



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISASTER DECLARATION CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the global coronavirus crisis or COVID-19 is now a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska declared a public health emergency in response to an anticipated outbreak of COVID-19 in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez is a political subdivision within the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, while the potential extent and effect of COVID-19 cannot yet be known, it remains vital for the City of Valdez to be prepared and take all needed precautions throughout the entire timeframe of the emergency related to COVID-19; 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, this public health emergency may require significant overtime by city personnel, emergency contractual engagement of supplies or medical personnel or resources to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby declared that:

Section 1. The Mayor of the City of Valdez does declare a Local Disaster Emergency per AS 26.23.140 to exist within the City of Valdez.

Section 2. It is requested that the Governor of Alaska provide State assistance to the City in its response to the virus necessary to meet the public safety and welfare needs arising from or incidental to COVID-19 and to recover from the damages caused.

Section 3. A public health related order, if any, shall be consistent with federal or state public health official recommendations.

Section 4. City Council approval shall be required prior to the issuance of any orders (1) related to private property, (2) related to mass quarantine or isolation, or (3) related to rationing of goods or supplies.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that during the existence of this State of Emergency the City Manager shall exercise those powers, functions and duties prescribed by Alaska Statutes, the City Charter, and all applicable ordinances, resolutions, special acts, and the City Emergency Operations Plan in order to minimize the effects of said emergency.

DATED: This 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



Jeremy O'Neil, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

