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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
**Wednesday, September 6th, 2017 –6:30 p.m.**  
**300 STATE HIGHWAY – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**AGENDA**

**Members**

Joan Dewey  
*Chair*

Eileen Henrikson  
*Vice Chair*

Naim Shabani  
*Council Representative*

Julene Webber

Mary Weiss

Jared Karr

**Ex-Officio Members**

Burke Waldron  
*Interim Chief of Police*

William Howell III  
*Fire Chief*

Jesslyn McGowan  
*Recorder*

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF August 2nd, 2017
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Ordinance for Increase Taxi Rates (Council Rep, *Naim Shabani*)
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. In accordance with Bethel Municipal Code 2.52.070, Commission Declaration of Vacancy
  - B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair  
“I would like to stay on the Commission, but let someone else take the lead so we don't get stifled and have a fresh approach.”
  - C. PSTC Responsibilities and Duties (*City Attorney, Patty Burley*)
  - D. Public Service Announcement for KYUK and other Media in progress by the Emergency Services Committee (*YKBH E/R Services*)
  - E. Discussion about issue of Taxi Cameras (*Council Rep, Naim Shabani*)
  - F. Discussion of Camai Cab Permit and Possible BMC Violations (*Transportation Inspector*)
- VIII.. CHIEFS' COMMENTS
  - Fire Chief
  - Chief of Police
- IX. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR'S REPORT
- X. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMENTS
- XI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

*Jesslyn McGowan*

Jesslyn McGowan, *Recorder*

POSTED on September 1st, 2017

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Next Public Safety and Transportation Commission Meeting will be **October 4th, 2017.**

“Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim”

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on Sept 6th, 2017 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

### II. ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Dewey *Chair*  
Eileen Henrikson *Vice Chair*  
Naim Shabani *Council Representative*  
Julene Webber  
Mary Weiss  
Jared Karr

Absent:

Ex-Officio Present: Burke Waldron *Chief of Police*  
William Howell *Fire Chief*  
Jesslyn McGowan *Recorder*

### III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

*No one to be heard. Jared Karr said a person wanted him to pass along a complaint about dogs in trailer court.*

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

|                            |               |                               |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>MOVED:</b>              | Karr          | Motion to approve the agenda. |
| <b>SECONDED:</b>           | Shabani       |                               |
| <b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b> | All in favor. |                               |

### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

|                            |               |   |
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| <b>MOVED:</b>              | Webber        | Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of |
| <b>SECONDED:</b>           | Weiss         |   |
| <b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b> | All in favor. |   |

## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Ordinance for Increase Taxi Rates**

*The last time taxi rates was increased was 10 years ago in August of 2007. Everything has gone up in price since then such as shipping for vehicles, fuel, insurance, maintenance, taxes and fees while cab rates have stayed the same. Surprisingly, fuel costs the same amount as it did in 2007, but it has fluctuated throughout the years. It is put on here so that it is open to discussion and if anyone has any concerns about it. Also need to change on the ordinance that the in-towns to remain at five dollars and not six. It seems like the perfect time to bring this up, it has been 10 years and the costs of everything else has gone up including population and traffic. The whole intent is getting people to want to take cabs, not have to take cabs.*

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. In accordance with Bethel Municipal Code 2.52.070 Commission Declaration of Vacancy**

*Daniel Resigned, Jared Karr has moved up to a normal seat and is no longer an alternate. One member and two alternate vacant spots remain open.*

### **B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

*Webber nominates Henrikson for Chair  
Naim nominates Weiss for Vice Chair  
Mary nominates Karr for Vice Chair  
Eileen nominates Karr for Chair*

*Commission took a vote and Eileen wins Chair, Jared wins Vice Chair.*

### **C. PSTC Responsibilities and Duties**

*Committee discussed some of the things that were on the handouts that City Attorney Patty Burley gave them on the responsibilities and duties of the committee should be. Decided on Chief, Naim Shabani, Mary Weiss and Jesslyn McGowan to meet on Tuesday 9/12/2017 at 9am to go through the BMC Codes and possible issues with some. Will report to Patty Burley and also the commission on what they discussed.*

### **D. Public Service Announcement for KYUK and other Media in progress by the ESC**

*Joan Dewey is part of a working group with emergency services with the hospital. They get together to discuss various public health issues, the impact of the shelter and all the increase in needed bed space in the shelter and ER. They are planning on putting together a public service announcement that help puts out there for folks to help other folks binge less and think about other ways to celebrate PFD season. It is open for ideas and so far is at having a question and answer session with adults and kids. Will send all the information to the recorder to distribute to the committee.*

**E. Discussion about issue of Taxi Cameras**

*The cameras that the cabs currently have break down every 8-10 months because of the dust during the summer that ruins the sensors in the camera lenses and makes them stop recording. Almost half of the cameras are currently not even working. It costs a lot of money to repair the cameras, from getting them uninstalled, shipping them to the manufacturer, paying them the repair fee, shipping them back and then reinstalling them. There is a requirement on the types of cameras cabs need to have and there should be a more lenient code on what types of cameras cabs are required to have. There are cameras out there that will work perfect that can easily and cost effectively be replaced or repaired compared to the current cameras.*

**F. Discussion of Camai Cab Permit and possible BMC Violations**

*Moved to next meeting*

**VIII. CHIEF’S COMMENTS**

Chief Waldron – *See report in commission packet*

Fire Chief Howell – *See report in commission packet*

**IX. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR’S REPORT**

*See report in commission packet*

**X. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE’S COMMENTS**

*The main item that has been coming up this past month at council meetings is sales tax. There isn’t really anything new to update at the moment.*

**XI. COMMISSION MEMBER’S COMMENTS**

*Julene Webber- No comment today thank you. Oh yeah, I wanted to say thank you to Joan.*

*Joan Dewey- I am just glad, we are way beyond. WE got a quorum and are able to do this. I think that is very important, I am happy that we have new leadership to facilitate these meetings, I think that is great. Right on, thank you. I would also like to thank Julene, and everyone else. This is a commitment.*

*Eileen Henrikson- No comment.*

*Jared Karr- No comment.*

*Mary Weiss- No comment.*

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

|                            |               |                    |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <b>MOVED:</b>              | Webber        | Motion to adjourn. |
| <b>SECONDED:</b>           | Karr          |                    |
| <b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b> | All in favor. |                    |

*Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.*

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Jesslyn McGowan, Recorder

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Joan Dewey, Chair

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# CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

## Ordinance #

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 5.20.050 OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE INCREASING TAXI CAB RATES

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

**WHEREAS**, taxicab rates have remained the same in Bethel for the last ten years—since the passage of Ordinance #07-20 on August 14, 2007;

**WHEREAS**, in the last ten years all expenses such as fuel, insurance, maintenance, taxes and fees have all increased while cab rates have stayed the same;

**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** That The Bethel City Council Increase Taxi Fares.

**SECTION 1. Classification.** This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

**SECTION 2. Amendment.** Chapter 5.20.050 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended as follows: (new language is underlined and old language is stricken out):

#### 5.20.020 Rates.

E. Rates for permitted transportation are as follows:

|  | Old Rates          | Maximum Rates  |
|--|--------------------|--|
| Cab fares within the city (including Bethel Heights)                                 | \$5.00             | <u>\$5.00</u>  |
| Fare to the hospital   | \$5.00             | <u>\$5.00</u>  |
| Fare to the trailer court, Hangar Lake, power plant                                  | <del>\$5.00</del>  | <u>\$6.00</u>  |
| Fare to and from the airport to and from all locations, except Kasayulie Subdivision | \$7.00             | <u>\$8.00</u>  |
| Fare to B.I.A. and Tundra Ridge  | <del>\$7.00</del>  | <u>\$8.00</u>  |
| Fare to and from Kasayulie Subdivision   | <del>\$10.00</del> | <u>\$12.00</u>   |
| Fare to and from Haroldson Subdivision   | \$7.00             | <u>\$7.00</u>  |
| Half-hour fare charter   | <del>\$30.00</del> | <u>\$35.00</u>   |
| Fare airport to airport  | \$4.00             | <u>\$4.00</u>  |
| Senior citizens  |                    | <b>The Old Fare Rates</b>  |
| En route stops   | \$1.00 per minute  | <u>\$1.00 PER STOP, PLUS</u><br><u>\$1.00 PER MINUTE AFTER</u><br><u>THREE MINUTES</u> |

**SECTION 3. Effective date.** This ordinance shall become effective January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

ATTEST:

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Richard Robb, Mayor

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Lori Strickler, City Clerk

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# CITY OF BETHEL

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## Memorandum

To: Public Safety and Transportation Commission

From: Patty Burley, City Attorney

Date: August 30, 2017

Re: Role of Commission

My apologies for not being able to be at the meeting after all – I've been called away to Fairbanks for work.

