

Initiated by: Transportation Commission  
Date: November 16, 1993  
Public Hearing: November 23, 1993  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 7-yes, 0-no

**ORDINANCE #93-32**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA, AMENDING TITLE 5, CHAPTER 5.20.040, ENTITLED VEHICLE INSPECTIONS, OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: Title 5, Chapter 5.20.040 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended.

Section 2: This ordinance shall not be construed as abating any action now pending under, or by virtue of, prior existing laws or as discontinuing, abating, modifying, or altering any penalty accruing or about to accrue, or as affecting the liability of any person, or as waiving any right of the City under any section or provision existing at the time this ordinance is adopted, or as vacating or annulling any right obtained by any person, firm, or corporation, by lawful action of the City except as shall be expressly provided for in this title.

Section 3: If any part or provision of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstances is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part, provision, or application directly involved in all controversy in which this judgment shall have been rendered, and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this title or application thereof to other persons or circumstances. The City Council hereby declares that it would have enacted the remainder of this ordinance even without such part, provision, or application.

Section 4: Ordinance #93-32 amending Title 5, Chapter 5.20.040, of the Bethel Municipal Code of Ordinances is hereby adopted as follows:

5.20.040 Vehicle Inspections

A. All transportation vehicles shall be inspected by a designated inspection station and the approved inspection form presented to the Transportation Inspector before a permit will be issued. At least twice a year thereafter, all transportation vehicles shall be inspected. No transportation

vehicle may be operated until it has been inspected and found to be in compliance with all applicable laws and ordinances and City inspection requirements (Ord 191, 1990).

B. Mechanical Equipment Standards.

1. The steering mechanism shall be in good working order and wheel play does not exceed two (2) inches.

2. All door hinges and latches shall be in good mechanical working order so that doors open easily and close securely. All door locks shall function as designed.

3. All windows shall be fully operable and composed of approved safety glass. The windshield shall have no chips or stars larger than a 25 cent piece and shall not be cracked above four (4) inches from the bottom or below four (4) inches from the top of the windshield. No cracks in a vertical position are permitted on either side of the windshield. At no time shall a driver's vision be obstructed by damage to the windshield, side windows or rear window. Interior and exterior mirrors shall be firmly attached to the vehicle.

4. All brakes shall be in good mechanical working order. When pressed, the brake pedal shall not be less than 1-3/4 inches from the floorboard. Brake linings shall not be less than 1/32 of an inch at any point. Brake drums shall not exceed 40/1000 of an inch in excess of factory specifications.

5. The exhaust system, gaskets, tailpipes and mufflers shall be in good condition. Exhaust fumes shall not permeate into the interior of the vehicle.

6. The vehicle shall be equipped with four (4) tires, each of which shall have tread depth measurements at approximately every 120 degrees of its circumference of not less than 2/32 of an inch. There shall be no sidewall damage to the tires.

7. The speedometer shall be properly installed and maintained in good working order and exposed to view.

8. The interior of the vehicle shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and be free from torn upholstery and from damaged or broken seats.

9. All exterior and interior lights and turn signals shall be in good mechanical order. Headlights shall be

properly aligned for both high and low beam use.

10. The horn and two (2) windshield wipers shall be in good mechanical working order.

11. All wire connections shall be permanent and located out of the way of driver and passengers.

12. The vehicle shall be structurally sound and not have cracked, broken or badly dented fenders and shall be painted so as to provide reasonable protection against structural deterioration. Body and sheet metal should have all the manufactured parts securely mounted with no dangerous protuberances.

13. Defrosting and heating systems shall be operational.

14. There shall be no measurable leakage of fluids or oil from any part of the vehicle.

15. The vehicle shall be equipped with a readily accessible fire extinguisher.

16. The vehicle shall be equipped with accessible and operable seat belts for all seats, including 1 child's car seat.

17. The vehicle shall be equipped with one (1) child's car seat with the permit number permanently affixed to it.


C. All taxicabs, limousines and vehicles for hire shall be subject at all times to an inspection by the Transportation Inspector, his designee or a police officer who has reason to believe that the vehicle does not comply with all federal, state and local equipment laws or regulations.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect February 1, 1994.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1993.

  
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Donna J. Chris Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Connie Tucker, Acting City Clerk