

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly
at the

Request of the Mayor

Prepared by: Dept. of Law

For reading: October 13, 2020

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2020-379

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY FOR A FIFTH EXTENSION
OF THE DECLARATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY (COVID-19) ISSUED BY THE
MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE ON MARCH 12, 2020.**

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus or COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Proclamation of Emergency (COVID-19), on March 12, 2020, the Mayor made the following provisions:

THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY TO PRESERVE PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO THE MUNICIPALITY. THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS HAVE THE POWER OF LAW, SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR THE DURATION OF THIS EMERGENCY, AND SHALL SUPERSEDE ALL CONFLICTING LAWS DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS EMERGENCY.

1. The Municipality is authorized to request assistance from the State of Alaska for fire protection, law enforcement, and the provision of any other funds, services, functions, supplies or materials determined by the Mayor, in consultation with the Office of Emergency Management, to be necessary to meet public safety and welfare needs arising from or incidental to COVID-19 and to recover from the damages caused.
2. The Mayor may implement any orders necessary to prevent the transmission of infectious disease and to ensure that all cases of contagious disease are subject to proper control and treatment.
3. The requirements of Chapters 7.15 and 7.20 of the Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) are hereby suspended for the duration of this emergency, except for the requirements set forth in AMC 7.20.090, for the acquisition of supplies, equipment, services, personnel, fuel or food as may be necessary to implement the Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan or otherwise to preserve and protect the public safety, health and welfare from COVID-19 and from the effects thereof.

1 4. All resources of the municipal government, including municipal
2 personnel, are hereby available as necessary to cope with this
3 emergency. Municipal departments, agencies, or personnel may be
4 transferred or altered in function for the purpose of performing or
5 facilitating performance services responsive to this emergency.;

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9 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly has extended the Declaration of Emergency four times,
10 most recently on July 28, 2020 (AR No. 2020-268, As Amended) until October 16,
11 2020 at eleven fifty-nine (11:59) p.m.; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, as of October 7, 2020, the United States has experienced over 7.5
14 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 and over 211,000 deaths from the virus,

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16 **WHEREAS**, as of October 7, 2020, the State of Alaska has experienced 9,861 total
17 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 983 among visitors, and the virus is responsible for
18 the deaths of 59 Alaskans,

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20 **WHEREAS**, as of October 7, 2020, the Municipality of Anchorage has experienced
21 4,998 confirmed cases and 37 deaths among residents,

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23 **WHEREAS**, the virus is still present and spreading in Anchorage, with a recent 14-
24 day average of new cases above 70 per day,

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26 **WHEREAS**, available models show that the spread and death toll of this virus would
27 be much higher without the emergency response efforts undertaken so far including
28 measures shuttering businesses, limiting travel, and requiring physical distance
29 between people,

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31 **WHEREAS**, until a vaccine or effective treatment has been found, Anchorage
32 remains susceptible to surges in infection that could overwhelm the hospital system
33 if not swiftly contained, such that the lifting of our emergency response would very
34 likely result in larger loss of life; and

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36 **WHEREAS**, the full potential extent and effect of COVID-19 cannot yet be known, it
37 nonetheless remains vital to be prepared and take all needed precautions
38 throughout the entire timeframe of the emergency to allow the MOA to be able to
39 rapidly address any public health emergency related to COVID-19 as it arises; and

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41 **WHEREAS**, these circumstances make it necessary for the Mayor's proclamation
42 of emergency to remain activated and in place to address the ongoing public health,
43 safety and welfare issues resulting from this emergency beyond its current October
44 16, 2020 termination date; and

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46 **WHEREAS**, individual emergency orders issued by the Mayor are issued with
47 individual expiration dates that have previously had and may continue to have dates
48 shorter than the length of the full emergency proclamation,

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50 **WHEREAS**, the State Legislature has extended the State's declaration of

1 emergency until November 15, 2020,

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3 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to AMC section 3.80.080, the Assembly may terminate the
4 emergency proclamation at any time, and pursuant to AMC section 3.80.085 may
5 alternatively terminate specific emergency orders or emergency regulations,

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7 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to AMC section 3.80.080, the Assembly now deems it
8 necessary to extend the terms of the Proclamation of Emergency at this time
9 through December 31, 2020 at eleven fifty-nine (11:59) p.m. to protect the health,
10 safety and welfare of the residents of the Municipality; now, therefore,

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12 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**

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14 **Section 1.** The Municipality of Anchorage Proclamation of Emergency (COVID-
15 19) issued March 12, 2020 is hereby extended through December 31, 2020, at
16 eleven fifty-nine (11:59) p.m. The Administration shall submit not less than weekly
17 regular reports to the Assembly on any emergency measures taken under the
18 Proclamation of Emergency (COVID-10) as this health emergency evolves.

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20 **Section 2.** The Mayor shall, if an additional extension of the Proclamation of
21 Emergency (COVID-19) is requested beyond the date approved in this Resolution,
22 submit to the Assembly a written report detailing reasons the additional extension is
23 requested.

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25 **Section 3.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and
26 approval by the Assembly.

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29 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this ____ day of
30 _____, 2020.

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Chair of the Assembly

35 ATTEST:

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40 Municipal Clerk
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