You asked what can the Commission take an active role in? What are our roles and responsibilities?

I've included three things for your consideration:

1. The first is a list of the Powers and Duties (Chapter 2.25 of the BMC). Please pay particular attention to Part B – this is where I think things have not been happening for the Commission.
2. The second is a list of the General Provisions for Cabs, Buses, etc. A quick review indicates that the Commission is supposed to be much more involved but over the years that involvement has gone away. Does the Commission wish to resume that involvement? Is the Code regarding cabs outdated and needs to be brought into the modern world? It was written in 2000 with one update in 2001 and not touched much since then. Sometimes things are good as is; sometimes the real world changes their practicality.
3. The final list includes a summary of various areas of the Code that I need to tackle. These are areas that are extremely outdated, or need to be added, need to be addressed, etc.

It would be areas your Commission would be heavily involved in. Perhaps your Commission could pick out a few that you would like to help me tackle? These would be areas that your Commission would play a role in? Your Commission works well with the Police and Fire so perhaps working to address areas where the BMC is deficient in assisting them?

Thank you.

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## Chapter 5

Also houses the alcohol and marijuana codes. Now that alcohol sales have been around a while, issues with the alcohol code easily found. Among the things not addressed:

- Public Drunkenness
- Protective Custody Fees
- Disorderly Conduct

### Chapter 5.20 GENERAL PROVISIONS

[Taxicabs; River Taxis; Buses; Limos]

- Review of Section 5.20 – sets out all of the things which the commission is allowed to do: nearly all of it the commission is NOT doing today

## Title 6 ANIMALS

Chapters:

- [6.04](#) Licensing and Impoundment
  - [6.08](#) Disease Control
- 

Other Communities: look to the persons more than the animal

Rabies control;

Impoundment better defined;

Clearer procedure for classifying an animal a 'dangerous animal';

More opportunity for notice to owners and an opportunity for owners to prove their case

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## Title 8 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Chapters:

- [8.04](#) Unsafe Swimming Areas
  - [8.08](#) Reflective Devices
  - [8.10](#) Smoking Pollution Control
  - [8.12](#) Plastic Bags and Polystyrene Containers
  - [8.15](#) Vehicle Helmets
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Other Communities:

- Authority of Police and Fire Departments
  - Hourly Rate for Police Svcs
  - Pedestrian Control Signals
  - Vandalism
  - Panhandling
  - Excessive Police Responses
  - Abandoned/Junk/Dismantled Vehicles
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- Smoking
  - Litter
  - False Alarms
  - Disorderly Conduct
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- Public Consumption or Possession of Alcohol
  - Burning Trash
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## Title 9 PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE

### Chapters:

- [9.01](#) Minor Offenses Adopted
- [9.02](#) Disturbing Official Notices
- [9.03](#) Obstructing Fire Station
- [9.04](#) Fireworks
- [9.05](#) Offenses By or Against Minors
- [9.06](#) Weapons
- [9.28](#) Places of Public Assembly
- [9.32](#) Laser Pointers
- [9.36](#) Public Nuisance Abatement

### Other Communities:

Dangerous Properties  
Junk Properties  
Abandoned Properties  
Gambling  
Prostitution

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## Title 10 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

### Chapters:

- [10.01](#) State Traffic Laws Adopted
- [10.03](#) Miscellaneous Traffic Regulations
- [10.07](#) General Provisions
- [10.15](#) Motor Vehicle Impoundment

### Other Communities:

- Parking: Residential/Commercial
  - Crashes
  - Traffic Signs; Signals; Markings
  - Pedestrian Signals
  - Bicycles, Motorcycles, Motor Driven Cycles
  - Off-Highway vehicles
  - Impound Vehicles
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## Chapter 2.25 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

### Sections:

- 2.25.010 Establishment of commission.
- 2.25.020 Powers and duties.
- 2.25.030 Composition.
- 2.25.040 Ex officio members and staff.
- 2.25.050 Application of Chapter 2.52 BMC.
- 2.25.060 Regulations.
- 2.25.070 Public and private ground transportation facilities defined.

### **2.25.010 Establishment of commission.**

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There is established a public safety and transportation commission (PSTC). The PSTC shall provide advice regarding public safety and transportation issues, and regulate taxicabs, river taxis, buses, limousines or airport limousines, chauffeurs and dispatch services in accordance with this chapter, Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC and other applicable law. [Ord. 01-02 § 2; Ord. 00-12 § 2.]

### **2.25.020 Powers and duties.**

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A. With respect to providing advice regarding public safety and transportation issues, the PSTC shall:

1. Hear and review public safety and transportation concerns and advise the city council on these issues;
2. Hear and review citizen complaints regarding the police and fire departments and provide suggestions for resolution of the complaints to the city manager;
3. Produce reports on specific public safety and transportation concerns when appropriate;
4. Inform the city council on municipal and state legislation relevant to public safety and transportation;
5. Support municipal legislative programs on state issues relevant to public safety and transportation, when appropriate;
6. Review information presented regarding the availability of all federal, state, municipal and private resources for public safety and transportation in the city, and advise the city council;
7. Advise the council with respect to the operation, management, regulation, and control of the city's public and private ground transportation facilities;
8. Advise the council with respect to the operation, management, regulation, and control of the city's public and private ground transportation facilities in accordance with Chapters 5.20, 5.30, 5.40, 5.45 and 5.50 BMC, and other applicable ordinances now in effect or hereinafter enacted;
9. Advise the council with respect to the integration of public and private ground transportation facilities within Bethel;
10. Periodically review the budget, capital improvement programs and funding of city-owned ground transportation systems and report its findings to the city council;
11. Periodically study and advise the city council with respect to location and development of transportation systems, transportation coders, traffic movement, and those aspects of urban growth which facilitate or

impede movement of people and goods, and those aspects of transportation that contribute to orderly economic development within the city;

12. Perform such other duties as the city council may refer to it from time to time;

13. Do such other acts as are necessary and proper to the performance of the duties and functions set forth in this chapter.

B. With respect to regulating taxicabs, river taxis, buses, limousines or airport limousines, chauffeurs and dispatch services, the PSTC shall:

1. Regulate taxicabs, river taxis, buses, limousines or airport limousines, chauffeurs and dispatch services in accordance with Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC and other applicable law;

2. Hold public hearings as necessary to investigate the quality of service rendered by taxicabs, river taxis, buses, limousines or airport limousines, chauffeurs and dispatch services and make such recommendations to the council as it deems necessary for the improvement of such services;

3. Administer oaths, certify to all official acts, and issue subpoenas and other process to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of testimony, records, papers, accounts and documents in an inquiry, investigation, hearing or proceeding before the PSTC for the purpose of regulating taxicabs, river taxis, buses, limousines or airport limousines, chauffeurs and dispatch services. The commission may petition a court of the state to enforce its subpoenas or other process;

4. Conduct hearings pursuant to Chapter 5.20 BMC and other applicable ordinances now in effect or hereinafter enacted;

5. Perform such other duties as the city council may refer to it from time to time;

6. Do such other acts as are necessary and proper to the performance of the duties and functions set forth in this chapter.

C. Nothing in this chapter should be construed to provide the following authority to the PSTC:

1. To hear or advise on any concerns or complaints related to potential or pending litigation with the city;

2. To review or advise on any complaints, concerns or negotiation strategies related to labor contracts with the city;

3. To review or advise on any hiring or disciplinary decisions made by the Bethel police or fire departments;

4. To review or advise on past, pending or potential grievance, arbitration or administrative matters that pertain to public safety personnel;

5. To review any personnel files of public safety employees;

6. To review police reports and records unless, prior to review by the PSTC, the city attorney determines that review of such reports and records complies with applicable law;

7. To issue subpoenas and other process to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of testimony, records, papers, accounts and documents in an inquiry, investigation, hearing or proceeding before the PSTC for any purpose other than for the purpose of regulating taxicabs, limousines or airport limousines, chauffeurs and dispatch services. [Ord. 01-02 § 2; Ord. 00-12 § 2.]

### **2.25.030 Composition.**

A. Membership. The voting members of the PSTC shall be seven (7) citizens who have been residents of the city for at least one (1) year and otherwise comply with the requirements of BMC 2.52.040 and this chapter. The seventh (7th) voting member shall be a member of the city council. No more than one (1) member may have an interest in the vehicle-for-hire industry. A person who applies for a seat on the commission shall disclose in the application all interests the person has in the vehicle-for-hire industry. A member of the commission who becomes a person with an interest in the vehicle-for-hire industry after appointment to the commission shall immediately disclose that interest and forfeits his or her seat on the commission if there already exists one (1) member with an interest in the vehicle-for-hire industry.

