

BETHEL, ALASKA
CITY ATTORNEY

BETHEL, AK (Population: 6,500) is a remote city on the western coast of Alaska, approximately 400 miles west of Anchorage. Bethel is only accessible by air and water and it is the largest Kuskokwim River port, serving as a transportation and administrative hub for over 50 Alaskan villages. With a population of over 6,500, the city contains about 48 square miles of land with approximately 5 square miles as water. Bethel has been a conservative driven community placing value on keeping the financial stability of the community at the forefront of their capital planning and growth. The total budget for 2019-2020 including all funds is about \$31 million with a general fund budget of around \$15.6 million. The city currently has approximately 100 FTE employees.

Within Bethel, there are approximately 36 miles of roads which are not connected to any contiguous highway system. The Port of Bethel is the northernmost medium-draft port in the U.S.A. River travel is the primary means of local transportation in the summer and supports barge service that provides goods to Kuskokwim villages. The state-owned Bethel Airport is a regional transportation hub served by four passenger carriers and three major cargo carriers. The airport ranks third in the state for total number of flights.

Bethel is a vibrant and bustling community and continues to be a hub of commerce and transportation for its residents and surrounding villages. The city could see some potential growth in the coming years through two proposed housing developments. The median household income is approximately \$83,400 with 32% of the population under the age of 18 and only 7% of the population over the age of 65, it is a young community.

The successful candidate will have the following qualifications and experiences:

- A demonstrated knowledge of federal, tribal, state and local laws and ordinances, rules and regulations, particularly with respect to municipal operations and the ability to interpret and ensure compliance with applicable federal, tribal, state and local policies, rules, laws and regulations specific to the State of Alaska and the City of Bethel.
- Ability to work in conjunction with the Mayor, Council and City Manager as a credible and impartial legal advisor, maintaining professional objectivity and neutrality with respect to policy and procedural matters which may affect the municipal operations of Bethel.
- A Juris Doctorate Degree from an accredited law school and be admitted to and in good standing with the Alaska Bar Association within four months following the start of employment with the City. Residency in Bethel is required.
- A minimum of five (5) years of full-time experience (preferably seven (7)) as a practicing attorney in Civil or Administrative law, preferably for a municipality. Experience in Alaska is preferred.

The starting salary range for the position is \$125,000 - \$145,000 DOQ. The City will also offer an outstanding fringe benefit package including low cost health, dental and vision. Residency within the City is required. Interested candidates should apply online by September 6, 2019 with a cover letter, resume, and contact information for at least five (5) professional references to www.GovHRjobs.com to the attention of Sarah McKee, Senior Vice President, GovHR USA, 630 Dundee Road, Suite 130, Northbrook, IL 60062. Tel: (847) 380-3240.

[Click HERE to Apply!](#)