

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2020-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO REDUCE THE IMPACT AND SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS KNOWN AS COVID-19 THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF UNALASKA

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention has identified the COVID-19 virus as a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans, causing respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and which poses a significant public health risk; and

WHEREAS, a proactive approach taken by individuals and communities to slow the rate of infection will reduce the negative impact on our health care system; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Governor Mike Dunleavy declared a Public Health Disaster Emergency in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, City of Unalaska stood up the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to provide a framework for coordinated communications, preparedness and response; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has generated a public health emergency that threatens to overwhelm the City of Unalaska health system and the economy of our community, endangering the lives and wellbeing of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, Mayor Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr. declared a Local Emergency in the City of Unalaska, authorizing the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of the coronavirus known as COVID-19 through the City of Unalaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Unalaska City Council passed Resolution 2020-16 and declared a Local Emergency to remain in effect for so long as the declaration of a Public Health Disaster in the State of Alaska remains in effect; and

WHEREAS the declaration of a Public Health Disaster in the State of Alaska is set to expire on November 15, 2020, resulting in the expiration of the City of Unalaska's Local Emergency on the same date; and

WHEREAS, new COVID-19 infections in the State of Alaska have been in excess of 200 per day for the last month, which is considerably higher than when the national, state and local emergencies were declared in March; and

WHEREAS, local emergency regulations have proven effective in that there is currently no community spread in Unalaska, despite the recent surge in cases statewide.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL that the spread of coronavirus known as COVID-19, and its threat to our health system, remain a local public health crisis and extends the local emergency declaration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to take necessary actions, in accordance with Chapter 2.96 of the Unalaska Municipal Code, to prepare and position our resources in order to reduce the impact and spread of the coronavirus throughout the City of Unalaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this declaration a local emergency shall be effective on November 11, 2020 and expire on June 30, 2021. City Council may extend or amend this declaration as necessary.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on November 10, 2020.

Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Marjie Veeder

Marjie Veeder, CMC
City Clerk

