

ORDINANCE #93-34

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA, PLACING A FREEZE ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR VEHICLES FOR HIRE FOR NINETY DAYS.

WHEREAS, the number of taxicab permits issued has risen by 50% since January; and

WHEREAS, incidents involving violence against property of the taxicab drivers have recently been reported; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel Police Department does not have the resources to enforce the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance governing the industry at the current level; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines that a ninety (90) day moratorium on the issuance of taxicab permits is necessary to prevent a breakdown of the City's ability to maintain public safety and order; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to utilize the moratorium to review and amend Title 5 to provide options for a more permanent solution to the taxicab problem.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained as follows:

Section 1: This is a non-Code ordinance.

Section 2: The City Council of the City of Bethel hereby freezes the number of taxicab permits at the level upon adoption of this ordinance for a period of ninety (90) days to allow review and amendment of Title 5.

Section 3: This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1993.

Donna J. Chris, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie Tucker, Acting City Clerk