

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

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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
February 01, 2023
- VI. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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.

- A. Overview of Public Safety and Transportation Commission duties and responsibilities
- 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)
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. 988 Suicide Prevention/Community Awareness Discussion (Theresa Quiner, DeShan Foret)
 - B. Loading/unloading, picking up/dropping off signs for local stores and businesses (Musa Saliu)
 - C. Recommendations to amend the City's Fees and Rates to Animal Control.
- IX. EX OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS
- X. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR'S REPORT
- XI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

Posted February 23, 2023, at Police Department, AC Co., Swanson's, and the Post Office, City Hall

Brianna Evan, Ex-Officio Staff

Brianna Evan

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 February 01, 2023 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Theresa Quiner, Patrick Snow, DeShan Foret, Musa Saliu

Absent: Melanie Fredericks, Megan Newport, Farah Sears

Ex-Officio Present: Daron Solesbee, Christopher Wigner, Brianna Evan

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one to be heard.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Theresa Q.	Motion to move new business C to unfinished business B.
SECONDED:	DeShan F.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

MOVED:	DeShan F.	Motion to approve the amended agenda.
SECONDED:	Musa S.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED:	Musa S.	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting November 02, 2022 & January 07, 2023
SECONDED:	DeShan F.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VI. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. Election of Chair

MOVED:	DeShan F.	Motion to nominate Theresa Quiner as chair.
SECONDED:	Musa S.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

B. Election of Vice Chair

MOVED:	Musa S.	Motion to nominate DeShan Foret as Vice Chair.
SECONDED:	.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		

MOVED:	DeShan F.	Motion to table election of vice chair to the next meeting on March 01, 2023
SECONDED:	Patrick S.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 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)

MOVED:	Theresa Q.	Motion to suspend the rules for discussion.
SECONDED:	Patrick S.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Council Rep. Snow discussed with the commission that a community member who had been bitten by a dog a couple of times. The community member had made changes to the City Ordinances, which was reviewed by Council Rep. Snow and presented to the clerk who then shared it with the attorney and city manager, they all gave input and came up with an amended BMC (provided in the packet)

MOVED:	Patrick S.	Motion to unsuspend rules.
SECONDED:	DeShan F.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	
MOVED:	DeShan F.	Motion to table topic to the next meeting on March 01, 2023.
SECONDED:	Theresa Q.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

B. Chauffeur Permit 22-019, Suspended Permit (Taxi Inspector)

Taxi Inspector advised the commission that permit 22-019 has been suspended due to BMC 5.40.030. Section D, BMC 5.40.030 Section E violations. The permit owner did not list any prior felony or misdemeanor convictions in the last 5 years. The Taxi Inspector stated that the permit owners' results from the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division of the Federal Bureau Investigations (FBI) came back to show the permit owner had been convicted of a misdemeanor in 2019.

MOVED:	Patrick S.	Motion to suspend the rules.
SECONDED:	DeShan F.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

The commission had the permit owner say a few words before having a discussion. Permit owner stated that he was not aware that this was on his record. The commission decided for the Taxi Inspector to make the decision on if the permit will be reinstated or revoked.

MOVED:	Patrick S.	Motion to suspend the rules.
SECONDED:	DeShan F.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

C. Brainstorm and Evaluate 2022 Commission Body Goals/Tasks/Priorities and Survey Ideas

Commission had discussed that this topic was put on the agenda in the beginning of 2021 due to the lack of topics on the agenda, now that we have more topics on every month, there is no need for this to be on the agenda anymore.

MOVED:	DeShan F.	Motion to table the idea of discussion of priorities for the next meeting. (Goes with responsibilities and duties for PSTC)
SECONDED:	Musa Saliu	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

D. ASIST Training Update (DeShan Foret)

DeShan had spoken on the ASIST Training for the BPD officers that had attended in 2022 regarding suicide prevention. As well as how we can reach the public and awareness and the options that the public has for help. Commission had discussed the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, and talked about getting flyers and information out to the public.

MOVED:	DeShan F.	Motion to close the topic.
SECONDED:	Theresa Q.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

E. Review of Commission Duties and Responsibilities

MOVED:	DeShan F.	Motion to table to the next meeting for the responsibilities and duties to be included in the packet.
SECONDED:	Musa S.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

F. Approval of Commission Regular Meeting Calendar

MOVED:	DeShan F.	Motion to approve the PSTC Regular Meeting Calendar.
SECONDED:	Musa S.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VIII. CHIEF's COMMENTS

Police Chief Hicks – See Report in Commission Packet.