B. Term. The terms of each member shall be as provided for in BMC 2.52.050.

C. Presiding Officer. The PSTC shall designate a member to preside as chairperson for a period of one (1) year. The PSTC shall also designate as its vice chairperson a member to serve in the absence of the chairperson.

D. Alternate Members. The mayor shall appoint up to two (2) additional members to serve as alternate members, subject to confirmation by the council. An alternate member will be activated as a voting member whenever there is an absence or conflict of interest of another member. At all other times the alternate member shall be an ex officio member. [Ord. 09-09 § 4; Ord. 05-04 § 2; Ord. 00-12 § 2.]

#### **2.25.040 Ex officio members and staff.**

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The police and fire chiefs, or their designees, shall serve as ex officio members of the PSTC in accordance with BMC 2.52.170. They shall ensure that the PSTC is provided with information requested by it in order to perform its functions under this chapter in a reasonable time to allow the PSTC to conduct its business, except if provision of such information is prohibited by law. [Ord. 00-12 § 2.]

#### **2.25.050 Application of Chapter 2.52 BMC.**

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The provisions of Chapter 2.52 BMC apply to the PSTC unless a specific, different procedure is provided for in this chapter. [Ord. 00-12 § 2.]

#### **2.25.060 Regulations.**

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The PSTC may promulgate regulations relating to operation of, and rates to be charged for services provided by, taxicabs, river taxis, buses, limousines or airport limousines and dispatch services not inconsistent with the provisions of Chapters 5.20, 5.30, 5.40, 5.45 and 5.50 BMC, and other applicable ordinances now in effect or hereinafter enacted. [Ord. 01-02 § 2; Ord. 00-12 § 2.]

#### **2.25.070 Public and private ground transportation facilities defined.**

“Public and private ground transportation facilities” mean and include but are not limited to buses, taxicabs, river taxis, limousines or airport limousines, and other motor-driven passenger conveyances offered for public hire. [Ord. 01-02 § 2; Ord. 00-12 § 2.]

**The Bethel Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 17-23, passed May 9, 2017.**

Disclaimer: The City Clerk's Office has the official version of the Bethel Municipal Code. Users should contact the City Clerk's Office for ordinances passed subsequent to the ordinance cited above.



## Chapter 5.20 GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Sections:

- 5.20.010 Definitions.
- 5.20.020 Bethel public safety and transportation commission.
- 5.20.030 Bethel public safety and transportation commission – Powers and duties.
- 5.20.040 Bethel public safety and transportation commission – Regulations.
- 5.20.050 Bethel public safety and transportation commission – Rates.
- 5.20.055 Bethel public safety and transportation commission – Complaints.
- 5.20.060 Hearing officer.
- 5.20.070 Powers and duties of transportation inspector.
- 5.20.080 Vehicle inspections.
- 5.20.085 Drug and alcohol testing.
- 5.20.090 Enforcement authority.
- 5.20.100 Hearings – Appeals.
- 5.20.110 Denial, suspension, or revocation of license or permit.
- 5.20.120 Penalties and remedies.
- 5.20.130 Renewal of license or permit.
- 5.20.140 Duty to maintain current application.
- 5.20.150 Submission, review and certification of applications.
- 5.20.160 Fees.
- 5.20.170 Safety belts, child safety restraints, and vehicle air bags.

### **5.20.010 Definitions.**

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When used in Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC, unless the context requires otherwise:

- A. “Bus” means a regulated vehicle designated by its manufacturer as a bus used to transport passengers for hire and having a capacity of eight (8) or more passengers, except that any vehicle engaged exclusively in the transport by motor vehicle of students to and from school is not a “bus” for purposes of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC.
- B. “Chauffeur” means a person authorized by the transportation inspector through the issuance of a chauffeur’s license to operate a vehicle regulated in accordance with Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC.
- C. “Commission” means the Bethel public safety and transportation commission.
- D. “Dispatch service” means a business authorized pursuant to Chapter 5.50 BMC to engage in the dispatch of taxicabs or river taxis to persons desiring to hire them.
- E. “Interest” means any share in or right to a permit issued in accordance with Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC.
- F. “Lease operator” means a person who has entered into an agreement with a taxicab permittee which allows that person to provide taxicab services pursuant to the permittee’s authority under this code, only if such an arrangement is approved in advance by the transportation inspector, and only if such an arrangement is operated in accordance with conditions placed upon it by the transportation inspector.
- G. “Licensee” means a person authorized by the transportation inspector to operate a regulated vehicle while it is in service.

H. "Limousine" means a regulated vehicle designated by its manufacturer as a limousine used to transport passengers for hire with a chauffeur over unfixed or undefined routes at rates greater than those charged for taxicabs and buses. Curbside and flag stop service are prohibited for limousine chauffeurs; all service must be prearranged.

I. "Operate" means to drive, pick up, transport or discharge passengers.

J. "Permit" means a written authorization issued by the transportation inspector allowing the operation of a vehicle regulated in accordance with Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC. A permit to operate may be separate from ownership or lease of the vehicle or service operated. A permit to operate does not include a chauffeur's license. Such a permit is separate and distinct from a chauffeur's license.

K. "Permittee" means a person authorized by the transportation inspector to put a regulated vehicle in service.

L. "Rate" means every rate, toll, fare, rental charge or other form of compensation demanded, charged or collected by a permittee or chauffeur for its services.

M. "Regulated vehicle" means any vehicle regulated by Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC.

N. "River taxi" means any motor vehicle used to transport passengers for hire on a river which operates within the city limits of the city of Bethel.

O. "Taxicab" means a chauffeured motor vehicle used to transport passengers for hire having a manufacturer's rated seating capacity of nine (9) or fewer persons, which capacity includes the driver and which is not operated over fixed or defined routes.

P. "Transfer" (with respect to an interest in a permit issued under Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC) means to sell, lease, convey, give, exchange, or otherwise transfer an interest in a permit issued in accordance with Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC to another person or entity, including but not limited to a transfer of interest through power of attorney.

Q. "Transportation inspector" means the Bethel chief of police or his or her designee. [Ord. 08-17 § 2; Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

#### **5.20.020 Bethel public safety and transportation commission.**

The Bethel public safety and transportation commission is established in accordance with Chapter 2.25 BMC. [Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

#### **5.20.030 Bethel public safety and transportation commission – Powers and duties.**

A. In addition to the powers and duties enumerated in BMC 2.25.020, the commission shall have the powers and duties further enumerated in this section.

B. The commission shall regulate all regulated vehicles, chauffeurs, and dispatch services in accordance with Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC except for any regulated vehicles which the commission determines are subject to regulation in accordance with a taxicab regulation program established by Alaska or federal law. No motorized vehicle may be offered for hire to transport passengers in Bethel without being a regulated vehicle. The purpose of the provisions set forth in Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC or regulations adopted by the commission shall be to protect the public's interest with respect to the price and quality of service provided by regulated vehicles.

C. The commission shall hold at least two (2) public hearings annually to investigate the quality of services rendered by regulated vehicles, permittees, chauffeurs and dispatch services, and shall make such recommendations to the city council as it deems necessary for the improvement of such services.

D. The commission or its designee may administer oaths, certify to all official acts, and issue subpoenas and other process to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of testimony, records, papers, accounts and documents in an inquiry, investigation, hearing or proceeding before the commission. The commission may petition a court of this state to enforce its subpoenas or other process. [Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

**5.20.040 Bethel public safety and transportation commission – Regulations.**

The commission may promulgate regulations setting rates and/or other charges for service and minimum standards for service as well as any other regulations necessary to carrying out the provisions of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC. Such regulations shall be approved or rejected by the city council at or before the third (3rd) city council meeting following adoption of the regulations by the commission. If such regulations are not considered by the city council by the third (3rd) city council meeting following their adoption by the commission, they shall be deemed approved by the city council. [Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

**5.20.050 Bethel public safety and transportation commission – Rates.**

A. The commission:

1. Shall establish maximum rates to be charged for taxicab and river taxi service and may establish minimum rates for such services;
2. May establish dispatch service, limousine, or bus minimum and/or maximum rates;
3. May establish maximum lease rates between permittees and lease operators of taxicabs, including daily lease rates for taxicab chauffeurs.

