



CITY OF BETHEL

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Introduced By: Council member Williams
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Action: Adopted
Vote: 5-Yes, 2-No
(Anvil, Rodgers)

ORDINANCE #97-32

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX LEVIED ON VEHICLES UNDER AS 28.10.431.

WHEREAS, by Ordinance # 115 adopted by the Bethel City Council on December 17, 1979, the City of Bethel elected to come under the provisions of AS 28.10.431 which provides for the levy and collection by the State of a municipal motor vehicle registration tax for municipalities that elect to come under the provisions of that statute, and

WHEREAS, by amendments in 1996, the Alaska Legislature changed the vehicle registration system from annual to biennial, made changes to the rates of levy of the municipal registration tax and authorized municipalities to make additional changes to the motor vehicle registration tax levied within the municipality, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that adjustments should be made to the rates that would otherwise apply to vehicles.

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

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

Section 2. Adoption of New Chapter. There is adopted a new Chapter 4.15 of the Bethel Municipal Code reading:

Chapter 4.15

Motor Vehicle Registration Tax

4.15.010 Election. The City of Bethel elects to come under the provisions of AS 28.10.431.

4.15.020 Rate of levy.

The rate of levy for vehicles described under AS 28.10.431(b) shall be as follows:

Tax According to Age of Vehicle Since Model Year:								
Motor Vehicle	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th or over
(1) Motorcycle	21	19	16	13	9	6	5	5
(2) Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(1)	151	124	96	69	49	35	24	20
(3) Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(3)	151	124	96	69	49	35	24	20
(4) Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(c)(1)-(4)								
5,000 pounds or less	151	124	96	69	49	35	24	20
5,001-12,000 pounds	248	193	151	124	96	69	41	28
12,001-18,000 pounds	371	303	248	193	138	96	69	55
18,001 pounds or over	495	399	316	248	193	138	83	55
(5) Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(4)	248	193	151	124	96	69	41	28
(6) Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(6)	21	19	16	13	9	6	5	5
(7) Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(d)(8)	151	124	96	69	49	35	24	20
(8) Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(2)	151	124	96	69	49	35	24	20
(9) Vehicles eligible for dealer plates under AS 28.10.421(d)(9)	110							

4.15.030 Adjustment of rates.

A. If the tax amount set out in AS 28.10.431(b) for any vehicle covered under BMC 4.15.020 is increased by an amendment of the statute or is increased through any automatic or administrative action authorized by the legislature, the corresponding levy amount set out in BMC 4.15.020 is deemed amended to be increased by the same dollar amount as the increase in the statutory amount. The effective date for the increase in a rate pursuant to this

subsection 30A is the earliest date upon which such new rate may be implemented pursuant to the statute.

B. The City Manager shall promptly notify the appropriate department of the State of Alaska of the adoption of a new rate and or any amendment or other changes in the rates set out in BMC 4.15.020 and of any other changes made by the City to the rates that are otherwise established under the statute. Unless otherwise set out in an ordinance approved by the City Council, it is the intent of the City Council that all changes in rates, whether established directly by the City Council by ordinance or as a result of changes in the underlying statutory rates, are to be effective at the earliest possible time.

Section 3. Notification to State. The Manager is directed to immediately notify the Department of Public Safety of the City's election to modify the motor vehicle registration tax as set out in Section 2 of this ordinance and to provide such additional documentation and certification as may be required by the Department. The City is aware that under AS 28.10.431(j) the City must file the notice of change with the Department by January 1 of the year preceding the year in which the change in the tax is to take effect, that the City may not change the amount of the tax imposed more often than once every two years and that the Department may charge the City a one-time fee to cover the cost to the Department of implementing the change. It is the intent of the Council that the changed rates set out in this ordinance take effect on January 1, 1999.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED THIS 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1997.

CITY OF BETHEL

By: Aghes L. Phillips
Aghes L. Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:

L. J. Warren
L. J. Warren, City Clerk