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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance # 16-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.08.300 INDIVIDUAL SEWER SYSTEM CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF COMPOSTING AND INCINERATING TOILETS

- WHEREAS,** the City of Bethel is committed to reducing its energy use and reducing the costs associated with that use;
- WHEREAS,** City water production and distribution and sewage collection and treatment is expensive;
- WHEREAS,** permitting the installation and use of composting and/or incinerating toilets has no negative financial impact on the City of Bethel;
- WHEREAS,** permitting the installation and use of composting and/or incinerating toilets will reduce water use and sewage production;
- WHEREAS,** permitting the installation and use of composting and/or incinerating toilets has the potential to provide financial and water savings to property owners;
- WHEREAS,** composting and incinerating toilets are proven technologies with decades of safe, effective use in other municipalities in the United States and around the world.

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

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

Section 2. Amendment. Chapter 13.08.310, Composting and Incinerating Toilets of the Bethel Municipal Code titled Individual Sewer System is hereby inserted to read as follows:

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13.08.290 Unlawful sewage disposal.

It is unlawful for a person to dispose of sewage, liquid waste or human excreta from any premises by any method other than through a composting or incinerating toilet or utilization of the city sewer service or its appointed designee.

13.08.300 Individual sewer system.

It is unlawful for any person to operate or maintain an individual disposal system, without a state wastewater discharge permit, unless the individual disposal system is a composting or incinerating toilet, 18 AAC 72.010. All composting or incinerating toilets must meet the following conditions:

1. Composting toilets utilize a waterless toilet in conjunction with a tank in which aerobic bacteria break down the waste. Incinerating toilets burn human waste. Composting and incinerating toilets must conform to NSF/ANSI Standard 41.
2. In restrooms accessible to employees or the public, a permanent placard must be installed on the wall immediately adjacent composting and or incinerating toilets. The bottom edge of the placard must be between 35" and 48" above the floor. The placard will state that a composting toilet is present and provide instructions for its use. Lettering on the placard will be no less than 1/4" in height and easy to read.
3. When restrooms are required to be accessible, composting and/or incinerating toilets in those rest rooms must also meet all accessibility requirements.
4. When composting or incinerating toilets are installed in a residence, permanent use and maintenance instructions must be provided to subsequent owners or tenants. The property owner is responsible for providing training to tenants in the proper use and care of composting or incinerating toilets.
5. Notice that the building contains composting and or incinerating toilets must be recorded in the permanent property record.

13.08.310, Composting and Incinerating Toilets

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2. Design, construction, installation and maintenance of Composting Toilets must meet the requirements of ANSI/NSF Standard 41.
3. Only compost that meets ANSI/NSF Standards may be placed on the landowner's property. Disposal may not occur at any other location.
4. Design, construction, installation and maintenance of gas-fired Incinerating Toilets must meet ANSI Z21.61 standards.
5. Design, construction, installation and maintenance of gas-fired Incinerating Toilets must meet NSF Standards.
6. All liquid from an Incinerating Toilet must be disposed of in the home's sewage tank.
7. In restrooms accessible to employees or the public, a permanent placard must be installed on the wall immediately adjacent composting and or incinerating toilets. The bottom edge of the placard must be between 35" and 48" above the floor. The placard will state that a composting toilet is present and provide instructions for its use. Lettering on the placard will be no less than 1/4?" in height and easy to read.
8. When restrooms are required to be accessible, composting and/or incinerating toilets in those rest rooms must also meet all accessibility requirements.
9. When composting or incinerating toilets are installed in a residence, permanent use and maintenance instructions must be provided to subsequent owners or tenants. The property owner is responsible for providing training to tenants in the proper use and care of composting or incinerating toilets.
10. Notice that the building contains composting and or incinerating toilets must be recorded in the permanent property record."