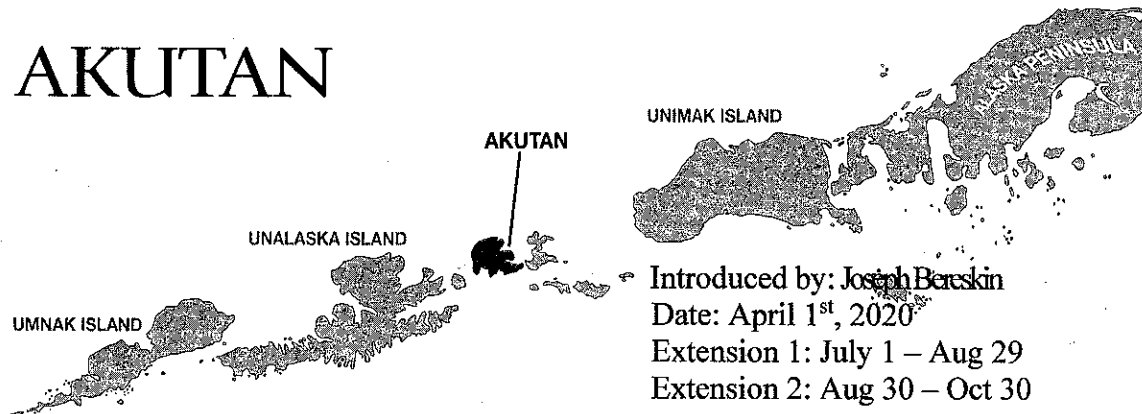


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## CITY OF AKUTAN, ALASKA

### ORDINANCE NO. 20-03

#### **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AKUTAN CITY COUNCIL 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 person to person; and,

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has generated a public health emergency that threatens to overwhelm the health system of the entire State of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has limited health resources and must take steps to slow and contain the threat; such steps required coordinated community action.

**WHEREAS**, as of June 14, 2020, the number of positive cases of COVID-19 have reached 661, with 12 deaths in the State of Alaska including 7 active cases in the Aleutian region, particularly in the City of Unalaska; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic may dramatically impact the City and residents and have a substantial effect on the City’s 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**, on April 1, 2020, the City of Akutan issued an emergency ordinance expiring on June 30, 2020. The emergency still exists in full force and it is necessary for the City to extend the ordinance to ensure public health; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Code Section 2.10.050 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 sixty days.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AKUTAN:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council of the City of Akutan hereby extends this emergency ordinance until such time it is deemed necessary to repeal, or sixty days when the emergency ordinance would automatically expire; whichever comes sooner.

**SECTION 2.** Alternate means of listening in and providing public comment at Council Meetings, as would normally be afforded under City Code 2.40.010, shall be provided for, should the teleconferencing hubs be closed.

**SECTION 3.** All resident and visitors to the City and City property are encouraged to wear masks and maintain social distancing throughout the entire period of this emergency.

**SECTION 4.** Consistent with applicable State guidelines and mandates, the City advises and requests travelers **cease all non-essential travel** into the City of Akutan, unless they are returning home or arriving for a medical, personal, or business emergency, or to work in critical workforce infrastructure as defined by the State.

**SECTION 5.** Consistent with State of Alaska Health Mandate 018, the City advises and requests travelers returning to the City of Akutan from any other part of Alaska, **regardless of whether they have previously quarantined elsewhere in the State, immediately and voluntarily self-quarantine** for a period of 14 days.

**SECTION 6.** Consistent with applicable State guidelines and mandates, the City shall continue to hunker down in place as much as possible in order minimize any spread of COVID-19. On the limited occasions when individuals leave their home, they should wear masks and maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from any person outside their household whenever possible and practice recommended hygiene.

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

ENACTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020, by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

  
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Joe Bereskin, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Amanda Tcheripanoff, City Clerk