

CITY OF BETHEL
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers-City Hall, 300 State Hwy



COMMISSION MEMBERS

Theresa Quiner <i>Chair</i>	Megan Newport <i>Vice Chair</i>
Melanie Fredericks	DeShan Foret
Patrick Snow <i>Council</i>	Farah Sears
<i>Representative</i>	Musa Saliu

STAFF

Police Chief:	Leonard Hicks
Fire Chief:	Daron Solesbee
Admin. Asst.:	Brianna Evan
Email:	bevan@cityofbethel.net
Phone:	907-543-3781

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

November 02, 2022

January 07, 2023

VI. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- A. Election of Chair
- B. Election of Vice Chair

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Brainstorm and Evaluate 2022 Commission Body Goals/Tasks/Priorities and Survey Ideas
- B. Review and recommendation to Council: Ordinance 23-XX, Amending Bethel Municipal Code 6.04, Licensing and Impoundment Relating to Care, Restraint, Impoundment, and Destruction of Animals (Patrick Snow)
- C. ASIST Training Update (DeShan Foret)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review of Commission Duties and Responsibilities
- B. Approval of Commission Regular Meeting Calendar
- C. Chauffeur Permit 22-019, suspended permit (Transportation Inspector)

IX. EX OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

X. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR'S REPORT

XI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

People to be Heard Through Written Testimony

- Must be emailed to bevan@cityofbethel.net by 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.
- Specifically request that it be presented under People to be heard.
- Contain full, real name of the person sending the request. Public comment may be summarized if the length of the submission exceeds the five-minute time limit.

Posted January 26, 2023, at Police Department, AC Co., Swanson's, and the Post Office, City Hall

Brianna Evan, Ex-Officio Staff

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City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on October 5, 2022 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Melanie Fredericks, CJ McCormick, Megan Newport, DeShan Foret, Farah Sears, Musa Saliu

Absent: Theresa Quiner, Megan Newport

Ex-Officio Present: Leonard Hicks, Daron Solesbee, Brianna Evan, Brittany Laroux

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one to be heard.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	CJ McCormick	Motion to approve the agenda.
SECONDED:	DeShan Foret	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED:	Melanie Fredericks	Motion to table the approval of meeting minutes due to wrong meeting minutes added to packet.
SECONDED:	Farah Sears	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Chauffeur Permit, 20-020, chauffeur/taxi complaints (Transportation Inspector)

Taxi inspector provided, explained the complaints for chauffeur driver 20-020.

Commission decided to table to the next meeting so the chauffeur can be there to listen and for the commission to be able to talk to the driver with a liable translator.

MOVED:	Melanie Fredericks	Motion to table item for next month for chauffeur 20-020 to be present while discussing his complaints with a translator.
SECONDED:	Farah Sears	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

B. Request that the PSTC board support a budget modification for a part time position (Lt. Poole)

The department was waiting on finance for the supporting documents. The part time position would be flexible to cover any non-sworn position to help the department with different duties.

VII. CHIEF's COMMENTS

Acting Chief Poole – See Report in Commission Packet.

Fire Chief Solsebee – See Report in Commission Packet.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR'S REPORT

See Report in Commission Packet.

IX. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE's COMMENTS

CJ McCormick- Welcomed Chief Hicks excited to see work, improvement within the police department. Talked about the district 38 position, thanked everyone for being apart of the commission, thanked everyone for all the work the commission has done. This was his last meeting.

X. COMMISSION MEMBER's COMMENTS

Melanie Fredericks- Welcomed Chief Hicks, looking forward to working together. Thanked Daron for his work/reports.

Musa Saliu- Welcomed Chief Hicks, wished CJ good luck.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Melanie Fredericks	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	DeShan Foret	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Brianna Evan, Recorder

Theresa Quiner, Chair

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was **NOT** held on January 4, 2023 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

Roll call was called to order at 6:40 pm. No quorum was present. The meeting was adjourned by 6:40.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Patrick Snow, Farah Sears, Musa Saliu

Absent: Theresa Quiner, DeShan Foret, Megan Newport, Melanie Fredericks

Ex-Officio Present: Leonard Hicks, Daron Solesbee

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

Brianna Evan, Recorder

Douglas Boyer, Chair

Prioritized Top 3 Goals For PSTC

1. Community Input
2. Support Departments on Recruitment and Retention.
3. ??? Still figuring out.

City of Bethel Public Safety and Transportation Committee

Public Safety Survey #1



1. Are you a resident of Bethel?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

2. Do you feel that there are public safety and transportation issues that this commission should address?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

3. What are the primary public safety concerns that this commission should address?

4. How would you rate the current commission's performance?

How satisfied were you with your experience?

