

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

Action memorandum No.	18-60		
Date action introduced:	September 11, 2018	Introduced by:	Peter Williams, City Manager
Date action taken:	September 11, 2018	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denied
Confirmed by:	KM		

Action Title: Authorizing the City Manager to direct the Finance Department to issue a Special Event Certificate exempting the collection of Sales Taxes for the NRA annual fundraising banquet.

Attachment(s): None

Department/Individual:	Initials:	Remarks:
Pete Williams, City Manager	PAW	Not Recommended
Cindy Sharp, Acting Asst. Finance Director	C.S.	
Patty Burley, City Attorney	<i>PB</i>	Follows 4.16.180

Amount of fiscal impact:		Account information:
	No fiscal impact at this time.	
	Funds in City Budget.	
	Funds not in City Budget.	Approximate loss in Sales Tax Revenue to City = \$3,300

Summary Statement:

In 2017, the Bethel City Council amended the Sales Tax Code. One of the major changes was more transparency for sales tax exemptions. With the new Code, organizations holding large fund-raising events must get permission from the City in advance of the event before the taxes can be waived. This way the City is aware of what taxes it is forgiving and can better manage the revenue impacts.

The City has received an application for a Special Event Exemption from the NRA for its annual fundraising event. Pursuant to BMC 4.16.180, the NRA timely applied. Because the exemption amount is greater than \$1,000, only the City Council can approve the exemption. If approved, it will be the first one granted this fiscal year.

While not all of the money raised is guaranteed to return to the Bethel community, in the past the NRA has donated up to between \$15,000 and \$50,000 annually to Bethel for shooting and hunting safety.