



Bristol Bay Borough

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2020-05 OF THE BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH ASSEMBLY DECLARATION OF COVID-19 EMERGENCY

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AND A REQUEST FOR FEDERAL AND STATE ASSISTANCE.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus ("virus"), a new strain of the coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans and is easily transmittable person to person; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") 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 since the declaration was announced, the State received confirmation of a positive case of the virus on March 12, 2020; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the State of Alaska Legislature announced initial actions to limit the spread of COVID-19, including limiting access to the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, on the afternoon of March 20, 2020, Governor Dunleavy closed all schools in Alaska through May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, at 5 p.m. the governor closed all establishments serving food or beverages within the State of Alaska to the public for dine-in service until April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses an imminent threat to human health, safety and welfare to the residents of the Bristol Bay Borough; and

WHEREAS, due to the highly contagious nature of the virus, the available Borough infrastructure and resources, including but not limited to, Fire and Rescue, Police Department, Port, Public Works Department, Borough Headquarters, among others, will be likely inadequate to handle the consequences of a COVID-19 outbreak unless the Borough implements emergency powers; and

WHEREAS, the Borough anticipates a possible major economic downturn due to possibly cancelled tourism, fishing, and other activities over the coming summer season; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is largely dependent upon revenues from the summer season; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to implement local emergency powers given the potential ability of the virus to cause death or injury to people, necessitating measures to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, in order to contain any potential harm that may be caused by the virus, State and Federal assistance is needed to supplement local efforts to respond to this public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly deems it necessary to declare a local emergency to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough requests the Governor of Alaska to provide State assistance to the Borough in its response to the virus, including assistance for fire protection, law enforcement, and the provision of other funds, services, functions, supplies, or materials determined by the Manager, in consultation with local emergency agencies, to be necessary to meet the public safety and welfare needs arising from or incidental to COVID-19 and to recover from the damages caused; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH, ALASKA, that, in light of the ongoing conditions caused by COVID-19 in the world, the nation, the state of Alaska and the Bristol Bay Borough, the Assembly of the Bristol Bay Borough finds and declares that an emergency exists within the Borough, pursuant to Borough Code 1.12.050.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH, ALASKA, that the emergency consists of the Covid-19, a respiratory disease that is easily transmittable person to person and that can result in serious illness or death for anyone infected by the virus.

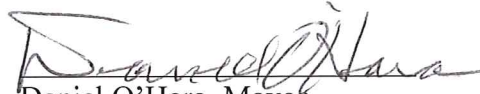
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH, ALASKA, that the Assembly declares the virus to be a clear and present threat to the people living, working, and visiting the Bristol Bay Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Emergency Ordinance shall be filed promptly with the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and other state or federal agencies as determined by the Borough Manager to be appropriate going forward.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough requests that the Governor of Alaska provide such State assistance as may be available to meet the ongoing emergency created by COVID-19 and to request additional assistance from Federal agencies where State capability is not adequate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Emergency Ordinance making a Disaster Declaration shall expire on November 24, 2020, unless renewed or revoked by a vote of the Bristol Bay Borough Assembly prior to that time. This Emergency Ordinance shall become effective immediately after its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ON THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.


Daniel O'Hara, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Tibbetts, Borough Clerk