1	2	3	4	5
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Very Unsatisfied		Neither Satisfied or Unsatisfied		Very Satisfied

5. Are you interested in joining this commission?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

What is the Public Safety and Transportation Committee?

The Public Safety and Transportation Commission works under the authority of Bethel Municipal Code 2.60 and 5.20.

The Public Safety and Transportation Commission is responsible for: Review and make recommendations to the Council on the adoption of and changes to taxicabs operations, recommend to Council the adoption of maximum rates and may recommend the establishment of minimum rates to be charged for services provided by regulated vehicles, hear appeals from a decision of the transportation inspector, review citizen complaints against chauffeurs, hold at least one 1 public hearing annually to investigate the quality of services rendered by regulated vehicles, permittees, chauffeurs, and dispatch services, collect, process, and adjudicate complaints against chauffeurs of regulated vehicles, review and make recommendations to the council on progress toward achieving goals set forth in the city's comprehensive plan as they relate to public safety and transportation, review and make recommendations to the Council on the development of transportation systems, transportation codes, traffic movement, road repair, and walking paths, provide a forum for public comment and input regarding public transportation and public safety, perform such other duties and functions as are provided for in BMC Chapter 5.20 through 5.50 and other provisions of this code or as may be referred by the City Council.

The Public Safety and Transportation Commission may make recommendations to Council on:

1. Existing or proposed federal, state, and city issues relevant to public safety and transportation.
2. Necessary or proposed public improvements and the prioritization of the projects in the City's annual and long-term capital improvement programs related to public safety and transportation.
3. The annual police department and fire department budget and work program.



City of Bethel

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Survey #2

1. Are you a resident of Bethel?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
2. What part of town do you live in and how long have you lived there?
3. How often do you interact with BPD and how was your interaction?
4. Name the top 3 problems that you believe that Chief of Police should focus on?
 - i.
 - ii.
 - iii.
5. What do you think the department should prioritize next year?
6. Have you found yourself unable to access any public safety services or have you seen any gaps in Bethel's public safety services?



City of Bethel

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Survey #2

What is the Public Safety and Transportation Commission?

The Public Safety and Transportation Commission works under the authority of Bethel Municipal Code 2.60 and 5.20. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers, located at 300 State Highway, Bethel, Alaska.

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If you would like to learn more or wish to join the Public Safety and Transportation Commission, please contact the Police Department at 907-543-3781 or police@cityofbethel.net.

- **4 surveys on 4 topics:**
 - Survey 1: about the commission;
 - Survey 2: about the police department
 - Survey 3: about the fire department
 - Survey 4: about the cabs

- **Survey 1:**

- Brief description of the public safety and transportation committee:

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3. The annual police department and fire department budget and work program.

Survey 1 questions:

- Question 1: Are you a resident of Bethel?
- Question 2: Do you feel that there are public safety and transportation issues that this commission should address? Yes or No

Public Safety Survey

Experiences with Police

Q334

1. How often do you have an interaction with the Metropolitan Police Department? (Any type of interaction)

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ A few times a year
- ☐ Less than once per year
- ☐ Never

Q335

2. Which of the following best describes these interactions?

- ☐ Very positive
- ☐ Positive
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Negative
- ☐ Very negative
- ☐ Not applicable

Q 423

6. How would you rate the effectiveness of the METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT?

- ☐ Very Effective
- ☐ Effective
- ☐ Ineffective
- ☐ Very Ineffective
- ☐ Do Not Know

Q 424

7. In your opinion, what is the most important quality of a highly effective police department?

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9. Which of the following areas do you think the Metropolitan Police Department should prioritize in the next few years?

	Not A Priority	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority	Urgent Priority
Enforcement of nuisance crimes (open alcohol container, marijuana usage in public)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Increasing/improving police training	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Responsiveness to 911 calls for service	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Increasing police presence	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Improving community-police relationships	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Solving violent crimes	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Improving physical infrastructure (such as police cameras)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Targeting illegal guns	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Targeting illegal narcotics (such as PCP, heroin, synthetic drugs)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Enforcing traffic laws	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Increasing the size of the police force	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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10. Please share your thoughts on what the Metropolitan Police Department will need to focus on in the next few years.

