

CITY OF SHISHMAREF  
Shishmaref, Alaska

RESOLUTION NO. 20-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHISHMAREF DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN REPOSE TO COVID-19  
AND REQUESTING STATE AND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") 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 Michael J. Dunleavy declared a Public Health Disaster Emergency in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the State of Alaska recommended implementation of measures identified in the CDC's Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, due to the restrictions placed by the State of Alaska mandates, this has put a financial strain on local businesses and local government agencies; 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 COVID-19 (Coronavirus) poses an imminent threat to human health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Shishmaref, and First Responders will be on the frontline of the response to this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shishmaref Water and Sewer infrastructure is failing; and

WHEREAS, The City of Shishmaref water and sewer needs upgrades to provide adequate services to the community; and

WHEREAS, AS. 29.25.030 provides that a governing body may adopt an emergency ordinance at a meeting where it is first introduced and is effective on adoption, provided that the ordinance receives the affirmative vote of all members present or the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the total membership of the governing body, whichever is less;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Shishmaref Council declare a disaster emergency per AS 26.23.140 to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Shishmaref.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, City of Shishmaref is requesting the Governor of the State of Alaska provide disaster assistance to the City of Shishmaref in its preparation, response, and recovery from the COVID-19 disaster event.

CERTIFICATION

Approved and passed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 at the City Council Special Meeting at Shishmaref, Alaska, by a vote of 7 for 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

Attest:

Karla Nayokpuk  
Karla Nayokpuk, Mayor

Karen Olanna  
Karen Olanna, City Clerk