B. All rates established by the commission shall be nondiscriminatory, just and reasonable.

C. A statement of actual taxicab rates charged by a taxicab, other than flat or group rates established by contractual agreement between dispatch service companies and individuals or other businesses, shall be conspicuously posted on the interior and exterior of every taxicab in a manner prescribed by the transportation inspector.

D. No person may require payment of rates other than those established by the commission pursuant to this section.

E. No person may require payment of dispatch service rates other than those established by the commission pursuant to this section.

F. Rates for permitted transportation area as follows:

|  | Old Rates | Maximum Rates |
|--|-----------|---------------|
| Cab fares within the city (including Bethel Heights)                                 | \$4.00    | \$5.00        |
| Fare to the hospital   | \$4.00    | \$5.00        |
| Fare to the trailer court, Hangar Lake, power plant                                  | \$4.00    | \$5.00        |
| Fare to and from the airport to and from all locations, except Kasayulie Subdivision | \$6.00    | \$7.00        |
| Fare to B.I.A. and Tundra Ridge  | \$6.00    | \$7.00        |
| Fare to and from Kasayulie Subdivision   | \$10.00   | \$10.00       |
| Fare to and from Haroldson Subdivision   |           | \$7.00        |

|                         | Old Rates         | Maximum Rates   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Half-hour fare charter  | \$25.00           | \$30.00   |
| Fare airport to airport | \$4.00            | \$4.00  |
| Senior citizens         |                   | The old fare rates  |
| En route stops          | \$1.00 per minute | \$1.00 per stop, plus \$1.00 per minute after three minutes |

[Ord. 07-20 § 2; Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

### **5.20.055 Bethel public safety and transportation commission – Complaints.**

The commission, through the transportation inspector, shall:

A. Establish a system for processing and adjudicating citizen complaints against chauffeurs of regulated vehicles or against the condition of a regulated vehicle and further establish a system to keep records of all such complaints. The record shall identify the chauffeur, permit number, and permittee of the vehicle involved in the complaint, as well as the name, address, and/or telephone number of the complainants if available. A complainant's identification may be held confidential by the commission upon request of the complainant(s). Absent additional evidence, an anonymous complaint does not constitute a sufficient basis for issuance of a civil or criminal citation or penalty.

B. Require dispatch companies to establish a record of all complaints registered against chauffeurs of regulated vehicles, or against the condition of a regulated vehicle. The record shall identify the chauffeur, permit number and permittee of the vehicle involved in the complaint, as well as the name, address, and/or telephone number of the complainants if available. A complainant's identification may be withheld from the complaint log by the dispatch company and instead transmitted confidentially to the transportation inspector upon request of the complainant. Absent additional evidence, an anonymous complaint does not constitute a sufficient basis for issuance of a civil or criminal citation or penalty. The dispatch companies shall, on a monthly basis, provide the transportation inspector with a complete copy of logged complaints.

C. Require that within all regulated vehicles a commission-approved notice of the telephone numbers required for the filing of complaints with the commission and the number of the vehicle utilizing the permit shall be prominently displayed in a manner, size, and location designated by the transportation inspector.

D. Provide permittees with a monthly summary of all logged complaints, civil or criminal citations, and convictions entered against chauffeurs or vehicles operating under the permittee's permit.

E. Utilize citation and conviction findings in the annual review process to determine whether the renewal of an individual permittee's permit to operate remains in the continued public interest and welfare.

F. Provide current information in response to any public request, as to the number of citations issued or convictions entered against a chauffeur or permittee within the preceding twelve (12) months. [Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

### **5.20.060 Hearing officer.**

A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, in all appeals to it in accordance with BMC 5.20.100, the commission shall provide for a hearing officer to conduct the hearings, to make rulings regarding the admission of evidence and procedure, and to prepare a proposed decision, with findings of facts and conclusions of law. The commission may adopt the hearing officer's decision or decide the matter itself based upon the record created before the hearing officer. The record shall include tapes or transcripts of the hearing before the hearing officer.

The hearing officer who presided at the hearing shall be present during the consideration of the case by the commission to assist and advise the commission.

B. If, in the case of an emergency or an expedited matter, there is not enough time to appoint a hearing officer to hear appeals in accordance with subsection A of this section, the commission may conduct a hearing without providing for a hearing officer. The commission is solely responsible for determining whether or not there is sufficient time to appoint a hearing officer. All other provisions of this section apply to the conduct of a hearing held without a hearing officer.

C. Hearings shall be conducted under this section in accordance with AS 44.62.430 through 44.62.540 (state administrative procedures for the conduct of administrative hearings by hearing officers).

D. A hearing officer may be appointed to conduct appeals without complying with BMC 4.20.170. [Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

### **5.20.070 Powers and duties of transportation inspector.**

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In addition to the other duties and powers granted by Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC, the transportation inspector shall:

A. Keep records relating to permittees, regulated vehicles, chauffeurs, and dispatch services regulated under Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC;

B. Investigate, inspect and examine vehicles, drivers, records and any and all other things related to the operation of regulated vehicles to assure that the provisions of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC are enforced and obeyed;

C. Receive and process all applications for permits and licenses;

D. Require a regulated vehicle to be taken out of service for an inspection when the transportation inspector reasonably believes that it poses a threat to the safety or health of persons or property. The transportation inspector may order the owner of the regulated vehicle to obtain and pay for an inspection report from a designated inspection station. The transportation inspector may keep a vehicle out of service for a reasonable time in order to perform the inspection;

E. Assess a fine against a designated inspection station or the regulated vehicle operator or both, upon submission of an inspection report under BMC 5.20.080 that contains false or misleading information, including any material omission. The fine shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300) for each violator for each false or misleading inspection report. This fine shall be in addition to any other remedy or penalty provided by this code, such as denial, revocation, or suspension of a license or permit. Any appeal of the fine shall be in accordance with BMC 5.20.100; and

F. Perform those administrative duties of the commission which are delegated to him or her by the commission. [Ord. 03-10 § 2; Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

### **5.20.080 Vehicle inspections.**

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A. All regulated vehicles shall be inspected by a designated inspection station and the approved inspection form presented to the transportation inspector before a permit will be issued. At least twice a year thereafter, all regulated vehicles shall be inspected. No regulated vehicle may be operated until it has been inspected and found to be in compliance with Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC and any other applicable law. The transportation inspector may also inspect a regulated vehicle at any time to determine if the vehicle is in compliance with all provisions of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC, and keep the vehicle out of service for a reasonable time in order to perform the inspection.

B. When a regulated vehicle has been operating under any permit for two (2) years or has accumulated a total of two hundred thousand (200,000) miles, whichever occurs first (1st), the transportation inspector may increase the required annual inspection frequency to four (4) inspections annually, after reasonable notice to the permittee.

C. No person may operate a vehicle as a regulated vehicle unless such vehicle is in a safe, clean condition and in compliance with all applicable laws. If the transportation inspector determines that a regulated vehicle is mechanically unsound, unclean or otherwise out of compliance with all applicable laws, the permittee shall take the vehicle out of service immediately upon notification from the transportation inspector.

D. Mechanical Equipment Standards.

1. The steering mechanism shall be in good working order and wheel play shall not exceed two (2) inches;
2. All door hinges and latches shall be in good mechanical working order so that doors open easily and close securely. All door locks shall function as designed;
3. All windows shall be fully operable and composed of approved safety glass. The windshield shall have no chips or stars larger than a twenty-five cent piece (\$0.25) and shall not be cracked above four (4) inches from the bottom or below four (4) inches from the top of the windshield. No cracks in a vertical position are permitted on either side of the windshield. At no time shall a driver's vision be obstructed by damage to the windshield, side windows or rear window. Interior and exterior mirrors shall be firmly attached to the vehicle;
4. All brakes shall be in good mechanical working order. When pressed, the brake pedal shall not be less than one and three-fourths (1 3/4) inches from the floorboard. Brake linings shall not be less than one thirty-second (1/32) of an inch at any point. Brake drums shall not exceed forty-one thousandths (40/1,000) of an inch in excess of factory specifications;
5. The exhaust system, gaskets, tailpipes and mufflers shall be in good condition. Exhaust fumes shall not permeate into the interior of the vehicle;
6. The vehicle shall be equipped with four (4) tires, each of which shall have tread depth measurements at approximately every one hundred twenty (120) degrees of its circumference of not less than two thirty-seconds (2/32) of an inch. There shall be no sidewall damage to the tires;
7. The speedometer shall be properly installed and maintained in good working order and exposed to view;
8. The interior of the vehicle shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and be free from torn upholstery and from damaged or broken seats;
9. All exterior and interior lights and turn signals shall be in good mechanical order. Headlights shall be properly aligned for both high and low beam use;
10. The horn and two (2) windshield wipers shall be in good mechanical working order;
11. All wire connections shall be permanent and located out of the way of the driver and passengers;
12. The vehicle shall be structurally sound and not have cracked or dented fenders and shall be painted so as to provide reasonable protection against structural deterioration. Body and sheet metal should have all the manufactured parts securely mounted with no dangerous protuberances;
13. Defrosting and heating systems shall be operational;
14. There shall be no measurable leakage of fluids or oil from any part of the vehicle;

15. The vehicle shall be equipped with a readily accessible fire extinguisher with a gauge that clearly indicates that the unit is fully charged, mounted and readily accessible within the driver's immediate reach in the vehicle;
16. The vehicle shall be equipped with accessible and operable seat belts for all seats;
17. The vehicle shall comply with the provisions of AS 28.05.095 regarding child safety restraints and seat belts;
18. The vehicle's odometer shall be kept in good working order.