Police Chief

Q64

13. What are the top 3 most important issues you think the Chief of Police should focus on?

Issue 1

Issue 2

Issue 3

Q438

14. When thinking about the potential leadership qualities for a Police Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department; which of the 10 qualities listed below are the most important for the job? Please select the FIVE most important from the list below.

- ☐ Has high ethical and moral standards
- ☐ Provides clear vision and goals
- ☐ Builds high morale among police officers
- ☐ Is committed to ongoing training
- ☐ Is creative and open to new ideas
- ☐ Is approachable and can relate to others
- ☐ Optimistic about the future
- ☐ Willingness to listen
- ☐ Strong work ethic
- ☐ Strong communicator

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17. Which Ward do you live in?

- ☐ Ward 1
- ☐ Ward 2
- ☐ Ward 3
- ☐ Ward 4
- ☐ Ward 5
- ☐ Ward 6
- ☐ Ward 7
- ☐ Ward 8
- ☐ Not a DC resident

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18. What is your gender identity?

- ☐ I identify as Male
- ☐ I identify as Female
- ☐ Do not identify using the gender binary

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21. How long have you lived in the District?

- ☐ Less than a Year
- ☐ 1-5 Year(s)
- ☐ 6-10 Years
- ☐ 11-15 Years
- ☐ 16-20 Years
- ☐ More than 20 Years
- ☐ I do not live in District

- ☐ 21 to 35 years old
☐ 36 to 50 years old
☐ 51 to 65 years old
☐ Over 65 years old

What area of the City do you live or work in? :

- ☐ Not sure (or a non-resident)
☐ North end/North of Ecola Creek
☐ Downtown Area
☐ Midtown, including Presidential Streets & East of Hwy 101
☐ South end/Tolovana

Note: This will assist us in determining if there are areas of our City that may need more attention than others, on specific problems.

Part II. Your contacts with the Cannon Beach Police Department

We would like to know how you have had contact with us during the past year. Select all that apply.

In the past year, I have been in contact with the Cannon Beach Police Department as:

- ☐ Complainant
☐ Suspect
☐ Victim
☐ Witness
☐ Other

Answer the following questions based on your LAST contact with us:

	Poor	Avg.	Great	N/A
Was the Receptionist/Dispatcher you first spoke to courteous/helpful?	☐	☐	☐	☐
How well did the Police officer (or other police employee you dealt with) treat you?	☐	☐	☐	☐
How well did the Officer/other police employee explain what actions he/she was taking during contact with you? Or actions to be taken after his/her contact with you?	☐	☐	☐	☐

8/4/2021

Public Safety Survey | City of Cannon Beach Oregon

How do you rate the overall safety of your neighborhood?:

- ☐ Very Good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Neither good nor bad
- ☐ Very Bad
- ☐ Don't know

How safe would you feel walking alone at night?:

- ☐ Very Safe
- ☐ Safe
- ☐ Neither Safe nor Unsafe
- ☐ Unsafe
- ☐ Very unsafe

How would you feel walking alone in your neighborhood at night?:

- ☐ Very Safe
- ☐ Safe
- ☐ Neither Safe nor Unsafe
- ☐ Unsafe
- ☐ Very unsafe

Part V. What does the Future hold for us?

These responses will be critical in our preparation of a Strategic Plan that will guide the Seaside Police department in the coming years. Your input in these areas is very important to us.

What three things do you like most about living in Cannon Beach?: Examples: clean, friendly, etc.

What three things do you like LEAST about living in Cannon Beach?:

What do you think will be the three biggest problems that Cannon Beach will face within the next five years?:

What three police services do you think the Cannon Beach Police Department does the best job of providing its residents?:

Lost & Found

Municipal Court

Quick References & Tips



Contact Information

Police Department

Open: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Telephone: (503) 436-2811

FAX: (503) 367-6842

Emergencies: 911

Email: police@cityofcannonbeach.or.us

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163 E. Gower | P.O. Box 368 | Cannon Beach, OR 97101 | (503) 436-1158

Your law enforcement agency invites you to take this "Community Survey on Public Safety and Law Enforcement." It will take approximately five minutes of your time and is completely confidential. Your participation will help your agency to improve its services, processes, and reputation.

