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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #21-56

AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING 20% OF THE REVENUE GENERATED FROM MARIJUANA TAX TO THE HEALTH, PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOCIAL SERVICE USES

WHEREAS, Ordinance 17-36, presented a ballot proposition which was approved by the voters increasing the sales tax on alcohol from 12% to 15%, the Ordinance also authorized 20% of the revenue collected from alcohol to be dedicated to the community action grant program;

WHEREAS, Resolution 21-04, outlines standards and processes for the Community Action Grant Program;

WHEREAS, the community action grant program allows organizations and individuals to request financial support from the City for civic programs or events that contribute to the health, welfare and overall lives of the residents of Bethel, especially the most vulnerable populations;

WHEREAS, the intent of the Community Action Grant Program is to make individuals, groups, and a variety of entities eligible to receive community action grant funding;

WHEREAS, this resolution delineates the most important standards and procedures currently in practice in the administration of the Community Action Grant Program;

SECTION 1. Classification. This is a codified Ordinance is of general and permanent nature and shall not become part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Amendment. SECTION 1. For such period of time as the City of Bethel, Alaska, levies a marijuana tax the revenues collected from the sales of marijuana in each fiscal year shall be placed in a separate interest-bearing account. The funds generated in the separate interest-bearing account will be used to fund the Community Action Grant programs which shall focus on advancing the communities opportunities, sustainability and wellbeing with components that foster community wellness, direct impact to the community's vulnerable populations and/or civic engagement of Bethel residents and project beneficiaries.