

## CITY OF AMBLER

### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**A DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF AMBLER TO ACTIVATE ITS DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICES AND TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO REDUCE THE IMPACT AND SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF AMBLER.**

**WHEREAS:** Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is caused by the SARS-Cov-2 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 that the outbreak of COVID-19 was a global pandemic; and

**WHEREAS:** on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency in response to the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS:** on March 11, 2020 the Governor for the State of Alaska declared a Public Health Disaster Emergency as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS:** the WHO, the United States Government, and the Governor all advise that COVID-19 is highly contagious and presents a serious health risk to Americans, including severe illness and death; and

**WHEREAS:** the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has certified that it is highly probable that an outbreak of COVID-19 will occur in Alaska in the near future within the definition of “disaster” as codified at Alaska Statute 26.23.900(2)(E); and

**WHEREAS:** as of March 23, 2020, thirty-nine (39) cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Alaska; and

**WHEREAS:** a proactive approach must be taken by both individuals and communities to slow the rate of infection to reduce the negative impact on our health care system; and

**WHEREAS:** the City Council has determined that there is high likelihood that residents of Ambler will be affected by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS:** Chapter 5.01 of the Ambler City Code provides for a Department of Disaster Emergency Services; and

**WHEREAS:** the Department of Disaster Emergency Services is empowered to take all actions necessary to protect and preserve the lives, health, safety, and well-being of the people living in or visiting the City; and

**WHEREAS:** the executive and administrative duties of the Department of Disaster Emergency Services are vested in the office of the Mayor, who is authorized to appoint other personnel as necessary to accomplish the purpose of the Department; and

**WHEREAS:** a declaration of a local Emergency will alert the public to the seriousness of the risk as well as provide a mechanism for the City to coordinate its response and resources with local, State, and Federal agencies; and

**THEREFORE:** the Ambler City Council declares an Emergency based on the threat of COVID-19 and authorizes the Mayor to act as the incident commander for the City, to activate the Emergency Response Plan, exercise all authority vested in the position by applicable local, State, and Federal law as well as directing the Mayor to procure services and contracts necessary to address this emergency and combat the spread of COVID-19. This declaration is effective until further Notice, 2020.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY March 2020.

*W. J. ...*  
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City, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY March 2020.

*Brian Jones*  
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Attest: Brian Jones  
City Clerk