E. All regulated vehicles shall be subject at all times to an inspection by the transportation inspector, or a police officer who has reason to believe that the vehicle does not comply with all federal, state and local equipment laws or regulations. [Ord. 02-30 § 2; Ord. 02-07 § 2; Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

### **5.20.085 Drug and alcohol testing.**

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A. The commission shall:

1. Establish a commission-approved drug and alcohol testing program for chauffeurs of regulated vehicles. The program may include chauffeur applicant drug screening tests, random tests, reasonable cause tests, post-accident tests, and post-citation tests. The testing program shall be administered by the transportation inspector;
2. Provide for the immediate denial or revocation of the chauffeur's license by the transportation inspector of any such chauffeur failing or failing to submit to a chauffeur application drug screening test, a random drug or alcohol test, a reasonable cause drug or alcohol test, a post-accident drug or alcohol test, or a post-citation drug or alcohol test, for a period of not less than six (6) months for a first (1st) offense. In the case of a revocation under this section, the revocation may continue beyond six (6) months until such time as the chauffeur shall submit evidence of successful completion of a drug or alcohol abuse treatment program;
3. Provide for the immediate revocation by the transportation inspector of the chauffeur's license of any chauffeur failing or failing to submit to such a random, reasonable cause, post-accident, or post-citation test, for a period of not less than two (2) years for a second (2nd) or subsequent offense.

B. Within ninety (90) days of the enactment of the ordinance codified in this chapter, a design, cost structure, and fee determination for the drug and alcohol testing program shall be developed by the commission and submitted to the city council for approval subject to the following conditions:

1. Direct operational costs for the random, post-accident, post-citation, and reasonable cause drug and alcohol testing program shall be borne by permittees. Direct operational costs for the chauffeur application drug screening test shall be borne by licensees. [Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

### **5.20.090 Enforcement authority.**

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The transportation inspector shall have all powers required to enforce the provisions of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC. [Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

### **5.20.100 Hearings – Appeals.**

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A. If the transportation inspector determines that an application for a license or permit does not meet the requirements of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC, the transportation inspector shall deny the application. The transportation inspector shall issue a written decision to the applicant which shall state the specific reasons for that denial within fifteen (15) days of the denial of the application.

B. A person aggrieved by the denial of an application under subsection A of this section, or revocation or suspension of a permit or license by the transportation inspector pursuant to Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC may, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the denial, suspension or revocation decision, and upon payment of the filing fee required by BMC 5.20.160, appeal that decision to the commission. After a hearing conducted pursuant to BMC 5.20.060, the commission shall uphold the decision of the transportation inspector, or authorize the conditional or unconditional issuance or reinstatement of a denied, suspended or revoked license or permit only upon an affirmative showing at a hearing by the appellant that the transportation inspector exceeded his or her authority under Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC in denying, suspending, or revoking the license or permit.

C. An appeal from any final decision of the commission made in accordance with this section shall be filed in the Superior Court, Fourth Judicial District, Bethel, Alaska, no later than thirty (30) days following service of that decision upon the affected licensee or permittee at the last known address. Review by the court shall be limited to determining whether the decision appealed is supported by substantial evidence.

D. A permittee or licensee who has been issued a citation for a violation of a provision of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC, or subjected to a penalty, may contest that citation or penalty by filing a notice of appeal with the commission no later than fifteen (15) days after the day the citation or penalty has been issued. Such an appeal shall be considered by the commission in accordance with the procedures established in BMC 5.20.060 and subsection B of this section. [Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

### **5.20.110 Denial, suspension, or revocation of license or permit.**

A. The transportation inspector shall have the power to suspend or revoke a chauffeur's license.

1. The transportation inspector shall immediately suspend or revoke a chauffeur's license if a chauffeur is convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of an offense set forth in BMC 5.40.030;
2. The transportation inspector shall suspend or revoke a chauffeur's license upon receipt of evidence sufficient to cause the transportation inspector to conclude that it is more likely than not that a chauffeur is incapable of controlling a motor vehicle safely;
3. The transportation inspector shall deny, suspend, or revoke the chauffeur's license of any chauffeur failing or refusing to take a drug and/or alcohol test in accordance with BMC 5.20.085.

B. Upon a request by the transportation inspector or on its own initiative, the commission shall have the power to suspend or revoke a taxicab, river taxi, and limousine or bus permit.

1. The commission shall suspend or revoke a taxicab, river taxi, limousine or bus permit upon finding after a hearing that:
  - a. A permittee has not operated pursuant to the permit for one hundred eighty (180) days in any twelve-(12-) month period; provided, that such failure to operate is not caused by strike, public catastrophe, or other act beyond the control of the permittee but not including insolvency;
  - b. A permittee has sold or otherwise lost the use of the vehicle which was being operated pursuant to the permit and has failed to replace it within sixty (60) days after the date of such sale or loss;
  - c. A permittee has failed to make any payments required under Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC or to make any payments (including but not limited to business license fees and sales taxes) or remit any fees required by any other provisions of this code;
  - d. A permittee has submitted a false or misleading inspection report from a designated inspection station;

2. The commission may suspend or revoke a taxicab, river taxi, limousine or bus permit upon finding after a hearing that a permittee has violated any provision of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC. The commission may suspend or revoke a chauffeur's license upon finding after a hearing that a licensee has violated any provision of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC;

3. The transportation inspector shall immediately suspend or revoke a taxicab, river taxi, limousine or bus permit upon being provided with appropriate notice that a permittee has been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of an offense set forth in BMC 5.30.040;

4. The transportation inspector may immediately revoke a permit under this subsection if the transportation inspector determines that continued operation of the permit will result in substantial risk to the public health or welfare. If the transportation inspector revokes a permit based upon such determination, the revocation action shall expire in ten (10) days, unless within this time the commission holds a hearing and determines that a continued emergency revocation is warranted until such time as the commission makes a decision on an appeal to the revocation, should such an appeal be filed by the permittee.

C. The commission may suspend or revoke a dispatch service permit upon a finding after a hearing that:

1. Such dispatch service has not commenced operation within ninety (90) days after issuance of the permit;
2. Such dispatch service has failed to provide dispatch services for a period of ninety (90) consecutive days; provided, that such failure to operate is not caused by strike, public catastrophe or other act beyond the control of the dispatch service other than insolvency; or
3. Such dispatch service does not have a valid radio station license issued by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") or such dispatch service is not in compliance with any terms and conditions imposed on it by the FCC.

D. Violation of any of the terms and conditions of a suspension or revocation imposed by this section is a separate violation.

E. Upon suspension or revocation of a chauffeur's state driver's license, his or her chauffeur's license shall simultaneously and automatically become void. A chauffeur shall surrender his or her chauffeur's license to the transportation inspector and cease operating a regulated vehicle immediately upon suspension or revocation of the chauffeur's state driver's license. Such a chauffeur shall not thereafter operate a vehicle for which a chauffeur's license is required unless he or she is first issued a new chauffeur's license in accordance with BMC 5.40.030.

F. A permittee or licensee must surrender his or her permit or license to the transportation inspector immediately upon suspension or revocation.

G. A permittee or licensee may appeal a suspension or revocation by the transportation inspector to the commission in accordance with BMC 5.20.100. A permittee or licensee may appeal a suspension or revocation by the commission to the Superior Court in accordance with BMC 5.20.100.

H. Unless provided otherwise in Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC, a permit or license that is revoked shall become void and revert to the commission. [Ord. 15-30 § 2; Ord. 03-10 § 4; Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

### **5.20.120 Penalties and remedies.**

A. A person who violates a provision of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC or a regulation promulgated thereunder may be guilty of an infraction and may be issued a citation.