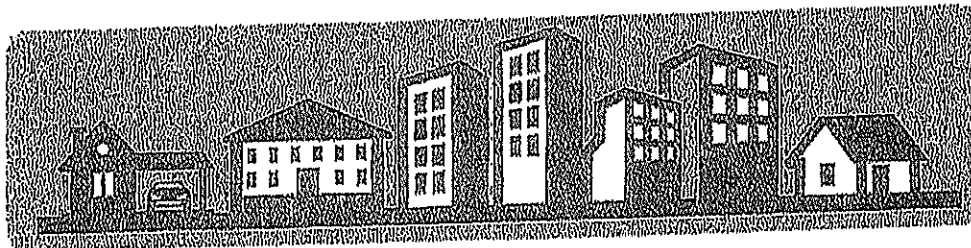
The survey is designed for a law enforcement agency to gather opinions and experiences from members of its community. The survey assesses five key components that involve your local law enforcement agency:

- Community involvement
- Safety
- Procedural justice
- Performance
- Contact and satisfaction

You may come into contact with multiple law enforcement agencies, but please answer the questions thinking only about the law enforcement agency that invited you to participate in this survey. Whether you are policed by a sheriff's office, a municipal or regional police department, or another type of agency, the term "law enforcement agency" is used throughout the survey to refer to the local agency that invited you to participate.

Please indicate your response to each item by selecting the appropriate answer based on your feelings, opinions, and experiences. You may skip any survey items you do not feel comfortable responding to or know how to answer, but we encourage you to respond to as many items as possible. This is not a test, and there are no right or wrong answers. Please answer each question honestly.

The "Community Survey on Public Safety and Law Enforcement" was developed by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) with the support of IOF International and law enforcement experts.



Question	Not at all	A little	Somewhat	A lot	To a great extent
7. To what extent do you feel safe in your community when you are outside alone during the <i>day</i> ?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
8. To what extent do you feel safe in your community when you are outside alone at <i>night</i> ?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Question	Decreased a lot	Decreased some	Stayed the same	Increased some	Increased a lot
9. Over the last 12 months, to what extent have your feelings of safety in your community increased, decreased, or stayed the same?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Procedural Justice

Question	Not at all	A little	Somewhat	A lot	To a great extent
10. To what extent do officers in your law enforcement agency treat people fairly?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
11. To what extent do officers in your law enforcement agency show concern for community members?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
12. To what extent are officers in your law enforcement agency respectful?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
13. To what extent is your law enforcement agency responsive to the concerns of community members?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
14. To what extent do you trust your law enforcement agency?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Question	Not at all	A little	Somewhat	A lot	To a great extent	N/A
15. If you had contact with an officer in your law enforcement agency during the past 12 months, to what extent did the officer sufficiently explain his or her actions and procedures?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Question	0 times	1-2 times	3-4 times	5-6 times	7 or more times
21a. How many times in the past 12 months have you had contact with your law enforcement agency for <i>non-emergency calls</i> (e.g., to report a crime or suspicious activity)?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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question
22a

Question	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
21b. To what extent are you satisfied with your interaction(s) with your law enforcement agency for <i>non-emergency calls</i> ?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Question	0 times	1-2 times	3-4 times	5-6 times	7 or more times
22a. How many times in the past 12 months have you had contact with your law enforcement agency for <i>other contacts or interactions</i> (e.g., attend a community meeting or talk to an officer on patrol)?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Question	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
22b. To what extent are you satisfied with your interaction(s) with your law enforcement agency for <i>other contacts or interactions</i> ?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Demographics

23. How many years have you lived in your community? _____ years ☐ Prefer not to answer

24. What is your gender?

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Prefer not to answer

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #23-xx

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE 6.04 LICENSING AND IMPOUNDMENT RELATING TO CARE, RESTRAINT, IMPOUNDMENT, AND DESTRUCTION OF ANIMALS

WHEREAS, loose aggressive dogs continue to be a problem in the city:

Year	Calls for Service	Bite Calls
2020	486	27
2021	568	29
2022	417	6

WHEREAS, under current law dogs that have bitten a person unprovoked shall be impounded for ten days then released to the owner/agent and after a second unprovoked bite shall be destroyed after the ten-day holding period;

WHEREAS, Alaska Statutes 03.55.010 states "Any person may lawfully kill any vicious or mad dog running at large" Statutes further defines a vicious dog to be "Any dog which when unprovoked has ever bitten or attacked a human being...";

WHEREAS, by taking action after the first bite, the council may be preventing repeated attacks;

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

SECTION 1. Classification. This is a Codified Ordinance and shall become part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Amendments. Bethel Municipal Code 6.04.030 Animals at large shall be amended as follows. New language is underlined, and old language is stricken.

