

Introduced by: City Manager Foley
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Vote: 7-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #10-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BMC 4.04.020 AND 4.04.025 REGARDING THE SUBMISSION DATE FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATE AND ESTIMATE OF REVENUES

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2004 the Bethel City Council passed Ordinance 04-29 which changed the submission deadline for the annual budget estimate, including revenues, to the City Council from May 1st to February 1st; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2007 the Bethel City Council passed Ordinance 07-06 which changed the submission deadline for the annual budget estimate, including revenues, to the City Council from February 1st to March 15th; and

WHEREAS, compared to the original May 1st submission deadline, the current submission date of March 15th increases the chances that changes will need to be made to the submitted City Manager's Proposed Budget during the budget hearings with Council; and

WHEREAS, the March 15th submission date is approximately one month before the end of the state legislative session which causes the city manager to submit a budget that is based on potentially inaccurate and unfinalized state revenue figures; and

WHEREAS, the current submission date causes city administration and department heads to base their budget requests on forecasted current year expenditures that might be more accurately forecasted if calculated closer to the end of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, a later submission date for the estimated budget and revenues would allow time for the Finance Department to prepare a more enhanced budget that is more user friendly due to the incorporation of additional information; and

WHEREAS, historically, working sessions and hearings with the City Council and City Administration do not begin until mid-April so a change to the submission date would not negatively affect the budget review schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of Bethel Alaska as follows:

SECTION 1. Classification. This ordinance is of permanent nature and shall be codified within the Bethel Municipal Code.

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SECTION 2. Amendment. Section 4.04.020 and Section 4.04.025 of the Bethel Municipal Code are hereby amended as follows (new language is underlined and old language is stricken out):

4.04.020 Budget estimate – Preparation.

The city manager shall prepare and submit to the council, not later than ~~March~~ April ~~fifteenth (15th)~~ one (1) of each year, the annual budget estimate for the following fiscal year, and a budget message. The budget estimate shall cover and appropriate for all expenditures of money, including contract and other commitments, except appropriations for expenditures from bond construction funds and special assessment construction funds. The council may amend the budget estimate at any time prior to adoption.

4.04.025 Fees and charges revenue estimate – Preparation.


The city manager shall prepare and submit to the council, not later than ~~March~~ April ~~fifteenth (15th)~~ of each year, an estimate of revenue that the city will receive during the next fiscal year. The city manager shall propose any changes to such fees and charges for the next fiscal year that the manager deems necessary. A schedule of fees and charges shall be included as an appendix to the annual budget estimate prepared in accordance with BMC 04.04.020.

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

ENACTED THIS 9 DAY OF FEBRUARY 2010, BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Joseph Klejka, Mayor