The operator of a low speed vehicle is subject to all the traffic and other laws applicable to operators of passenger vehicles.~~

~~B. The operator of a low speed vehicle may operate that vehicle on a highway with a maximum speed limit of 45 miles an hour.~~

A. Low speed vehicles are authorized within the City of Bethel, subject to the provisions of all state and municipal laws and ordinances.

B. Low speed vehicles that operate or cross a city street or state highway may not be modified to have a maximum speed greater than 25 miles per hour.

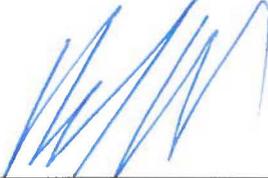
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C. "Low speed vehicles" means a motor vehicle that has four wheels, that was manufactured to be capable of propelling itself and achieving a minimum speed of 20 miles an hour.

D. Low speed vehicles must meet weight, equipment, safety standards, vehicle registration and insurance requirements set by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

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

ENACTED THIS 13th DAY OF OCTOBER 2015, BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk