

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

Action memorandum No.	19-25		
Date action introduced:	March 26, 2019	Introduced by:	Peter Williams, City Manager
Date action taken:	March 26, 2019	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 Duck's Unlimited annual fund-raising banquet.

Attachment(s): none

Department/Individual:	Initials:	Remarks:
Pete Williams, City Manager	PAW	Not recommended
Cynthia Sharp, Assistant Finance Director	CS	Not recommended

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 \$1,500

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 fun-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 Duck's Unlimited for its annual fund-raising banquet. Pursuant to BMC 4.16.180, Duck's Unlimited 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 year.