Chapter 6.04 LICENSING AND IMPOUNDMENT

Sections:

- 6.04.010 Definitions.
- 6.04.020 Care and restraint of dogs.
- 6.04.030 Animals at large.

- 6.04.040 Animal control shelter.
- 6.04.045 Vaccination against rabies.
- 6.04.050 Dog licensing.
- 6.04.060 Dog kennel.
- 6.04.070 Impoundment.
- 6.04.080 Emergency animal control.
- 6.04.085 Immediate destruction.
- 6.04.090 Penalties.
- 6.04.100 Dog park.
- 6.04.110 Volunteer animal control officer.

6.04.010 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

A. "Animal" means all domestic or domesticated members of the animal kingdom, classes Mammalia and Aves.

B. "Animals at large" means any animals not under the immediate supervision of an owner or agent, or found unsupervised, leashed or unleashed, within the city limits on public streets, walkways, rights-of-way, public parks and playgrounds, or otherwise outside the property of an owner or agent.

B. "Animal control agent officer" means ~~a salaried city employee under the direction of the chief of police or their designee~~ who shall be responsible for the licensing of animals, rabies control of impounded animals, investigation of animal bites and complaints, maintaining the animal control program and the city animal impoundment center, and the destruction and disposal of ~~unwanted~~ animals. The animal control ~~agent~~ officer may participate in public education efforts concerning animal control and safety.

C. "Animal control shelter" means a city-maintained impoundment with pens for dogs and other animals.

D. "Cat" means any domestic member of the family Felidae, commonly referred to as a cat.

E. "Dog" means any member of the mammalia family Canidae commonly called dogs, but not fox, wolf or other game species the taking of which is regulated by the state. Any game species kept as a pet must have a valid state permit.

~~F. "Kennel" means a premises or property where four (4) or more dogs six (6) months of age or older are kept.~~

~~G. "Frequent or prolonged noise" means:~~

~~1. Repeated vocalizing by any animal(s), except an animal in a licensed kennel or a commercial facility for animals, in a sixty (60) minute period from the time the noise begins and that lasts for more than twenty (20) consecutive minutes between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.;~~

~~2. Repeated vocalizing by any animal(s) for ten (10) consecutive minutes between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.~~

F. "Frequent or prolonged noise" means:

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2. Repeated vocalizing by any animal(s) for ten (10) consecutive minutes between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

G. "Kennel" means a premises or property where four (4) or more dogs six (6) months of age or older are kept.

6.04.020 Care and restraint of dogs.

A. All dogs located outside the confines of their owners' or keepers' property shall be restrained at a safe distance from public streets, public walkways and public parks and playgrounds. All dogs shall be securely restrained by means of a chain, harness or leash, except in an established dog park (BMC [6.04.100](#)) where said dog is accompanied by owner and under voice control. No dog may run at large within the city limits. No person having charge or control of said animal may permit the animal to run at large within the city.

B. All dogs shall be cared for in a safe and sanitary manner. Shelter shall be provided as needed. All owners or keepers shall provide for adequate care and feeding of the animals. Failure to provide for adequate caring and feeding of the animals will result in a

citation being issued and owner or keeper subject to a fine and possible impoundment of the dog.

C. An owner shall prevent the dog from engaging in the following activities: barking, whining or howling in excessive, continuous or untimely fashion, to keep or permit the same to disturb a neighborhood or any number of persons by frequent or prolonged noise.

~~Upon receipt of a written statement identifying dates and time periods of frequent and prolonged noise signed by one or more persons residing at different physical addresses in the immediate vicinity of the noise by the animal control agent and/or chief of police and/or designee, the~~ The animal control agent officer and/or chief of police and/or designee shall investigate and if warranted may order the owner of the animal to immediately comply with this subsection following receipt of written statement containing the following:

1. Name, contact phone number, and physical address of the complainant.
2. Summary of the complaint to include the physical location, dates and times of the prolonged noise.

All orders issued under this subsection may contain:

1. The definition of "frequent or prolonged noise".
2. A copy of this chapter;
3. The nature and the times of the noise as identified in the written statement;
- ~~4. Potential methods of curtailing animal noise;~~
- ~~5-4.~~ The amount of time allowed to comply with the notice.

