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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance # 18-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 5.30.100 (F) OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the taxicab industry provides a valuable service to the community of Bethel 24 hours a day, seven days a week;

WHEREAS, the global positioning system was never used since put in the Bethel Municipal code

NOW, BE IT ORDAINED, the City Council amends the Bethel Municipal Code, Section 5.30.100(F), by amending the language for requiring a global positioning system.

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

SECTION 2. Amendments. Bethel Municipal Code Section 5.30.100(F) is amended as follows: (new language is underlined and old language is stricken):

5.30.100 Taxicab, River Taxi, Limousine and Bus Permits- Required Equipment

F. Every regulated vehicle shall be equipped at all times with a video camera surveillance system ~~and have global positioning system capability.~~ The surveillance and ~~GPS systems~~ system shall be capable of recording and storing the data of at least seventy-two (72) hours of in-service operations. The recorded data shall be stored on board the taxicab or transmitted for storage. The stored data for the immediately preceding seventy-two (72) hours of recording shall not be altered or manipulated by any person, and shall be made available for review and inspection by the transportation inspector for purposes of enforcement of Chapters 5.20 and 5.40 BMC and this chapter or by a peace officer as defined in AS 1.10.060 upon request. For good cause, the transportation inspector may order retention of recorded data of specific dates, trips, or incidents for up to two (2) years.

1. The video camera surveillance system shall have the capability to operate twenty-four (24) hours a day, record video only, and be compatible with

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surveillance during both daytime and nighttime. The surveillance system shall either have continuous operation or be activated by the opening of a door, or some other self-initiating device which does not require the specific decision or action by the chauffeur to activate the surveillance system. The system shall be capable of producing high-quality pictures for law enforcement use. The system shall have cameras facing the front and rear and positioned in a manner that provides views of the regulated vehicle interior that are visible to passerby and does not violate privacy rights. A limousine shall not have video surveillance of the passenger area designed and intended to provide privacy from the chauffeur and public view, but may have a view into that area when a privacy partition or device is open.

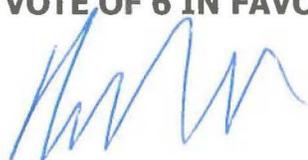
~~2. The global positioning system capability of any regulated vehicle shall either have continuous operation or be activated by a self-initiating device which does not require the specific decision or action by the chauffeur to activate the global positioning system. The global positioning system in taxicabs must be capable of alerting the monitoring station of emergencies. The dispatch company or a company within the municipality approved by the transportation inspector will be the monitoring station for a taxicab's global positioning system. [Ord. 15-21 § 2; Ord. 01-02 § 3.]~~

SECTION 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall become effective ninety (90) days after passage by the Bethel City Council.

ENACTED THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY 2018, BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Richard Robb, Mayor