

Introduced by: Vice-Mayor Williams  
Introduction Date July 26, 2011  
Public Hearing: August 9, 2011  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 4-2

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Ordinance #11-14**

#### **AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 9.28.010, CLOSING HOURS**

**WHEREAS**, Bethel Municipal Code (BMC) Section 9.28.010 would mandate closing hours for places of public assembly between 2:00 am and 6:00 am;

**WHEREAS**, there are few reasons for the general public to be soliciting facilities where public assembly takes place during the proposed closing hours;

**WHEREAS**, for eating establishments providing delivery services, the mandatory closing hours would not apply, to allow for individuals awake during said hours to still partake in the business's services;

**WHEREAS**, providing mandatory closing hours for businesses that provide for public assembly, would assist in controlling the crime rate during peak times for law enforcement;

**WHEREAS**, providing for a mandatory closing time of facilities providing public assembly would help enforce the curfew laws within the community further assisting parents with the protection of the community's youth;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the City Council of Bethel Alaska as follows:

**SECTION 1. Classification.** This ordinance is of permanent nature and shall be codified within the Bethel Municipal Code.

**SECTION 2. Amendment.** BMC Section 9.28.010 shall be established as follows: new language is underlined.

#### **Chapter 9.28** **Places of public assembly.**

Sections:

9.28.010 Definitions

a. "place of public assembly" means facilities operated by private entities that fall under the following categories: dancehall, game room, pool hall, theater, restaurant or similar establishment.

9.28.020 Closing hours.

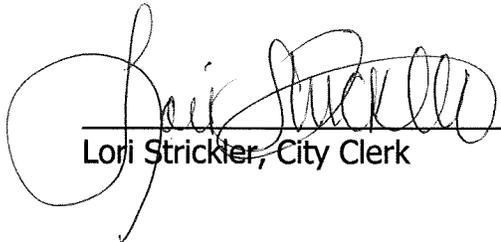
A. no public assemble may serve or allow on the premises minor children under the ages of 18 between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am, Sunday through Thursday evenings, and between the hours of 12:00am and 6:00am on Friday and Saturday evenings, unless accompanied by parent or legal guardian.

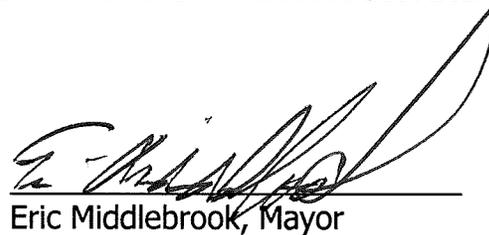
B. Order delivery services by restaurants are exempt from this section.

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

**ENACTED THIS 9 DAY OF AUGUST 2011, BY A VOTE OF 4 IN FAVOR AND 2 OPPOSED.**

ATTEST:

  
Lori Strickler, City Clerk

  
Eric Middlebrook, Mayor