CITY OF GALENA, ALASKA ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REQUIRING PERSONS TRAVELING INTO GALENA TO SUBMIT A TRAVEL DECLARATION FORM

WHEREAS; there is a public health emergency in the City of Galena, more fully described in Emergency Ordinances Nos. 2020-01 through 2021-16;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 transmission can be reduced, and public health resources conserved, by requiring persons arriving into the city to provide travel and other information intended to mitigate transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Ordinance 2021-11 mandated disclosure of such information:

WHEREAS, Emergency Ordinance 2021-11 expires sixty days after adoption;

WHEREAS, the exigency addressed by Emergency Ordinance 2021-11 continues; and

WHEREAS, AS 29.25.030 provides that a governing body may adopt an emergency ordinance at a meeting where it is first introduced and is effective on adoption, provided that the ordinance receives the affirmative vote of all members present or the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the total membership of the governing body, whichever is less;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Galena City Council as follows:

SECTION 1. Classification. This is an emergency, non-code ordinance.

SECTION 2. Travel Declaration Required.

- A. All persons arriving into the City of Galena from any other municipality or census-designated place, whether by air, land, or water, shall submit a travel declaration to the city manager before or upon arrival.
- B. Travel declarations shall be in a form to be determined by the city manager and requiring information that the manager reasonably believes to be necessary to inhibit transmission of COVID-19. Declarants shall confirm that they understand and agree to follow all applicable state and municipal pandemic related health mandates and restrictions, including, but not limited to, those set forth in GMC Chapter 8.12.
- C. The city may use information provided in travel declarations for the purpose of enforcing the municipal code, health mandates, contact tracing, and other pandemic-mitigation purposes, including sharing information with other public entities and agencies for enforcement

and pandemic-mitigation purposes. Travel declarations shall otherwise be considered medical and related public health records exempt from public records disclosure.

SECTION 3. Trespass On Public Premises. A person required to submit a travel declaration under Section 2 of this ordinance who fails to submit the declaration shall not be allowed to enter, use, or remain on any publicly owned, operated, or controlled premises for a period of twenty days following the person's arrival into the city. A person entering, using, or remaining on any publicly owned, operated, or controlled premises in violation of this section is in violation of GMC 9.16.020 and may be cited for violation of that section.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective immediately upon adoption and for a period of 60 days thereafter unless it is earlier adopted or ratified as non-emergency ordinance pursuant to AS 29.25.020.

APPROVED and SIGNED the 13 th day of November, 2020.

Edward Pitka Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Carolyn Sam, City Clerk