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## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Ordinance #16-12**

#### **AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.04 CITY COUNCIL PROVIDING FOR RECESS OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**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):

#### **2.04.010 Regular Meetings**

- A. Regular meetings of the city council shall be held on the second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Tuesdays of each month.
- B. A regular meeting may be postponed or rescheduled to another date upon a vote of the majority of the councilmembers at a previous regular or special meeting. A regular meeting may be postponed or rescheduled because of an expected lack of a quorum of the city councilmembers at the next scheduled regular meeting. At least one (1) regular meeting must be held each month.
- C. Notice of the postponing or rescheduling of a regular meeting shall be given in accordance with BMC 2.04.025. If a regular meeting is rescheduled, it may not be rescheduled before six (6) days after the last regular meeting in order to give the public notice of the rescheduled date.
- D. Unless otherwise stated in the public notice of the meeting, each regular meeting shall be held at City Hall in the City Council Chambers, which is located at 300 State Highway, and shall begin at 6:30 p.m.

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#### **2.04.020 Special Meetings.**

- A. Special meetings of the city council may be held at the place, time, and upon the date set out in the public notice of the special meeting, provided:
1. The meeting is called by the mayor, the vice mayor if the mayor is absent from the city, or three (3) councilmembers; and
  2. A majority of the members are given at least twenty-four (24) hours' oral or written notice and a reasonable effort has been made to give notice to all members; or
  3. If less than twenty-four (24) hours' oral or written notice is provided to a majority of councilmembers, then all members are present at the meeting or waive in writing the required notice either before or after the meeting and the waiver is made a part of the minutes of the meeting.
- B. Delivery of written notice to the residence and to the place of employment of a councilmember constitutes a reasonable effort to notify.
- C. Reasonable public notice of the special meeting must also be given.

#### **2.04.025 Public Notice of Meetings.**

- A. Reasonable public notice shall be given of all meetings of the city council and of committees of the council, including meetings of the committee of the whole and work sessions not held as part of a previously noticed regular or special council meeting.
- B. The notice shall contain the date, time and place of the meeting and a preliminary agenda. The notice shall be posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and on at least three (3) other bulletin boards within the city at least six (6) days before the meeting. If the meeting will be teleconferenced to permit the participation of the public or one (1) or more councilmembers, the location of each teleconference site shall be given in the notice. The failure of the notice to meet one (1) or more conditions of this section does not constitute a failure to provide reasonable notice unless such failure violates the requirements of reasonable notice set out in AS44.62.310.

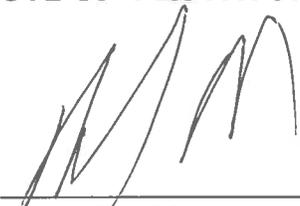
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**2.04.030 Length of Meetings**

- A. Unless extended by motion, all regular and special meetings of the city council shall end at 11:00 p.m.; provided no action taken by the city council shall be invalid solely because the action was taken after 11:00 p.m. without first (1st) extending the time for adjournment.
- B. After midnight any meeting of the Council may be recessed to 6:30p the following day upon the approval of the a super majority vote unanimous consent of the City Council.

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

**ENACTED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2016, BY A VOTE OF 4 IN FAVOR AND 1 OPPOSED.**

  
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Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lori Strickler, City Clerk