

CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2020-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL REQUIRING TRAVELER QUARANTINE, THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND THAT RESIDENTS STAY HOME AND "HUNKER DOWN"

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 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the virus a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska declared a public health emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of the virus in Alaska and Governor Dunleavy has implemented several health mandates such as the closure of schools, services and businesses, to help reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; 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 in the City of Unalaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Unalaska City Council passed Resolution 2020-16, declaring 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, to date there are 36 confirmed COVID-19 cases in the state with confirmed community spread in Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall have the same effect as a rule issued by the Manager pursuant to Unalaska Code of Ordinances §2.96.040; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL:

1. Everyone currently in the City of Unalaska (the "City") shall stay at home as much as possible, except:
  - a. to work in certain critical jobs, listed below;
  - b. to buy, sell or deliver groceries or other important goods;
  - c. to receive or provide health care; and
  - d. to get fresh air without contacting others.

On the limited occasions when individuals leave home, they should maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any person outside their household, whenever possible. Individuals are also encouraged to practice recommended hygiene, including regular hand washing.

2. Everyone in the City must follow all health mandates issued by Governor Dunleavy, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).
3. It is strongly recommended, in accordance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance, that certain individuals within the City should take even greater precaution.
  - a. Anyone particularly at-risk from COVID-19 should reduce exposure by staying at home, not physically going to work, and not doing their own shopping if possible. People particularly at risk of complications from COVID-19 include those 60 years and older and individuals of any age with a serious underlying medical condition. Household members of those who are at elevated risk should implement these more stringent guidelines as well, to the extent possible.
  - b. Anyone more likely to be contagious with COVID-19 should not leave home except to obtain medical care or to get fresh air. People who are more likely to be contagious include individuals exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 (including coughing, shortness of breath, and fever).
4. Traveler Quarantine Order. Any person traveling into the City by vessel or airplane that came from outside of Alaska or that came from a community with known cases of COVID-19, is required to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arriving at their destination and monitor for symptoms of illness. During travel and following the quarantine period, appropriate social distancing measures must be followed.
  - a. Public Health Exception. People performing essential public health duties shall quarantine except as necessary to protect the health and safety of others.
  - b. Critical Business Exception. People that are engaged in critical business or occupations are exempt from the quarantine requirement. Critical business or entities include fishing and fish processing. People traveling for fishing or fish processing or other critical businesses are required to follow all state and federal quarantine mandates and recommendations.
5. Some businesses and entities serve critical roles that are necessary to combat this public health emergency or provide critical community functions and cannot be put on hold while we address the emergency. Those businesses and entities should comply with social distancing guidelines as much as possible, including maintaining six-foot social distancing for employees and for members of the public, including when any customers are standing in line. A list of businesses defined as critical is listed below at paragraph number seven.
6. All other businesses and entities in the City must close their premises. However, businesses and entities may continue to utilize telecommuting or work from home procedures.

7. Critical businesses (to include non-profit and other entities) include:

- a. "Healthcare Operations" including hospitals, clinics, dental emergency services, pharmacies, other healthcare facilities, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, companies and institutions involved in the research and development, manufacture, distribution, warehousing, and supplying of pharmaceuticals, biotechnology therapies, consumer health products, medical devices, diagnostics, equipment, services, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. "Healthcare Operations" also includes veterinary care and healthcare services provided to animals. "Healthcare Operations" does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities.
- b. Businesses providing any services or performing any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of "Essential Infrastructure," including, but not limited to, the Port of Alaska, public works construction, construction of housing , airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil production, mining, logging, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services).
- c. Financial services sector, which includes workers who are needed to process and maintain systems for processing financial transactions and services, such as payment, clearing and settlement services, wholesale funding, insurance services, and capital markets activities; to provide consumer access to banking and lending services, including ATMs, movement of currency (e.g. armored cash carriers); support financial operations, such as those staffing data and security operations centers; appraisals and titling; and, key third-party providers who deliver core services.
- d. First responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel are critical.
- e. Individuals providing "Essential Governmental Functions" are critical. "Essential Governmental Functions" means all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of government agencies and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- f. Grocery stores, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of food and other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.
- g. Food and agriculture, company cafeterias, cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing including related processing.
- h. Businesses that provide food, shelter, social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals.

- i. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.
  - j. Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, bicycle-repair, and related facilities.
  - k. Hardware stores.
  - l. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses.
  - m. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes.
  - n. Educational institutions facilitating distance learning.
  - o. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers.
  - p. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out under the restrictions set forth in COVID-19 Health Mandate 003, issued March 17, 2020.
  - q. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home.
  - r. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate.
  - s. Businesses that transport goods to grocery stores, supermarkets, convenience stores, engaged in the retail sale of food, household consumer products, delivery of fuel, or other services directly to residences or other critical industries outlined in this health mandate.
  - t. Airlines, taxis, and other private transportation providers providing transportation services. Shuttles, van services and taxis shall be limited to three passengers.
  - u. Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children.
  - v. Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children.
  - w. Professional services, such as accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally-mandated activities.
  - x. Childcare facilities, subject to new recommendations for increased hygiene and social distancing. Childcare facilities should be used only by those who need childcare to work at a critical job.
8. If a business is not listed above, but you believe that it is critical or it is an entity providing critical services or functions, you may request an opinion from the City Manager that your business should be designated a critical business

This resolution shall expire on April 15, 2020. The Council may extend it as necessary, or the City Manager may extend it or amend it pursuant to the emergency management powers under Unalaska Code of Ordinances §2.96 and Resolution 2020-16.

This resolution shall be effective at noon on March 25, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on March 24, 2020.

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Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Marjie Veeder, CMC  
City Clerk