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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #07-04

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING MANUFACTURED HOMES THAT WILL ADD SECTIONS 15.06, 15.06.010, 15.06.020, 15.06.030 AND AMEND SECTION 15.14 OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE

Whereas, the Federal Government found it necessary to protect consumers by creating construction and safety standards for manufactured houses;

Whereas, manufacturers who build manufactured homes for sale in the United States must comply with HUD-mandated design and construction standards;

Whereas, the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards have protected consumers and helped ensure the quality since 1976;

Whereas, once manufactured houses are certified, a manufacturer's certification label must be placed on the home, indicating compliance with the Federal standards;

Whereas, the Bethel City Council wishes to help ensure health and welfare of the citizens of Bethel by reducing personal injuries, deaths, property damage, insurance costs related to the use of manufactured homes;

Whereas, adopting an ordinance requiring that a certification label is present when relocating a manufactured house will help to ensure that residents of such a dwelling will not be subject to an unreasonable risk of injury or death.

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. Sections 15.06, 15.06.010, 15.06.020 and 15.06.030 are to be added and section 15.14 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended as follows (new language is underlined and old language is stricken out):

Chapter 15.06

Manufactured home fire safety construction standards

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15.06.010 Purpose and application.

The purpose of the standards adopted under this chapter is to help ensure that the further placement of manufactured homes throughout the community adhere to adopted federal standards for construction and safety to better promote the health, safety and welfare of citizens.

15.06.020 Definitions.

"Certified mobile home" means a transportable structure constructed to be towed on its own chassis, larger than three hundred twenty (320) square feet, designed to be used as a year-round residential dwelling, built after June 15, 1976, and bearing a seal certifying that it is built in compliance with the Federal Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards (42 USC Section 5401 et seq.) (see also "mobile home").

"Manufactured home" means a structure, including a mobile home, transportable in one (1) or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is eight (8) body feet or more in width or forty (40) body feet or more in length, or, when erected on site, is three hundred twenty (320) or more square feet, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein; it also includes any structure which meets all the above requirements except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and complies with the standards established under 42 USC Sections 5401 through 5426; and except that such term shall not include any self-propelled recreational vehicle.
15.06.030 Mobile home construction standards. Any mobile home intended to be placed in within the city of Bethel must conform to the standards set forth in the code of federal regulations, title 24, part 3280, titled "Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards".

"Mobile home" means a transportable structure constructed to be towed on its own chassis and designed to be used as a year-round residential dwelling (see also "certified mobile home").

15.06.030 Construction standards.

A mobile home or manufactured home may not be relocated to another parcel of property in the City of Bethel unless it is a certified mobile or manufactured

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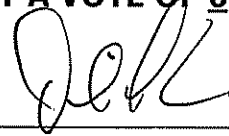
home and bears a seal or certification that it was built in compliance with the standards of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act.

Chapter 15.14

Petroleum tank farm fire safety construction standards

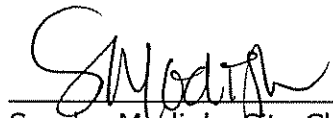
SECTION 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage by the City Council.

ENACTED THIS 13th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2007, BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Modigh, City Clerk