

CITY OF KACHEMAK
KACHEMAK, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2020-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KACHEMAK, ALASKA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DECLARE A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19.

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

WHEREAS, the first COVID-19 case was diagnosed in Alaska on March 12, 2020, and the first case was diagnosed on the Kenai Peninsula on March 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Kenai Peninsula Borough, acting under the statutory authority of AS26.23.140 has declared a disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, the potential for community transmission of COVID-19 presents a clear and present threat to the health and safety of the people of Kachemak City and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mike Dunleavy has issued the following mandates in order to slow the spread of COVID-19: temporarily close schools, dine-in service at establishments serving food or beverages, entertainment facilities, and personal care service establishments; prohibit gatherings where individuals are within six feet of each other; prohibit elective oral and medical procedures; and require that all people arriving in Alaska must self-quarantine for 14 days; and

WHEREAS, many public and private facilities, gatherings, and other events have been cancelled or postponed per mandate and in order to prevent the rapid transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, these events have a significant impact on business, commerce, tourism, and the local economy now and potentially in the future as there is no projected date for a potential vaccine or other treatment for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, City Administration is requesting the public refrain from visiting the Kachemak Community Center for non-emergency purposes and to instead use other forms of communication (telephone, email, or use of a drop box by the main entrance) until further notice; and

WHEREAS, the City Council may find it necessary to temporarily change how Council meetings are conducted while maintaining transparent government and balance the risks of COVID-19; changes may include the increased use of teleconference for meetings; and

WHEREAS, the declared pandemic has the potential to negatively affect the economy of Kachemak City and the State of Alaska, through stoppages of work, the closing of businesses and schools, the decreased opportunity for visitor/tourist traffic, and potentially the decreased resources available to municipalities as they respond to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of disaster emergency will alert the public to the seriousness of the risk and will allow the City of Kachemak to work in cooperation with other local, state, and federal agencies to implement appropriate actions and responses to address the COVID-19 outbreak.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KACHEMAK, ALASKA:

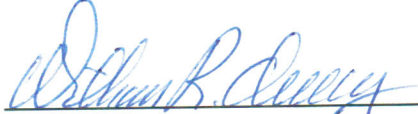
That a local disaster emergency is declared in the City of Kachemak

1. The Mayor hereby declares the COVID-19 threat and impact a public health emergency.
2. The Mayor is authorized to take necessary actions, in accordance with all applicable local or interjurisdictional disaster or emergency plans, to prepare and position our resources in order to reduce the health and financial impacts of the outbreak.
3. Further, the City requests that state and federal funds be made available as needed in the ongoing response and recovery from the current and potential impacts of this pandemic, to provide assistance for affected businesses and individuals, and to provide technical expertise and guidance, to help the City in its recovery from this event.
4. As provided in Kachemak's Telephonic Ordinance 2019-05, the council hereby approves a special exception for good cause, allowing council members and the mayor to attend additional meetings by teleconference, while this declaration remains in effect.
5. This declaration is effective for 90 days unless repealed sooner. The Kachemak City Council may act to extend the period of emergency.

A copy of this Resolution will be promptly filed with the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

ADOPTED by duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Kachemak, Alaska, this 27th day of March 2020.

CITY OF KACHEMAK



William R. Overway, Mayor

ATTEST:



Erica Fitzpatrick, City Clerk