

Introduced by: City Manager Williams
Introduction Date: January 24, 2017
Public Hearing: February 14, 2017
Action: Passed
Vote: 4-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #17-05

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE 13.16 LIMITING THE ANNUAL INCREASE OF UTILITY RATES TO WATER AND SEWER, EXCLUDING SOLID WASTE

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Bethel City Council passed Ordinance 14-12, amending Bethel Municipal Code 13.16, Utility Rates;

WHEREAS, this section of the Bethel Municipal Code contains all utility rates charged by the City of Bethel, water, sewer and hauled refuse;

WHEREAS, when the Council considered Ordinance 14-12, hauled refuse rates were inadvertently left out of the rate change consideration which focused entirely on improving the status of the City's Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund;

WHEREAS, as the revisor of ordinances, the City Clerk has the authority to correct manifest errors that are clerical, typographical, or errors in spelling, or errors by way of additions or omissions;

WHEREAS, the City Clerk reinserted the solid waste utility rates into the chapter in their original form;

WHEREAS, Bethel Municipal Code Subsection 13.16.070, Annual Inflation Increase was included in the adoption of Ordinance 14-12 which reads "All rates adopted under this chapter shall be increased on July first (1st) of each year by three (3) percent unless the council determines that all water-sewer costs are being fully met and an increase is no longer necessary;"

WHEREAS, although the council's intent in passing the annual inflation was to have the increase only apply to the water and sewer rates, it could be interpreted to apply to the solid waste rates as well;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Bethel City Council:

SECTION 1. Classification. This is a Codified Ordinance and shall become part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Amendment.

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Section 13.16.070 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended (new language is underlined and old language is stricken).

13.16.070 Annual inflation increases.

~~All~~ Water and Sewer rates adopted under this chapter shall be increased on July first (1st) of each year by three (3) percent unless the council determines that all water-sewer costs are being fully met and an increase is no longer necessary.

Section 3. Effective Date.

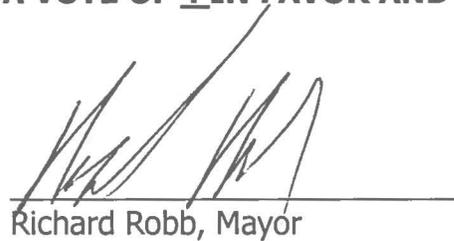
This Ordinance shall become effective upon the passage by the City Council.

ENACTED THIS 14 DAY OF FEBRUARY BY A VOTE OF 4 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk



Richard Robb, Mayor