If the owner fails to comply with any order issued pursuant to this subsection, an animal control ~~officer agent and/or chief of police and/or designee~~ may issue the owner a citation for violation of this chapter, and remove the animal that was making the noise to the animal control shelter.

D. A person who fails to comply with this section for care and maintenance of dogs shall be subject to all penalties established under BMC [6.04.090](#).

6.04.030 Animals at large -impoundment and destruction

~~A. Any loose dogs or other animals not under the immediate supervision of the owner or their agent, or found unsupervised, leashed or unleashed, within the city limits on public streets, walkways, rights-of-way, public parks and playgrounds, or otherwise outside the property of the owner or agent~~ Animals at large may be captured by the animal control agent and/or chief of police and/or designee officer and be impounded.

B. Animals at large that are reported to be aggressively threatening or intimidating a person shall be captured by the animal control officer. If after the first impoundment the animal is again reported as aggressively threatening or intimidating a person, the animal shall be destroyed.

C. Animals at large that have bitten a person unprovoked shall be impounded in isolation for ten (10) days and destroyed by the animal control officer.

D. Animals at large that have bitten a person once but after investigation and due consideration have been determined by the animal control officer to have been provoked, shall be impounded for ten (10) days, and either released to its owner or be destroyed.

E. Animals at large that have bitten a person a second time, even if provoked shall be impounded for ten (10) days then destroyed.

6.04.040 Animal control shelter.

The city shall maintain an animal control shelter under the direction of the chief of police.

6.04.045 Vaccination against rabies.

All dogs and cats shall be vaccinated against rabies from age three (3) months on.

6.04.050 Dog licensing.

A city dog license shall be required for all dogs six (6) months of age or older. The license shall expire on December thirty-first (31st) of each year for the non-computer-chip license. The implanted computer chip license shall be valid for the life of the dog. A valid rabies immunization certificate shall be required before the dog license will be issued. The fee for licensing shall be established and may be periodically adjusted by noncode ordinance.

6.04.060 Dog kennel.

A. All kennels within the city shall be licensed. Application for a kennel license shall be made to the animal control officer. The application for a kennel license shall contain the following information:

1. The name and address of the applicant;
2. The number and breed(s) of dogs to be kept at kennel;
3. Proof of a current rabies vaccination for each dog kept at the facility.

B. All dogs shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary manner. All kennel owners or keepers shall provide for the adequate care and feeding of the animals within the kennel. Failure to properly maintain a kennel or to provide adequate care or feeding of the animals within a kennel will result in a citation being issued and the owner or keeper subject to a fine and possible revocation of the kennel license.

C. A kennel license shall be issued for one (1) calendar year. All kennel licenses shall expire on December thirty-first (31st) of each year. An application for renewal of the kennel license shall be on a form provided by the animal control office. Kennel fees shall be four (4) times the costs of a single license fee.

D. A person who fails to comply with the provisions of this section for licensing and maintenance of kennels shall be subject to all penalties established under BMC [6.04.090](#).

6.04.070 Impoundment.

A. Any animal impounded within the city animal control shelter shall be held a minimum of ~~up to~~ four (4) days unless claimed by the owner, including Saturday, Sunday and holidays, during which the pound is open at least two (2) hours. If an animal is not claimed by the fourth (4th) business day the animal may be placed up for adoption, or destroyed at the discretion of the animal control officer.

B. Any impounded animal suspected of having rabies ~~or that has unprovokingly bitten a person~~ shall be impounded in isolation for a minimum of ten (10) days. ~~An animal impounded for the second (2nd) time for biting a person unprovoked shall be destroyed~~

~~after the ten (10) day holding period. A city agent shall contact the person who has been bitten on the first day of the animal's impoundment and the final day of its impoundment. The city agent shall inform the bitten victim of subsequent action that will be taken with the animal impounded.~~

C. Any animal that has bitten or attacked a human being shall be impounded in isolation for a minimum of ten (10) days. A city agent shall contact the person who has been bitten on the first day of the animal's impoundment and the final day of its impoundment. The city agent shall inform the bitten victim of subsequent action that will be taken with the animal impounded.

~~C. Any animal not released after within the four (4) day impoundment holding period may be destroyed or disposed of at the discretion of the animal control officer.~~

D. The city council shall establish and may periodically adjust an impoundment fee schedule and a destruction fee by noncode ordinance.

E. No animal shall be released from the animal control shelter until all licensing, impoundment, vaccination and adoption fees are paid.