Fire Chief Solsebee – See Report in Commission Packet.

IX. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR'S REPORT

See Report in Commission Packet.

X. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE's COMMENTS

Patick Snow- No Comment.

XI. COMMISSION MEMBER's COMMENTS

Theresa Quiner- No comment.

Melanie Fredericks-.

Farah Sears-

DeShan Foret- No Comment.

Megan Newport-

Musa Saliu- No Comment.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Patick S.	Motion to adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED:	Musa S.	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Brianna Evan, Recorder

Theresa Quiner, Chair

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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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:

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.

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

This message is supported by the Bethel Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Police Department and Fire Department.

You are not alone.

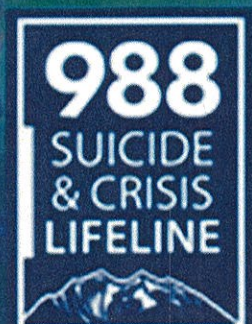
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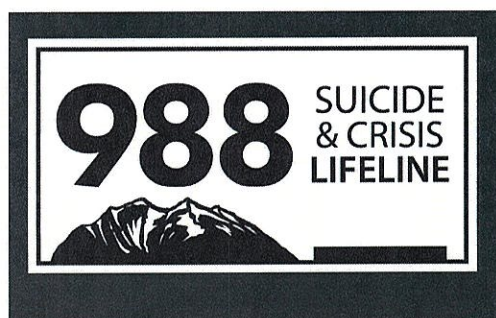
Call or text **988**,

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

988.alaska.gov

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988: Three Digit Dialing for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in Alaska

Alaskans can now dial or text 988 to connect with trained and compassionate crisis counselors for support when dealing with an emotional crisis or when experiencing suicidal thoughts. Callers from a 907 area code who dial three easy numbers, 988, will be connected to Careline Alaska where a trained crisis counselor will provide free and confidential support 24 hours a day, and 7 days a week. Anyone of any age can access this confidential support. The 988 service also offers services to non-English speakers as well as to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. 988 counselors are trained to respond to a crisis, provide emotional support and connect callers with local resources.

The Bethel Public Safety and Transportation Commission supports this message and is hoping to raise awareness in our communities of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Help us in sharing this information with friends, loved ones and community members. By sharing and encouraging individuals to reach out when facing a challenging time, we can end stigma and promote positive mental health care. If you are a loved one, friend or family member helping someone in a mental health crisis and need support, you can call 988 for support.

YKHC's Behavioral Health Crisis Response Line can be reached at 907-543-6449 or toll-free at 844-543-6449 and also provides 24/7 crisis support.

This message is supported by the Bethel Public Safety and Transportation Commission along with the Bethel Police Department and Bethel Fire Department.

The Bethel Public Safety and Transportation Commission provides a forum for the public comment and input regarding public transportation and public safety. Community members are encouraged to bring forward Bethel community concerns in regard to community safety and public transportation. This Commission meets the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 6:30pm at the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers, located at 300 State Highway in Bethel. For more information about the Public Safety and Transportation Commission, please contact the Bethel Police Department at 907-543-3781 or police@cityofbethel.net.

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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #22-12

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADOPTING FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL

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

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is not permanent in nature and shall not be placed in the Bethel Municipal Code.

Section 2 Amendments. The City of Bethel Fees and Charges is amended, new language is underlines and old language is stricken.

General Services	
Wire Transfer Fee	\$25
Non-Sufficient Funds Fee	\$30
Check Replacement Fee	\$25
Notary Service, per document	\$3
Bethel Lapel Pin	\$2
Passport Execution Fee (in accordance with U.S. Department of State)	\$25 <u>\$35</u>
Lost Key	\$100
Photocopies of Documents	\$0.25
Log Cabin Rental	
Cleaning Deposit	\$200
Main Room Full Day	\$175
Nonprofit	\$50
Kitchen Full Day	\$50
Both Full Day	\$225
Nonprofit	\$75
Main Room Half Day	\$90
Kitchen Half Day	\$25
Both Half Day	\$115