B. In accordance with AS 29.25.070(a), citations for the following offenses may be disposed of as provided in AS 12.25.195 through 12.25.230, without a court appearance, upon payment of the fine amounts listed below plus the state surcharge required by AS 12.55.039 and 29.25.074. Fines must be paid to the court. The Rules of Minor Offense Procedure in the Alaska Rules of Court apply to all offenses listed below. Citations charging these offenses must meet the requirements of Minor Offense Rule 3. If a person charged with one (1) of these offenses appears in court and is found guilty, the penalty imposed for the offense may not exceed the fine amount for that offense listed below. If an offense is not listed on this fine schedule or another fine schedule, the defendant must appear in court to answer to the charges. These fines may not be judicially reduced.

C. The penalties for an infraction under Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC are as follows:

| Offense   | Section               | Fine Amount   |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| Failure to conspicuously post taxicab rates   | <u>5.20.050(C)</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Requiring/requesting rate other than posted and/or approved   | <u>5.20.050(D)</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Requiring/requesting payment of dispatch service other than posted and/or approved                    | <u>5.20.050(E)</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Failure to establish record of all complaints registered against chauffeur(s)                         | <u>5.20.055(B)</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Failure to establish record of all complaints registered against the condition of a regulated vehicle | <u>5.20.055(B)</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Improper/insufficient record of complaints  | <u>5.20.055(A)</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Operating a regulated vehicle that is unsafe, unclean or not in compliance with law                   | <u>5.20.080(C)</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Steering mechanism not in good working order  | <u>5.20.080(D)(1)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |

| Offense   | Section            | Fine Amount   |
|---|--------------------|---|
| Failure to meet mechanical standards  | <u>5.20.080</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Failure to maintain current application                                     | <u>5.20.140</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Failure to comply with safety belts and child safety restraints regulations | <u>5.20.170</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Providing taxicab services without a permit                                 | <u>5.30.010(A)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Providing taxicab services without a permittee agreement                    | <u>5.30.010(A)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Unauthorized loan of taxicab permit   | <u>5.30.010(B)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Operating or dispatching a vehicle not described on a taxicab permit        | <u>5.30.010(C)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Providing river taxi service without a permit                               | <u>5.30.020</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Providing bus service without a permit                                      | <u>5.30.030</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Providing limousine service without a permit                                | <u>5.30.035</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |

| Offense   | Section            | Fine Amount   |
|---|--------------------|---|
| Transferring permit or interest in permit without approval of transportation inspector  | <u>5.30.060</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Failure to post permit  | <u>5.30.065</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Operating more than one vehicle under a single taxicab permit without authorization   | <u>5.30.070</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Taxicab failure to subscribe to dispatch service  | <u>5.30.080</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Improper/insufficient taxicab vehicle markings  | <u>5.30.090</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Two-way radio required  | <u>5.30.100(A)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Equipping taxicab with apparatus capable of monitoring a frequency used by a dispatch service other than that used by taxicab's service | <u>5.30.100(A)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Insufficient interior light   | <u>5.30.100(B)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Nonflashing rooftop light required only when taxicab is in service  | <u>5.30.100(C)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Seat belts required   | <u>5.30.100(D)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |

| Offense   | Section            | Fine Amount   |
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| Insufficient/improper equipment for river taxi              | <u>5.30.100(E)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Video camera required                                       | <u>5.30.100(F)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Improper/insufficient video camera system                   | <u>5.30.100(F)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Improper/insufficient storage of video camera recording     | <u>5.30.100(F)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Altering or manipulating video camera recording             | <u>5.30.100(F)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Improper/insufficient positioning of video camera recording | <u>5.30.100(F)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Video surveillance of passenger area of limousine           | <u>5.30.100(F)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Improper/insufficient GPS                                   | <u>5.30.100(F)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Insurance required  | <u>5.30.120</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Posting of insurance notice                                 | <u>5.30.130</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |

| Offense   | Section            | Fine Amount   |
|---|--------------------|---|
| Records maintenance                               | <u>5.30.140</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation   |
| Single use of vehicle                             | <u>5.30.160</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation   |
| Vehicle horn honking                              | <u>5.30.170</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation   |
| Safety equipment tampering                        | <u>5.30.180</u>    | \$250 1st Violation<br>\$500 2nd Violation<br>\$750 3rd Violation<br>\$1,000 4th+ Violation |
| Chauffeur's license required                      | <u>5.40.010</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation   |
| Posting of chauffeur's license                    | <u>5.40.040</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation   |
| Maximum number of hours per day                   | <u>5.40.050</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation   |
| Duty to serve public                              | <u>5.40.060</u>    | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation   |
| Failure to notify dispatcher of refusal           | <u>5.40.060(B)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation   |
| Smoking or burning material in regulated vehicles | <u>5.40.060(D)</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation   |

| Offense  | Section         | Fine Amount   |
|--|-----------------|---|
| Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances          | <u>5.40.070</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Carrying alcoholic beverages                           | <u>5.40.080</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Failure to provide charter of taxicab upon request     | <u>5.40.090</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Failure to provide receipt upon request                | <u>5.40.100</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Two-way radio prohibited                               | <u>5.40.110</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Handheld device use prohibited                         | <u>5.40.120</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Check-in and check-out requirement                     | <u>5.40.130</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Operating a vehicle for hire without the headlights on | <u>5.45.020</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Dispatch service permit required                       | <u>5.50.010</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Dispatch service permit transfer                       | <u>5.50.030</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |

| Offense  | Section         | Fine Amount   |
|--|-----------------|---|
| Provision of service (dispatch)                                      | <u>5.50.040</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Dispatch service operation   | <u>5.50.050</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Communication requirement between dispatchers and taxicab chauffeurs | <u>5.50.060</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Compliance with Federal Communications Commission regulations        | <u>5.50.070</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |
| Records requirement  | <u>5.50.080</u> | \$150 1st Violation<br>\$200 2nd Violation<br>\$250 3rd Violation<br>\$300 4th+ Violation |

D. In addition to the penalties provided for in subsection C of this section, a person who violates a provision of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC or any regulation promulgated thereunder may also be subject to the following:

1. Suspension of the violator's chauffeur's license or permit for fifteen (15) days or less for a second (2nd) violation of the same or similar offense;
2. Suspension of the violator's chauffeur's license or permit for thirty (30) days or less for a third (3rd) violation of the same or similar offense;
3. A permanent suspension of the violator's chauffeur's license or permit for a fourth (4th) or subsequent violation of the same or similar offense.

E. Each day during which a violation described in this section occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

F. In addition to the penalties and other relief listed above, the city may seek injunctive relief or any other remedies available at law. [Ord. 17-04 § 2; Ord. 14-06 § 2; Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

### **5.20.130 Renewal of license or permit.**

A. A permit or license issued in accordance with Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC shall be valid for two (2) calendar years and shall expire automatically on the date of original issue.

B. An application to renew a permit or license shall be made to the transportation inspector, at the time set for submitting the application, and shall be treated in the same manner as an original application. A decision to grant a license or permit in two (2) years does not preclude the transportation inspector from denying a license or permit upon application for renewal.

C. If a permittee or licensee is not qualified to hold his or her permit or license at the time of renewal, the transportation inspector shall not renew the permit or license and it shall become void and revert to the commission.

D. Any person whose application for an original license or permit or for a renewal of license or permit has been denied and any person whose license or permit has been revoked may not apply for a new license or permit for one (1) year from the initial date of the denial or revocation. New taxicab permits shall only be issued in accordance with the provisions of BMC 5.30.050. [Ord. 07-18 § 2; Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

#### **5.20.140 Duty to maintain current application.**

A. A permittee or licensee is under a continuing obligation to keep the information on his or her application current. Failure to do so shall be a violation of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC. A permittee or licensee shall give written notice to the transportation inspector of any change to be made on his or her application within ten (10) days, and the transportation inspector shall amend the application accordingly. Failure to comply with this subsection is grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of a permit or license.

B. No person may knowingly make a false or misleading statement on his or her application for a permit or license under Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC. Failure to comply with this subsection is grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of a permit or license and constitutes a violation of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC. [Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

#### **5.20.150 Submission, review and certification of applications.**

A. An application for an original or renewal permit or license required by Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC shall be submitted to the transportation inspector.

B. The transportation inspector shall review the application to assure it complies with the requirements of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC.

C. The transportation inspector shall transmit applications meeting the requirements stated in subsection B of this section to the city manager to determine whether the applicant owes any taxes, fees, assessments, or other payments to the city, and whether the applicant has a current city business license.