F. Any person adopting an animal from the animal control shelter shall pay any and all impoundment and vaccination fees in addition to an adoption fee as set by the city council.

6.04.080 Emergency animal control.

A. Whenever there exists a substantial problem of ~~unconfined and free-roaming dogs~~ animals at large and this problem shall be of such nature as to exceed the ability of the animal control officer to safely and adequately deal with ~~such loose dogs~~, the city council may declare an emergency ~~dog~~ animal control program into effect. In determining whether an emergency program shall be declared, the city council shall consider:

1. The number of citizen complaints;
2. The nature of citizen complaints;
3. The existence of reported rabies cases or other contagious diseases carried by dogs;

4. The ability of the city ~~dog pound~~ animal control center to safely care for additional animals;
5. Other relevant factors.

B. If an emergency ~~dog~~ animal control program is declared, such emergency program shall be announced by posting notice in at least three (3) places within the city, by announcing such program at least once daily on local radio or television, and by noticing such program in a newspaper of local circulation at least once.

C. At the conclusion of seven (7) days after such announcement has first (1st) been noticed, the city council may order the destruction of ~~free-roaming dogs~~ animals at large by specified public safety personnel and/or the animal control officer. Such emergency control program shall be in effect for no more than thirty (30) days, and may be extended only by resolution of the council, after public hearing.

6.04.085 Immediate destruction.

A. If after diligent effort the animal control agent ~~and/or chief of police and/or designee~~ is unable to capture an ~~at-large animal~~ animal at large, whether licensed or unlicensed, and if said animal shows signs of aggression toward the animal control agent ~~and/or chief of police and/or designee~~, and/or citizen in the community, sufficient to place ~~said agent, chief of police, designee and/or citizen~~ any person in reasonable apprehension of bodily injury, the animal control officer ~~agent and/or chief of police and/or designee~~ may immediately destroy the animal. If such destroyed animal is found to be licensed, the owner shall be promptly notified.

B. Any person wishing to have their animal(s) destroyed by the animal control officer ~~agent and/or chief of police and/or designee~~ may do so upon payment of fees regulated in the BMC ordinance of fees and charges, accompanied by a waiver to relinquish said animal to the city of Bethel and Bethel police department.

C. Upon delivery of a ~~dog~~ an animal to the ~~animal~~ animal control shelter when no additional facilities exist for the confining of more animals, the animal control officer ~~agent and/or chief of police and/or designee~~ may destroy summarily whichever ~~dog~~ animal has been confined at the animal control shelter for the longest period of time, for purposes of providing a place to confine the newly captured animals ~~dog~~. Said summary destruction

shall occur notwithstanding the provisions of BMC [6.04.070\(A\)](#) otherwise allowing four days for redemption.

D. Reasonable efforts to notify the owner(s) of a licensed animal will be made prior to destroying said animal.

6.04.090 Penalties.

A. A person who fails to comply with any portion of this chapter is guilty of an infraction and may be issued a citation. The penalty for these infractions is:

1. A fine of fifty dollars (\$50) for the first (1st) violation;
2. A fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the second (2nd) violation; or
3. A fine of two hundred dollars (\$200) for a third (3rd) or subsequent violation.

B. In accordance with AS [29.25.070\(a\)](#), citations for these offenses may be disposed of as provided in AS [12.25.195](#) through [12.25.230](#) without a court appearance upon payment of the fine amounts plus the state surcharge required by AS [12.55.039](#) and [29.25.074](#). If a person charged with one (1) of these offenses appears in court and is found guilty, the penalty imposed for the offense may not exceed the fine amount for that offense listed above.

C. Each working day that an animal is kept in violation of a citation issued under this chapter shall constitute a separate violation.

D. The city may seek injunctive relief to enforce compliance with this chapter.

E. It is a violation of this chapter for any person or persons to open a vehicle being used to transport dogs or other animals to the ~~city dog pound~~ animal control center or the doors of the ~~city dog pound~~ animal control center with the intent of allowing impounded ~~dogs or other~~ animals to escape. Such person or persons upon conviction shall be guilty of an infraction and may be issued a citation. The penalty for a violation of this section is a fine of no more than five hundred dollars (\$500) and may be disposed of as per subsection [B](#) of this section.

