



Introduced by: Council Member Williams
Date: December 10, 1996 - Set for Public Hearing
Action Amended, then Adopted January 14, 1997
Vote: 6-Yes, 1-No (D Notti)

CITY OF BETHEL

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ORDINANCE #96-47

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHEL MODIFYING TITLES 5.20, 5.30, AND 5.50 WITH REGARDS TO RIVER TAXI SERVICE AND REQUIREMENTS.

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

Section 1. This ordinance is permanent in nature and shall become a part of the Bethel City Code

Section 2. If any part or provision of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance 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 the 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 3. Bethel City Code Titles 5.20, 5.30, and 5.50 are amended as follows:

A. 5.20.040(A) is amended by adding the following (new text is underlined):

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. River taxi permits require a minimum of two inspections per year. One upon presentation of their application and another during the month of February.

B. 5.20.110(C) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(C) \$100.00 monthly shall be paid for the issuance or renewal of a river taxi permit no later than the 10th of each month

C. 5.30.090 is amended by adding Section (D) reading:

(D) River taxis shall have the following:

1. Four-wheel drive vehicle with at least 12" clearance.
2. VHF Radio.

3. Dual Battery System

4. All equipment listed in subsections A through C of this section in addition to the following: a come-a-long or winch and shovel; ground and air flares, carbon monoxide detector, first aid kit; safe alternate form of heat, i.e., candles, canned heat, etc., one wool blanket, one survival or space blanket for each potential passenger, spare tire, and tools required to change a tire, i.e., jack, lug wrench, etc.

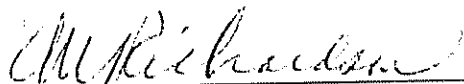
5. A river taxi driver shall carry clothes appropriate for the weather conditions, to include but not limited to, winter hat, boots, gloves, and winter pants and coat.

D. 5 50.040 is amended to read:

5.50.040 Each taxicab permit holder and each river taxi permit holder must subscribe to a Bethel dispatch service; provided, a non-Bethel based river taxi permittee may subscribe instead to a non-Bethel dispatch service.

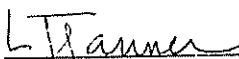
Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective one week after its' adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1997.



Ruth M. Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



L.J. Tanner, City Clerk