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Public Records	
<i>Searches, if over five (5) hours (per hour) If the search or production of records for one requester in a calendar month exceeds five person-hours, the requester shall pay the personnel costs required during the month to complete the search and copying tasks. The personnel costs may not exceed the actual salary and benefit costs for the personnel time required to perform the search and copying tasks. The requester shall pay the fee before the records are disclosed, and the city may require payment in advance of the search.</i>	
Electronic Records	Free
Paper Record	\$5.00 (First five pages) \$0.25 (Each additional pg.)
CD of Audio/Video/Documents	\$10
Sales Taxes and Business Licenses	
Bethel Business License Holder List	\$25
Bethel Business License	\$100
Identification Card/Replacement	\$10
Special Events Permit Application (Alcohol)	\$50
Cemetery Services	
Burial Permit	\$50
Burial Lot Reservation	\$150
Appeals	
Appeal to City Representative (not hearing officer)	\$50
Appeal to Hearing Officer (unless otherwise provided for in code)	\$150 \$200
<u>Appeal to City Body</u>	<u>\$200</u>
Code Enforcement	
Vehicle Removal	\$200
Impound Fee	\$25 (first day) \$20 (each additional day)
Police Department	
General	
Fingerprints (per card)	\$25
Civil Processing	\$45
Vehicles and Traffic	
Towing or Initial Impoundment (4-Wheeler/ATV/Snowmachine)	\$100
Storage of 4-Wheeler/ATV/Snowmachine	\$10 (per day)
Records	
Collision Report	\$10
Call for Service	\$5
Officer Report	\$10

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CD	\$20
Animal Control	
Animal License (AVID Chip)	\$20 <u>10</u>
Animal Adoption (animal license included)	\$25
Euthanization of Animal	\$30
Animal Impound	\$25 (first day) \$20 (each additional)
Rabies Vaccination	FREE
Quarantine 10 days	\$150
Protective Custody	
If Paid Within 30 Days	\$150
If Paid After 30 Days	\$175
Fire Department	
Basic Life Support Ambulance Services	\$450
Advanced Life Support Ambulance Services	\$600
Fire Incident Report	\$25
Ambulance Run Report	\$25
Planning	
General	
Variance	\$200
Vacation	\$300
Conditional Use Permit	\$200
Re-plat, Short Subdivision , Abbreviated Plat, Supplement Plat, Waiver, or Floodplain Land Use (Additional Recording Fee May Apply)	\$100
Preliminary Subdivision Plat	\$300
Additional Plot(s)	\$15 <u>20</u>
Final Subdivision Plat (Additional Recording Fee May Apply)	\$300
Platting Waiver	\$100
Appeal of a decision of the Planning Director	\$100
Site Plans and Violations	
Site Plan, Infill/Moving of Single-Family Residence	\$25
Site Plan, if submitted after work has begun but not complete.	\$300
*Contractor/owner responsible for penalty if infill/moving of residents without approved permit.	\$500
Site Plan, Residential Single Family New Construction	\$25
Site Plan, if submitted after work has begun but not complete.	\$300
	\$500

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*Owner responsible for penalty if infill/moving of residents without approved permit.	
Site Plan Residential Duplex	\$100
*Owner responsible for penalty if developed without approved permit.	\$500
Site Plan Residential Triplex	\$200
Site Plan, if submitted after work has begun but not complete.	\$300
*Owner Responsible for fine if developments of a new residential triplex without Site Plan Application	\$1,000
Site Plan Infill Commercial	\$100
Site Plan, if submitted after work has begun but not complete.	\$300
*Developers Responsible for fine if Infill is done without Site Plan Application	\$1,000
Site Plan, Demolition of Building Either Residential or Commercial	\$100
*Owner responsible for penalty if demolished without approved permit.	\$1,000
Site Plan Commercial Major (New Development or Existing Site Improvements) A. Site Plan Application Commercial: The application fee for a Commercial, Industrial or Other Non-Residential Development shall be \$600.00 for the first \$100,000.00 of the total construction costs, plus an additional fee one half of one percent for the portion over \$100,000.00 of the total construction costs. Typical construction costs shall include all costs associated with the development for which the application is being submitted, including, but not limited to site improvement for which the application is being submitted, including, but not limited to, site improvement and building improvement costs including new or additional buildings, but shall include interior furnishings, atypical features, decorative materials or other similar features. For fees calculated based the percentage of construction costs, such costs shall be supported by the sworn statement of a licensed architect, licensed engineer or other qualified individual if an architect or engineer has not been retained for the project as the expected construction costs for projects over \$1,000,000.00. Institutional (Hospital, Educational and Governmental) will be assessed a flat fee of \$600.00 for the total cost of the construction. B. For a Proposed Linear Development, the application fee shall be \$150.00 per acre of all land included in the right of way of the proposed linear development project plus \$150.00 per acre located outside of the right of way that will be disturbed as part of a linear development project. A Linear development means land uses such as roads, trails, sewerage and management of pipes, gas and water pipelines, electric, telephone and other transmission or distribution	\$1,000