D. If the applicant has no outstanding obligations and has a business license, the city manager or his or her designee shall certify the application, and return it to the transportation inspector. The transportation inspector shall not issue or renew an application for a permit or license unless the city manager or his or her designee certifies the application in accordance with this section. [Ord. 02-01 § 2; Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

#### **5.20.160 Fees.**

The following fees shall be payable to the city:

A. One hundred eighty-five dollars (\$185) monthly shall be paid to the transportation inspector for the issuance or renewal of a bus, limousine, river taxi, dispatch service, or taxicab permit no later than the tenth (10th) of each month.

B. Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) shall be paid to the transportation inspector for the initial issuances and each two- (2-) year renewal of a chauffeur's license no more than three (3) months prior to expiration date, not after one (1) month prior to expiration date.

C. Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) shall be paid to the transportation inspector for the initial issuances and each two- (2-) year renewal of a vehicle permit no more than three (3) months prior to expiration date, not after one (1) month prior to expiration date.

D. One hundred dollars (\$100) shall be paid to the city finance department for each appeal from a decision of the transportation inspector to the commission under Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC. Such fee shall be refunded if the decision is subsequently reversed. The ex officio member of the public safety and transportation commission must notify all commission members when an appeal is filed. The fee shall be forfeited if the party making the appeal fails to show for the appeal hearing.

E. Eighty-five dollars (\$85) shall be paid to the transportation inspector each time that a taxicab permittee applies to substitute a vehicle that operates under a permit.

F. One hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) shall be paid to the transportation inspector for an application to transfer an interest in a taxicab permit or a dispatch service permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC.

G. There shall be a one hundred dollar (\$100) surcharge for late payment of fees provided for in subsections A, B, and C of this section.

H. Twenty-five dollars (\$25) shall be paid to the transportation inspector for administration of the examination required in BMC 5.40.020(C), except that this payment shall not be required the first (1st) time that an applicant for a chauffeur's license takes the examination.

I. Fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be charged for chauffeur and vehicle renewal applications which are mailed in.

J. Thirty-five dollars (\$35) shall be charged for chauffeur drug testing. [Ord. 09-05 § 2; Ord. 07-20 § 2; Ord. 07-18 § 2; Ord. 01-47 § 2; Ord. 01-30 § 2; Ord. 01-26 § 2; Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

#### **5.20.170 Safety belts, child safety restraints, and vehicle air bags.**

Every regulated vehicle shall comply with the provisions of AS 28.05.095 regarding safety belts and child safety restraints. Additionally, no operator of a regulated vehicle shall allow a child under twelve (12) years of age to ride in the front seat of the vehicle if it has a passenger air bag. [Ord. 03-13 § 2; Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

**The Bethel Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 17-23, passed May 9, 2017.**

Disclaimer: The City Clerk's Office has the official version of the Bethel Municipal Code. Users should contact the City Clerk's Office for ordinances passed subsequent to the ordinance cited above.

# CITY OF BETHEL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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June 27, 2017

Camai Cab Co.  
P.O. Box 2506  
Bethel, AK 99559

Dear In Suh Kim,

We have become aware that Camai cab is in violation of two Bethel Municipal Code:

- **5.50.050** – Every dispatch service shall respond to telephone calls, maintain radio communications with every taxicab subscribing to its service, and have a dispatcher on duty at least twenty (20) hours during every twenty-four- (24-) hour period. [Ord. 01-02 § 3.]
- **5.40.050** – No chauffeur may operate a taxicab, river taxi, limousine or bus in excess of twelve (12) consecutive hours. No chauffeur may engage in total gainful employment, whether chauffeuring or otherwise, for more than sixteen (16) hours in any twenty-four- (24-) hour period if the chauffeur has actually performed any chauffeuring in that twenty-four- (24-) hour period. [Ord. 01-02 § 3.]

Since we only recently became aware of these violations, you have 30 days to either sign up with another dispatch company or lose your dispatch permit. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call.

Thank you,

Jesslyn McGowan  
Transportation Inspector

BMC 5.20.100B: A person aggrieved by the denial of an application under subsection A of this section, or revocation or suspension of a permit or license by the transportation inspector pursuant to Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC may, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the denial, suspension, or revocation decision, and upon payment of the filing fee required by BMC 5.20.160, appeal that decision to the commission.



## July-August 2017 Monthly Report

### Personnel:

Chief Waldron hit the ground running. He was only in Bethel approximately 15 hours before the Department investigated a murder. He's been very busy supervising the day to day activities of patrol, getting up to speed on the administrative functions of the Department and trying to get out in the community and meet people. Between vacancies, officers in training and officer's on PTO, Chief Waldron has even covered patrol shifts.

Sgt. Amy Davis has been appointed as Acting Lieutenant and will be supervising all of patrol starting September 11<sup>th</sup>. If other sergeants are interested they will also be given the opportunity to fill the role of lieutenant on a rotational basis. There are three officers in training and one funded vacant patrol position. Several applications have been received and are currently being reviewed.

Officer Charles continues to progress on his Field Training program and is scheduled to complete the program near the end of September. Recruits Shawgo and Martin Oulton have started the police academy in Sitk. They are scheduled to finish the academy in mid-November and will start their Field Training Program shortly thereafter.

Community Service Officer Alexie Nick successfully completed his field training and is now working on his own. Conditional job offers have been made for two Community Service Patrol positions pending a background check and drug screening. If successful, both should be starting around September 1. That will leave no vacancies in either the CSO or CSP program.

Jesslyn McGowan is continuing to learn her duties as the Administrative Assistant. Much of the historical knowledge of what roles this position fills has been lost so she is doing a lot of learning on her own.

The Dispatch Supervisor position continues to be vacant and the dispatch trainee separated from service. The remaining dispatchers are working hard to cover shifts and complete what administrative duties they can. Qualified applicants for both vacancies are slow coming in.

### **Operations:**

There were 1,906 calls for service the month of July. Fifty-nine of those calls resulted in police case reports being generated, of which, 9 were felony investigations and 38 were misdemeanors. There also were 549 reports of intoxicated individuals, 58 on July 4<sup>th</sup> alone. A domestic related murder was investigated resulting in an individual being indicted for murder.

There have been 1765 calls for service in August through August 28<sup>th</sup>. Seventy-six of those reports resulted in police case reports being generated including 10 felony investigations and 37 misdemeanor investigations. There were a total of 529 reports of intoxicated individuals. An especially violent sexual assault was investigated at a fish camp resulting in the indictment of a male subject for sexual assault and multiple counts of felony assault.

Additionally, two inmates also escaped from YKCC during the overnight hours of 8/25-26. On the morning of 8/27, shortly after getting off her overnight shift, Dispatcher Diane Typpo saw the two escapees in the woods while walking her dog in the First Ave Access area. She promptly called 911 and officers, State Troopers and Probation Officers responded. Officer's Ulak and Charles located the suspects and took them into custody without incident near the Bethel Search and Rescue Building.

Our staff continues to do frequent security checks on the boardwalk between Pinkies Park and Akakeek.

### **Animal Control:**

There were 41 animal control calls for service for the month of July and 55 in August. This isn't including the calls for service generated for pound duties, which is cleaning the pound and feeding and watering the animals.



CITY OF BETHEL  
Fire Department

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*Celebrating 50 Years of Service*

DATE: August 24, 2017  
TO: Pete Williams, City Manager  
FROM: Bill Howell, Fire Chief  
SUBJECT: July 18, 2017 through August 24, 2017 Manager's Report

**Current Events**

- The Department's annual Outdoor Sports show on August 19 was a success. Vendor turnout was lower than prior years but the event was well attended by the public. Approximately \$2,000 was raised for the new ambulance Medic-6.
- An Insurance Services Office (ISO) representative visited Bethel on August 8 to evaluate Bethel's fire suppression capabilities. The inspector gave the department high marks for document preparation and the ongoing improvements in the department and community. A letter to the Mayor and Fire Chief is forthcoming in the next few months detailing ISO's findings. We are optimistic about the outcome of this report.
- The Fire Chief is traveling to Chehalis Washington on August 25 to inspect the new ambulance, Medic-6. The ambulance will ship out to Seattle to meet the barge on September 1.
- Underwriters Laboratories visited Bethel on July 24 to test department fire pumps. One out of three of the department's pumps passed testing.
- The Department is in the final stages of evaluating several vendor's Records Management Systems (RMS) to be used for future integration and consolidation of department data. We believe this will increase department efficiency.
- The specifications for the new ladder truck are in the final stages of review. We are working with the Finance Department to secure a lease company for the purchase.

