

Introduced by: City Manager Williams  
Date: November 28, 2017  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 4-3

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Resolution # 17-21**

#### **A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO AMEND THE CITY OF BETHEL PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS) PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT TO EXEMPT THE POSITION OF THE POLICE CHIEF FROM PARTICIPATION IN PERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Bethel City Council (hereinafter BCC) is the Legislative body of the City of Bethel, Alaska;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bethel entered into a Public Employees' Retirement System Participation Agreement with the State of Alaska on or about November 23, 1973;

**WHEREAS**, the November 23, 1973 Agreement provided PERS coverage for certified police officers or those eligible for certification who have obtained permanent employee status;

**WHEREAS**, the benefit to the City of Bethel of including the Police Chief in the PERS plan as a certified police officer was to encourage recruitment and retention into this leadership position;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bethel seeks to attract retired law enforcement professionals to administer the City's Police Department;

**WHEREAS**, the Police Chief, as a retiree from another public entity, is capable of obtaining retirement and medical benefits through individual retirement and medical plans;

**WHEREAS**, providing retirement benefits is not an attractor for an individual already receiving retirement benefits from another source;

**WHEREAS**, employment into a PERS participating position requires a retiree to suspend all retiree pension, medical or other benefits, which is a detractor to recruitment;

**WHEREAS**, continuing contributions to the PERS unfunded liability would be offset by the removal of medical and retirement benefits for the Police Chief position;

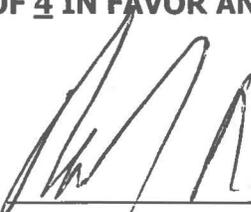
**WHEREAS**, AS 39.35.615(a) authorizes the City to amend its Participation Agreement so as to terminate coverage of a department, group, or other classification of employees;

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**WHEREAS,** the City Manager is authorized to enter an amendment to Bethel's current participation agreement with the State of Alaska Public Employees' Retirement System to Exempt the Police Chief from the Alaska Public Employees Retirement System.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the City of Bethel authorizes amendment of the Public Employees Retirement System Participation Agreement to exempt the Police Chief from participation in PERS.

**ENACTED THIS 28 DAY OF NOVEMBER 2017 BY A VOTE OF 4 IN FAVOR AND 3 OPPOSED.**



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Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Lori Strickler, City Clerk