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lines, which have the basic function of connecting two points, the rights-of-way therefore, and any accessory structures or uses directly associated therewith. Linear development shall not include residential, commercial, office or industrial buildings, improvements within a development such as utility lines or pipes, or internal circulation roads;	
1. For a resource extraction permit application or permit renewal application, the application fee shall be \$1,500.00 plus \$30.00 per acre to be mined within each permit period (Yearly)	
2. 2) For a change of use with no additional development or home occupations, the application fee shall be \$200.00; and	
The application fee for mixed residential and non-residential development shall be the sum of the residential and non-residential development fees as calculated according to the relevant fee schedules in (A) above.	
Major Subdivisions	
Adverting	\$275 <u>500</u>
Re-Adverting	\$325 <u>500</u>
Revision Following Advertising	\$350 <u>500</u>
Preliminary Plat Application	\$1,500
Change to Future Land Use Map	\$800
Variance	\$750
Subdivision Agreement	\$1,500
Maps	
Xerographic Type Single Sheet Map Copy	\$5 per sheet
Computer Generated Retracement of Single Lot or Tract with Legal Description	\$25
Computer Generated Single Sheet Map or Plat	\$50
<i>Each Additional Sheet</i>	\$25
Land Status Map	\$30
Comprehensive Plan on CD	\$25
Letter of Interpretation or Amended Letter of Interpretation:	
A. Application for any other Letter of Interpretation or Amended Letter of Interpretation.	\$200
B. Application fee for the review and processing of a request for a letter stating information that is available in a municipal land use ordinance or stating other information readily available to the public from a source other than the Bethel Planning Commission.	\$200
C. Application fee for an Amended Certificate of Filing. <i>If a request for an Amended Certificate of Filing is submitted more than five years following the issuance of the original Certificate of</i>	\$200 or 10% of orig. permit fee,

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<i>Filing, the fee shall be calculated as if a new application had been submitted.</i> D. The fee for the review of any study or survey prior to the submission of a development application, including, but not limited to, any threatened or endangered species protocol, threatened or endangered species protocol results or a cultural resource survey, shall be one-third of the estimated application fee calculated in accordance with (a) through (b) above. Any fee submitted in accordance with this provision shall be deducted from the application fee due at the time of submission of the application for the proposed development for which the study or survey was prepared or conducted	whichever is > Max \$3,000
Tall Towers	
Advertising	\$275 500
Re-Advertising	\$375 500
Revision Following Advertising	\$350 500
Conditional Use Permit	\$750
Public Hearing	\$1,000
Change to Future Land Use Map	\$800
Special Use Permit	\$750
Variance	\$750
Code Enforcement	
Junk Vehicles Removed, per vehicle if liquids are not drained and batter is not removed	\$275
Junk Vehicles Removed, per vehicle if liquids are drained and batteries removed	\$75
Impound fee, first day	\$25
Each additional day	\$20
Removal of Non-Vehicles Junk /Honey Buckets 100% of cost of removal *Disposal of items plus city manpower (wages), city vehicles usage (gas), court cost, attorney fees, only if property owners don't remove the debris from their property.	
Port and Harbor	
<i>Other fees are in accordance with the most recently adopted Tarrif Rates.</i>	
Small Boat Harbor Seasonal Moorage Per Foot LOA	\$12
Small Boat Harbor Use Permit	\$30
Small Boat Harbor Use Permit (for Vessel Moored more than four days in the small boat harbor)	\$60
Public Works	
Utility Permit Application Fee Annual Permit	\$130
Utility Permit Application Fee Temporary or Emergency use	\$50

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Vehicle Disposal, per vehicle if battery and liquid are removed.	Free (2 per year) ≥ \$200
Vehicle disposal, per vehicle without fluids/and or battery removed	\$300
Refrigerators and Freezer	\$40

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

ENACTED THIS 26th DAY OF APRIL 2022, BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:


Mark Springer, Mayor


Lori Strickler, City Clerk

CITY OF BETHEL
POLICE DEPARTMENT



TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT: **February 2023**

2023	February
New Chauffeurs	0
Chauffeur Renewals	1
Chauffeur Transfers	0
Vehicle Permit Renewals	0
Vehicle Transfers	2
Inspections	2
Revocations	1
Temporary Permits	0

- For the month of February there were 0 Chauffeur/Permitted Vehicle Complaints.
- There are 2 chauffeur applications in the process.
- Last meeting discussion on Chauffeur permit 22-019, the Transportation Inspector has decided to revoke the permit.