

Introduced by: City Manager Herron
Recommended by: Public Safety Comm
Date: April 13, 1999
Public Hearing: April 27, 1999
Action: Enacted as Amended
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

ORDINANCE #99-07

A ORDINANCE PROHIBITING POSSESSION OF LASER POINTERS BY MINORS

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, that:

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

SECTION 2. Amendment of Title: Title 9 of the Bethel Municipal Code is amended by adding the following new Chapter 9.32.

Chapter 9.32 Laser Pointers

9.32.010 Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall be defined as provided herein.

- A. "Minor" means a person less than 18 years of age.
- B. "Laser pointer" means any device, including but not necessarily limited to, a pointer, pen, flashlight or similar device, which emits a laser beam.

9.32.020 Possession of a laser pointer by a minor.

Except as provided herein, it shall be unlawful for a minor to possess a laser pointer outside of the presence of, and without the direct supervision of, the minor's parent or legal guardian.

9.32.030 Sale, transfer, or provision of a laser pointer to a minor.

Except as provided herein, it shall be unlawful for a person to sell, transfer to, or otherwise provide a minor with a laser pointer unless the minor is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at the time of the purchase or transfer.

9.32.040 Liability of parent or legal guardian.

The parent or legal guardian of a minor who resides with such parent or legal guardian shall not allow such a minor to possess a laser pointer as described in this chapter, outside of the presence of, and without the direct supervision of, the parent or legal guardian.

9.32.050 Harassment with a laser pointer prohibited.


It shall be unlawful for any person to focus, point or shine a laser pointer directly or indirectly at or on another person or animal in such a manner as to harass or annoy said person or animal, or to direct the laser beam from a laser pointer into the eye or eyes of another person or an animal.

9.32.060 Violations.

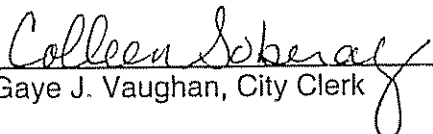
Any person who violates any section or subsection of this chapter is guilty of a violation and subject to a fine not less than fifty dollars (\$50) and not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).

SECTION 3. Effective date: This ordinance becomes effective June 1, 1999.

ENACTED THIS 27th DAY OF APRIL, 1999, by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed.



Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor


for Gaye J. Vaughan, City Clerk