



ORDINANCE 20-09

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KING COVE ISSUING A DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

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 from person to person; and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared the virus a pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Governor Dunleavy issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of COVID-19 in Alaska; and,

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

WHEREAS, positive cases of COVID-19 have been identified within the State of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, Social Distancing has been recommended, to minimize the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the State has put mandates in place restricting public use of state institutes, public and residential schools, libraries, archives and museums, restaurants and bars, as well as other restrictions; and

WHEREAS, City Administration has implemented reduced, essential functions to help reduce transmission among staff and to help protect people who are higher risk for adverse health complications while maintaining City operations; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic may dramatically impact the residents of the City of King Cove and have a substantial effect on the City economy if unchecked; and

WHEREAS, the full extent and effect of COVID-19 cannot yet be known, it remains vital for the City to be prepared and take all needed precautions throughout the entire timeframe of the emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a public emergency exists and deems it necessary to declare a local emergency to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, City Code Sec 2.15.235 authorizes emergency ordinances, reading:

- A. To meet a public emergency the council may adopt ordinances effective on adoption. Every emergency ordinance must contain a statement by the council of why an emergency exists and a statement of the facts about the emergency. The ordinance may be adopted, amended and adopted, or rejected at the meeting at which it is introduced. The affirmative vote of all members present, or the affirmative vote of three fourths of the total membership, whichever is less, is required for adoption. The council must print and make available copies of adopted emergency ordinances.
- B. An emergency ordinance may not be used to levy taxes, to grant, renew or extend a franchise, or to regulate the rate charged by a public utility for its services.
- C. Emergency ordinances are effective for 60 days.

WHEREAS, the City wishes to authorize the Mayor to request State assistance from the Governor of Alaska for costs associated with the City's response to the virus to meet the public safety and welfare needs arising from or incidental to COVID-19 and to recover from damage caused; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to authorize the Mayor to request assistance from Federal agencies pursuant to the Stafford Act of 1988 and Other Federal Law; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of disaster emergency will alert the public to the seriousness of the risk, and provide direction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of King Cove as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of King Cove hereby declares a local disaster emergency in response to COVID-19.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of King Cove authorizes the Mayor to request State and Federal Assistance to meet the ongoing emergency created by COVID-19.

Section 3. All residents and visitors to the City and to City Property are encouraged to maintain social distancing throughout the entire period of this emergency.

Section 4. All persons travelling into the City of King Cove are asked to quarantine themselves in their homes for fourteen days.

Section 5. This Emergency Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and remain in effect for 60 days pursuant to City Code Sec. 2.15.235(c).

Section 7. This Emergency Ordinance may be reauthorized by telephonic quorum prior to its expiration.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of King Cove this 30 day of March 2020.

Henry Mack
Henry Mack, Mayor

ATTEST
Kailee Calver
Kailee Calver, City Clerk

AYES 6
NAYS 0
ABSTAINED 0
ABSENT 0

Emergency Reading
Effective Date

3-30-20
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