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MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA RESOLUTION NO. 20-17R

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA SETTING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ALLOWING CRUISE TOURIST VISITATION, FOR 2020 AND 2021, WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY BOROUGH DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

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 person to person; and

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

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

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

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 substantial economic impacts to the Municipality of Skagway, which was confirmed by the Assembly on March 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway is directly linked to by daily commercial air traffic and state ferry service and the Klondike Highway to communities with known cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Dahl Memorial Clinic only has one ventilator and does not provide a staff doctor, and may be overwhelmed if COVID-19 becomes widespread in Skagway; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway recognizes the possibility of a slight 2020 cruise season, and a limited 2021 cruise season; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway believes there could be circumstances that arise that may require the immediate reissuance of self-isolation mandates in order to protect the public, health, welfare, and safety in the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The following is a list of actions that will be taken. These actions are not intended to limit further actions that may be taken out of necessity by the administration.

- A. The 14-day self-isolation orders, in place before the issuance of this resolution, will remain in place and will be re-evaluated on June 4, 2020.

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- B. The Municipality of Skagway will engage other ports of call in Southeast Alaska, with the urgent interest of creating and implementing coordinated visitation practices in light of COVID-19 and its impacts. These talks should include, but are not limited to, screening, testing, communication with cruise ships and industry in real-time regarding passenger or crew symptoms or illness, and community education.
- C. If a case of COVID-19 in Southeast Alaska is identified and its origins traced to a cruise ship, the Municipality of Skagway will enact an immediate Traveler Self-Isolation Order, as detailed in Section 2, to expire upon direction by the Borough Assembly. The borough manager is authorized to take this action on behalf of the Borough Assembly.
- D. The Municipality will take the following steps to prepare the business district and public in case the scenario in Item C occurs:
 - 1. Beginning two weeks in advance of each cruise ship arrival, and continuing until two weeks following the last cruise arrival:
 - a. All employees, public and private, who come into regular contact with the public, must wear a mask or face covering while within six (6) feet of any customer. The Municipality of Skagway will assist in providing business owners with these items if requested.
 - b. The Municipality of Skagway will attempt to place and maintain mask and hand sanitizer stations at every active port of entry. This service, where implemented, will be maintained as supplies and funding are available.
 - 2. As soon as practicable, the Municipality of Skagway will provide and maintain hand sanitizer stands for placement outside of every business that is open to the public.

Section 2. Traveler Self-Isolation Order. This traveler self-isolation order will be in effect only under the conditions described in Section 1, Item C. Any person traveling into the Municipality of Skagway Borough from outside of Alaska or who traveled from/through from any community with known cases of COVID-19 within the prior 14 days is required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arriving in the Skagway Borough and monitor for symptoms of illness. During travel and following the self-isolation period, appropriate social distancing measures must be followed.

- A. **Public Health Exception.** People performing essential public health duties shall self-isolate except as necessary to protect the health and safety of others.
- B. **“Self-Isolation”** means do not go to work, school, or public areas. Do not have visitors, such as friends and family, where you are self-isolating. Do not go out to buy food, visit the post office, or collect medicine – order them by phone or online, or ask someone else to drop them off at your self-isolation location.
- C. **Critical Business or Entity Exception.** People who are engaged in critical business or entities are exempt from the self-isolation requirement but shall request permission from the Municipality prior to bringing exempt workers to Skagway, and they are still required to comply with all Federal and State health mandates. Critical business or entities are the following:
 - a. Transportation and logistics;
 - b. Government functions.

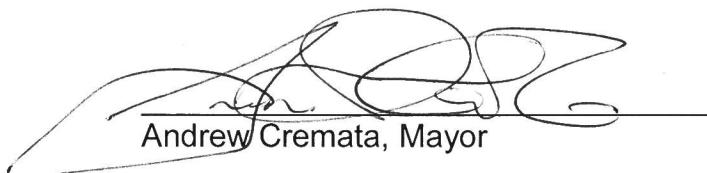
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c. Alaska Power & Telephone Co.

Section 3. Enforcement. If recommended by the borough manager, and following Public Safety Committee review, the Assembly will consider an ordinance or resolution to ensure compliance with this resolution or other necessary recommendations to protect the public health, welfare, and safety in the Municipality, in regard to COVID-19.

Section 4. Effective Date. 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 21st day of May, 2020.



Andrew Cremata, Mayor

ATTEST:



Emily A. Deach, Borough Clerk

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