- The RFP for ambulance billing and collection services is undergoing final review by the City Attorney and Finance department and should be issued soon.
- A locked door thwarted an attempted break in of the fire station on July 27. A report was filed with the Bethel Police Department
- The department administrative staff continues work on a new Policies, Procedures, S.O.P., Rules and Regulations manual for the department.
- A warning regarding firefighting foam was received from the Alaska DEC. We are evaluating our foam concentrates for compliance with State requirements. The letter is attached to this report.

### **Community Planning/Preparedness**

- The Department is working with ECI Alaska Architects in review of the proposed Ayaprun school site on what is now the high school baseball fields. Of concern is a request by the architect for greater than the 75% exception allowed by code to the needed fire flow (NFF) which in this case is a minimum of 1500 gallons per minute (GPM). ECI Alaska has requested a variance from the State in this matter, due to the low flow of the hydrants in ASHA housing and budgetary constraints. We are not supporting the variance.
- Work with Bettisworth North architects and Access Fire Systems continues on the Paul John Clinic Building's fire system. Of interest, and a first in Bethel's fire service history, is the addition of a water fire-separation curtain on the third floor staircase. Concerns brought forward by the architect included: standpipe/FDC locations and the completion of the Institutional corridor
- A FOIA request was made on June 19 to obtain a copy of all past submittals for the Senior Center building. This information was received and provided to the manager.

### **Training**

- On July 21-22, State of Alaska firefighter-I testing was were held for seven volunteers. All firefighters are expected to be certified as FF-1's by August 25, 2017. The Certifying Officer for this test was Gary Davis, a long time member of the Chugiak VFD and former Fire Chief.
- On 07/22/17 at 7:00 p.m., an EMT Meeting was held at the fire station. Responders reviewed current treatment protocols for Pediatric Emergencies and conducted scenario drills.

- On 07/27/17 at 7:00 p.m., a Fire Meeting was held at the fire station. Responders reviewed and practiced deploying fire attack hose lines and conducted scenario drills.
- On 08/01/17 at 7:00 p.m., an EMT Meeting was held at the fire station. Responders reviewed current treatment protocols for Cardiac Emergencies and conducted scenario drills.
- On 08/10/17 at 7:00 p.m., a Fire Meeting was held at the fire station. Responders reviewed and practiced carrying, raising, and lowering ground ladders in various scenarios.
- On 08/15/17 at 7:00 p.m., an EMT Meeting was held at the fire station. Responders reviewed treatment protocols and practiced assessing and treating patients with various burns in scenario drills.
- On 08/24/17 at 7:00 p.m., a Fire Meeting was held at the fire station. Responders reviewed water supply and conducted Fol-da-Tank drills.
- A State of Alaska Emergency Trauma Technician course has been developed and is available as a hybrid online course to current and future members who have not yet taken the EMT-1 Course. This is an amazing recruiting tool which will allow individuals interested in EMS a quick way to get started.
- A Basic Firefighter Course is in development to ensure new members or EMS personnel have the basic knowledge and skills to perform exterior firefighting duties during fire and rescue incidents.

## **Responses**

- As of August 24th, the Bethel Fire Department responded to 189 EMS and 14 Fire incidents since July 18th.
- As of August 24<sup>th</sup>, alcohol-related EMS calls for service represented 56.08% (106 incidents) of the total number of responses since July 18th.
- On 07/30/17 at 6:40 a.m., medics responded to Jacob's Way for the report of a person not breathing. Upon arrival, medics found one female who was deceased. The scene was left to Bethel Police for the investigation.
- On 08/01/17 at 4:20 p.m., medics responded to Tundra Ridge for the report of a person who was not breathing. The patient was determined to be deceased with obvious signs of death. The scene was left in control of BPD Officers and medics returned to quarters.
- From 08/07/17 to 08/08/17, Firefighters responded to the old AT&T Building for reports of a fire alarm. It was determined that the alarm system was malfunctioning. AT&T sent a Fire Alarm Technician to repair the problem.

- On 08/09/17 at 11:00 p.m., medics responded to the area of Cranberry Drive for the report of a vehicle rollover. No patients were found and medics returned to quarters.
- On 08/10/17 at 9:31 p.m., medics responded to the YKHC Sobering Center for the report of a person with low blood sugar. The patient was assessed and transported to the hospital.
- On 08/11/17 at 11:02 p.m., firefighters responded to Osage Drive for the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, firefighters observed heavy smoke and fire conditions. No victims were reported to be inside the building, as it was vacant. The fire was extinguished and overhauled. Due to a public safety hazard of potential building collapse, the building was demolished with an excavator. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
- On 08/14/17 at 12:31 p.m., medics responded to Rav'n Air for the report of a person experiencing an allergic reaction. The patient was assessed, treated, and transported to the hospital.
- On 08/21/17 at 1:45 p.m., medics responded to the YKHC Sobering Center for the report of a person who was having a psychotic episode. The patient was assessed and transported to the hospital.

### **Budget/Financial**

- All accounts are within allotted budget.
- The department is developing budget figures for firefighting foam and firefighter turnouts.

### **Grants**

- The Department received \$7,500 in funding for portable radios through the 2017 VFA grant. A purchase order is being submitted for this equipment.
- The Grants Manager reported that a Homeland security reallocation request was approved to supply the fire department with 3 new mobile radios and 12 new portables. A purchase order is being submitted for this purchase.
- The Department applied to the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for 38 sets of firefighter turnouts. The request totaled \$102,000 with a match of only 5%. We await a response.

### **Staffing/recruitment**

- The Department is recruiting for one Firefighter/EMT position.

- A temporary firefighter, Matthew Cochrane was hired from our volunteer core to help cover the daily needs of the department while we search for a full time employee
- Volunteer Firefighters and EMT's are needed. An EMT 1 class is planned for November 2017.

### Vehicles & Equipment

- The Medic 6 build is nearly complete. Delivery is "booked" and expected in September of 2018. Though our \$255,0000 goal was met, fundraising continues for equipment for this vehicle.
- The department's 1980 Ladder Truck is currently out of service due to a non-working boom and defunct pump. We are still trying to repair this vehicle.
- Engine three, our 1986 Grumman reserve pumper, is still out of service to repair a leaking tank, relief valve, tank to pump valve and pump packing. This work is being performed by department staff. Fire fighters completed epoxy coating the tank and are now in the process of repairing leaking valves. This vehicle failed its pump test this month.

| <b>FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE STATUS</b> |                         |             |  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--|
| <b>Vehicle</b>                        | <b>Type</b>             | <b>Year</b> | <b>Status</b>  |
| Medic 4                               | Ambulance               | 1999        | <i>(Backup ambulance)</i> In service. Leaking airbags  |
| Medic 5                               | Ambulance               | 2003        | <i>(Frontline Ambulance)</i> In service, headlight fixture repaired in house. Work order issued. (Plan to remount to new chassis in 2018)                            |
| Engine 4                              | Pumper                  | 2013        | <i>(Frontline pumper)</i> In service, Seat belt sensor silenced but still needing repair by V&E.   |
| Engine 3                              | Pumper                  | 1986        | <i>(Back up pumper)</i> Out of service, Tank and pump repair in progress. Sandblasting done. Tank painting done. (Poor overall condition needs replacement)          |
| Truck 1                               | Ladder Truck            | 1980        | <i>(Frontline ladder truck)</i> Out of service, Pump and ladder need repair. Decertified. No work order, equipment is obsolete. (Scheduled for replacement in 2018.) |
| Tanker 1                              | Tanker<br>(1500 gallon) | 1980        | In service, runs poorly, needs tune up, Work order issued. (Undersized for Bethel, poor condition, needs replacement).   |
| Com 1                                 | Pickup                  | 2014        | Certificate of origin found and being registered.  |
| Com 2                                 | Pickup                  | 2004        | In service, plow and running board needs repair.   |

CITY OF BETHEL  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**



TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT: August 2017

| 2017                    | August |
|-------------------------|--------|
| New Chauffeurs          | 3      |
| Chauffeur Renewals      | 2      |
| Chauffeur Transfers     | 0      |
| Vehicle Permit Renewals | 0      |
| Vehicle Transfers       | 2      |
| Inspections             | 3      |
| Revocations             | 0      |
| Temporary Permits       | 0      |

- Camai Cab had their semi-annual inspections this month, only issue was the possible violations of the BMC Codes.
- Kusko Cab will have their scheduled semi-annual inspections in October.
- There were 5 complaints made in the month of August – One was possibly a cab driver trying to buy alcohol for a passenger, the rest were driving complaints. All were followed up by an Officer or myself when available. Drivers were given verbal warnings for their driving.