Introduced by: Mayor Williams Introduction Date: January 10, 2006

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## CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

## **Ordinance #06-01 (Amended)**

## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.04.140 OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE ELECTION OF A MAYOR AND A VICE MAYOR

WHEREAS the City Council of Bethel has determined that the election of Mayor of the City of Bethel should conform with Alaska Statute Sec\_ 29.20.230;

WHEREAS the City Council of Bethel has determined that the election of Vice Mayor of the City of Bethel should match procedures for the election of Mayor.

**THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, that:

**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. Section 2.04.140 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended as follows (new language is underlined and old language is stricken out):

## **Organization of council** 2.04.140

- A. Newly elected and reelected councilmembers shall be sworn in at the first regular council meeting following certification of the election, and . The the council shall then meet on the first Monday after certification of the regular election and elect from among its members a mayor and a vice mayor who shall take office immediately. For purposes of this subsection A, certification of a regular election in which there is a runoff election occurs when the runoff election results are certified.
- B. The mayor shall appoint councilmembers to such special or adhoc council committees as the mayor may establish and shall appoint councilmembers to such standing council committees as the council establishes by resolution or by motion, pursuant to Bethel Municipal Code 2.52.020. Appointees to council committees serve at the pleasure of the mayor. The first person in the list of appointments to a council committee shall be the chairperson unless the mayor specifically designates a different appointee as the chairperson. The

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term of council committee members expires annually upon the election of the mayor.

- C. The term of the mayor expires upon the earlier of the election of a new mayor or the swearing in of the newly elected councilmember who replaces the councilmember who is the mayor. The mayor may serve only while a member of the council regardless of the term established for the office of mayor.
- D. The term of the vice mayor expires in the same manner as provided for the mayor.
- E. If there is a vacancy in the mayor and vice mayor's position during the interim period from certification of the newly elected councilmembers until the election of a new mayor and vice mayor, the council shall follow Bethel Municipal Code 2.04.070 and elect a mayor pro tempore to preside until a mayor is elected.

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

ENACTED THIS 31<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2006, BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

R. Thor Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Modiah, Giv Clerk