6.04.100 Dog park.

- A. The city council may establish one (1) or more dog park(s).
- B. All dogs in the dog park must be attended and securely restrained by means of a chain, harness, leash, or shall be under voice control.
- C. Any dogs unattended, unrestrained, or not under voice control are subject to impoundment as specified under BMC [6.04.030](#) and the owner subject to penalties as specified under BMC [6.04.090](#).

6.04.110 Volunteer animal control officer.

- A. The police department may authorize volunteer animal control officers.
- B. Such volunteer animal control officers will be under direction of the chief of police and/or designee.
- C. Volunteer animal control officers are empowered to capture loose, aggressive, or nuisance animals, issue citations for violations under this chapter, work in the animal control shelter, and other duties normally associated with animal control.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by the City Council.

ENACTED THIS 28th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023, BY A VOTE OF _ IN FAVOR AND _ OPPOSED.

Rose Henderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

2.60.130 Public safety and transportation commission powers and duties.

A. The public safety and transportation commission shall:

1. Review and make recommendations to the council on the adoption of and changes to taxicabs, river taxis, buses, limousines or airport limousines, chauffeurs and dispatch services operations in accordance with Chapters [5.20](#) through [5.50](#) BMC and other applicable laws.
2. Monitor and provide recommendation to the council on the operations, management, regulations, and control of the city's public and private ground transportation facilities in accordance with Chapters [5.20](#) through [5.50](#) BMC, and other applicable laws.
3. Recommend to council the adoption of maximum rates and may recommend the establishment of minimum rates to be charged for services provided by regulated vehicles as defined under BMC [5.20.010](#).
4. Hear appeals from a decision of the transportation inspector.
5. Review citizen complaints against chauffeurs of regulated vehicles or against the condition of a regulated vehicle.
6. Hold at least one (1) public hearing annually to investigate the quality of services rendered by regulated vehicles, permittees, chauffeurs, and dispatch services.
7. Collect, process, and adjudicate complaints against chauffeurs of regulated vehicles.
8. Review and make recommendations to the council on progress toward achieving goals set forth in the city's comprehensive plan as they relate to public safety and transportation.
9. Review and make recommendations to the council on the development of transportation systems, transportation codes, traffic movement, road repair, and walking paths.
10. Provide a forum for public comment and input regarding public transportation and public safety.
11. Perform such other duties and functions as are provided for in Chapter [5.20](#) through [5.50](#) BMC and other provisions of this code or as may be referred by the city council.

B. The public safety and transportation commission may make recommendations to council on:

1. Existing or proposed federal, state, and city issues relevant to public safety and transportation.
2. Necessary or proposed public improvements and the prioritization of the projects in the city's annual and long-term capital improvement programs related to public safety and transportation.
3. The annual police department and fire department budget and work program. [Ord. 21-20 § 4, 2021.]

The Bethel Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 23-01, and legislation passed through January 10, 2023.

Disclaimer: The city clerk's office has the official version of the Bethel Municipal Code. Users should contact the city clerk's office for ordinances passed subsequent to the ordinance cited above.

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Title: Approving the Regular Public Safety & Transportation Commission meeting dates for 2023.

The Commission meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30p.m.

Month	Regular Meeting Date	Rescheduled Meeting Date
January		01-04-2023
February		02-01-2023
March		03-01-2023
April		04-05-2023
May		05-03-2023
June		06-07-2023
July		07-05-2023
August		08-02-2023
September		09-06-2023
October		10-04-2023
November		11-01-2023
December		12-06-2023

The meeting for (month) will be rescheduled to _____ due to _____.

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TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT: **November 2022**

2022	November
New Chauffeurs	0
Chauffeur Renewals	0
Chauffeur Transfers	0
Vehicle Permit Renewals	0
Vehicle Transfers	2
Inspections	2
Revocations	0
Temporary Permits	0

- For the month of November there were 7 Chauffeur/Permitted Vehicle Complaints.

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TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT: **January 2023**

2023	January
New Chauffeurs	0
Chauffeur Renewals	1
Chauffeur Transfers	1
Vehicle Permit Renewals	1
Vehicle Transfers	1
Inspections	3
Revocations	0
Temporary Permits	0

- For the month of January there were 8 Chauffeur/Permitted Vehicle Complaints.

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TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT: **December 2022**

2022	September
New Chauffeurs	1
Chauffeur Renewals	2
Chauffeur Transfers	0
Vehicle Permit Renewals	1
Vehicle Transfers	1
Inspections	1
Revocations	0
Temporary Permits	0

- For the month of December there were 5 Chauffeur/Permitted Vehicle Complaints.