

Introduced by: Mayor Thompson
Date: November 19, 2020
Action: Adopted
Vote: Porter, Stavick, Rowe, Stout, Wilson, Thompson – yes
Brunswick - absent

**CITY OF HOUSTON, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 20-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDING THE
PROCLAMATION DECLARATION OF A LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER
EMERGENCY (COVID-19) ISSUED BY MAYOR VIRGIE THOMPSON ON
NOVEMBER 12, 2020 UNTIL DECEMBER 15, 2020.**

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2020, Mayor Virgie Thompson issued an Emergency Proclamation Declaration of Public Health Disaster (attached); and

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 26.23.140 and HMC 2.40.030 provide that a disaster emergency proclamation issued by the Mayor may not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days, except by or with the consent of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is necessary to extend the November 12, 2020, Declaration of Local Public Health Disaster Emergency so as to be consistent with the Declaration of Public Health Disaster Emergency issued by the Governor of Alaska on November 6, 2020, and the November 12, 2020, public statement he issued regarding it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, both for the reasons stated in the Emergency Proclamation Declaration and because the emergency conditions described in the declaration persist, the Houston City Council hereby extends the Emergency Proclamation Declaration of Local Public Health Disaster Emergency issued by Mayor Virgie Thompson on November 12, 2020, until 11:59 p.m. on December 15, 2020, unless otherwise terminated or extended by action of the Houston City Council.

EFFECTIVE DATE, this resolution becomes effective upon its adoption by the Houston City Council.

THE CITY OF HOUSTON, ALASKA

Virgie Thompson
Virgie Thompson, Mayor

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Sonya Pevan
Sonya Pevan, CMC, City Clerk




PUBLIC NOTICE

EFFECTIVE: Thursday, November 12, 2020

RE: City of Houston, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update 8

TO: Council, Commissions, Administration, and Public

FROM: Virgie Thompson, Mayor 

On November 12, 2020, Governor Dunleavy issued a public statement urging local governments to take immediate action to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 among their public employees and members of the communities they serve.

In order to try and curb or limit the opportunity for community transmission of COVID-19 and with overabundance of caution for our staff and patrons, I hereby find it is in the best interest of the community that all public buildings be closed to the public except by appointment, and all City meetings will be cancelled until further notice.

City emergency services and animal control services will continue without interruption. Although buildings will be closed to the public, City services will be available by appointment. Work areas will remain open to employees to continue to provide services.

It is our goal to continue services to the best of our ability without jeopardizing the health and welfare of city staff and community. Any changes will be communicated to the public.

Thank you for your kind understanding as we navigate this together.

Date November 12, 2020

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