A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROGRAM TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON THE COMMUNITY OF SKAGWAY.

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Municipality of Skagway declared an emergency based on the risk to the public posed by the global COVID-19 pandemic and the substantial adverse economic impacts to Skagway residents, which was confirmed by the Assembly on March 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Skagway residents and the municipality rely upon the tourism industry for financial stability; and

WHEREAS, many Skagway residents are unable to be employed in the tourism industry for an undetermined amount of time due to the widespread cancellation of cruises to Alaska; and

WHEREAS, employment options for Skagway residents that provide for working off site or remotely in other industries are limited; and

WHEREAS, secondary impacts to the local economy due to COVID-19 travel restrictions and health mandates will be devastating, with an estimated total community revenue loss of $160 million for the 2020 season; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway wishes to implement an Emergency Assistance & Economic Stimulus Program to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the health and financial stability of the Skagway community; and

WHEREAS, economic assistance to residents of the Municipality of Skagway due to the impacts of COVID-19 and the federal and state emergency measures related to COVID-19 is an authorized use of CARES Act funding under the Federal Treasury guidelines;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway considers expenditures to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on the local economy to be necessary expenditures in accordance with the CARES Act and CARES Act funding and establishes the following policy for an Emergency Assistance & Economic Stimulus Program:

- Applications will be accepted upon receipt by the Municipality of Skagway of the first Coronavirus Relief Fund grant payment from the State of Alaska.
- Assistance will be provided in the form of a check payment.
Applications must be submitted monthly, and applicants must include receipts or bills for necessary expenditures as determined by the Municipality of Skagway: rent, mortgage, non-municipal utilities, heating fuel, vehicle fuel, medical, food, other necessary items purchased in Skagway, or expenses approved on an individual basis.

To be eligible, applicants must provide two pieces of proof of residency in Skagway issued on or before June 4, 2020.

Applicant and all persons listed on the application must currently reside in Skagway and provide a local Skagway physical address and post office box mailing address.

The program will include a monthly per-person funding cap which may be adjusted administratively depending on funding availability, and an initial appropriation of $1,000 to each applicant; and $1,000 for spouse/partner and/or each dependent residing with the applicant.

This program is dependent on Coronavirus Relief Fund grant funding and will be in place until grant funding is depleted or the expiration of the program, whichever comes first.

The Municipality of Skagway may take steps to streamline administration of this program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 4th day of June 2020.

Andrew Cremata, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emily A. Deach, Borough Clerk

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