

CITY OF HOUSTON, ALASKA
PROCLAMATION DECLARING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER EMERGENCY
(COVID-19)

ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, ALASKA PURSUANT TO HOUSTON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.40.030.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that is easily spread among those who are exposed to it, and can result in serious illness or death; and,

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2020, Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy declared a Public Health Disaster Emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 within Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has certified that an outbreak of COVID-19 is occurring in Alaska due to widespread community transmission; and,

WHEREAS, the November 6, 2020 Declaration of Public Health Disaster Emergency goes into effect on 12:01 a.m. on November 16, 2020, and will expire on December 15, 2020 unless extended by further action of the Governor or the Alaska Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2020, Governor Dunleavy issued a public statement regarding the November 6, 2020 declaration in which he urged Alaska's local governments to take immediate action to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 among their public employees and members of the communities that they serve; and,

WHEREAS, the imminent threat of an outbreak of COVID-19 will significantly affect the lives and health of the residents of the City of Houston; and,

WHEREAS, the risk of the increased community transmission of COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the City of Houston and its residents; and,

WHEREAS, the City must take active steps to mitigate the risk of transmission.

THEREFORE, on this 12th day of November, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted by Alaska Statute 26.23.140 and Houston Municipal Code Section 2.40.010, I hereby declare that a condition of public health disaster emergency exists within the City of Houston, and this condition is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a declaration of local public health disaster emergency in order to procure and provide assistance and to take such action as is necessary.

FURTHER, this declaration allows the City to request assistance from the State of Alaska, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and the federal government, for the purpose of securing the funds, services, or materials deemed necessary to reasonably respond to the outbreak of COVID-19.

FURTHER, this declaration authorizes the Mayor of the City of Houston to implement measures necessary to prevent the spread of the disease, designate an Emergency Management Coordinator,

and to take such other steps as may be reasonably necessary to combat both the spread of COVID-19 within the City of Houston, as well as its detrimental effects upon the City's residents.

This Declaration of Local Public Health Disaster Emergency is effective at 4:00 p.m. on November 12, 2020, and it will expire at 11:59 p.m. on November 19, 2020 unless ratified by the Houston City Council, pursuant to Houston Municipal Code Section 2.40.030.

Signed this 12th day of November, 2020.



Virgie Thompson, Mayor

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ATTEST:



Sonya Pevan, CMC
City Clerk