

**CITY OF GALENA, ALASKA**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-18(S)**

**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REQUIRING COVID-19 TESTING AND ISOLATION  
FOR ARRIVAL INTO THE CITY OF GALENA AND SUPERSEDING 2021-12

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

WHEREAS, GMC 8.12.020 provides that “When an infectious disease-related emergency has been declared by the city manager or city council and there is probable cause to believe limiting community interaction, for a period of time, of persons arriving in the city is necessary to prevent, reduce or limit the spread of the disease within the city, all persons arriving into the city, except for critical infrastructure and response workers as determined by the city manager, shall be subject to mandatory post-travel shelter-in-place of a duration to be determined by the city manager in consultation with a qualified medical officer, which shall not, in any event, exceed 20 days in duration”; and

WHEREAS, the City has been advised by a qualified medical officer that a combination of testing and shelter-in-place for 7 days, or 14 days without testing, is reasonably likely to inhibit the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the ability to perform contact tracing is necessary to inhibit the spread of COVID-19; 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 an emergency ordinance.

**SECTION 2. Findings and Declaration of Infectious Disease Related Emergency.** The city council finds that there is probable cause to believe limiting community interaction, for a period of time, of persons arriving in the city is necessary to prevent, reduce or limit the spread of disease within the city.

**SECTION 3. Duration of Shelter-in-Place.** Upon consultation of a qualified medical officer, the council declares that the duration of the shelter-in-place mandate established by GMC 8.12.020 for persons arriving into the City of Galena shall be as set forth in this section.

A. If the person:

1. Took a sars-cov-2 test with 72 hours prior to arrival into the city and receives a negative result from that test prior to arrival into the city; and
2. prior to arrival into the City, provides the city manager with notice of the person's anticipated date of arrival, and flight if arriving by plane, and the date a first a sars-cov-2 test was administered; and
3. seven days or more after arriving into the city, takes a second sars-cov-2 test which reports a negative result;
4. allowing persons leaving Galena to return into Galena within 72 hours without a sars-cov-2 screening and test results prior to travel and return.

the duration of the mandatory shelter-in-place requirement shall be until the city manager is provided confirmation of the test result described in subsection A.3. of this section.

- B. Unless and until the person satisfies the requirements of subsection A of this section, the duration shall be 14 days.
- C. Information provided to the city manager under this section shall not be used for any purpose other than enforcement of GMC 8.12 and for contact tracing in the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19.

**SECTION 4. Enforcement.** The City manager shall use reasonable efforts to ensure all persons arriving into the City of Galena, whether by air, water, or land, are given notice of the shelter-in-place requirement. In addition to a minor offense citation and any other remedy provided by GMC Chapter 8.12, the city manager shall issue an individual shelter-in-place order for any person whom the city manager has reasonable cause to believe to be in violation of the shelter-in-place requirement.

**SECTION 5. Emergency Ordinance 2021-12 Superseded.** This ordinance supersedes and replaces Emergency Ordinance 2021-12.

**SECTION 6. 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<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

  
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Ed Pitka Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Carolyn Sam, City Clerk

