

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly  
at the

Request of the Acting Mayor

Prepared by: Dept. of Law

For reading: April 13, 2021

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR No. 2021-110**

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

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**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; and

**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.

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

and

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly has extended the Declaration of Emergency seven times, most recently on January 12, 2021 (AR No. 2021-10) until April 16, 2021 at eleven fifty-nine (11:59) p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, as of April 9, 2021, the United States has experienced more than 31 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 and over 560,000 deaths from the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, as of April 9, 2021, the State of Alaska has experienced 64,531 total confirmed cases of COVID-19, and the virus is responsible for the deaths of 309 Alaskans; and

**WHEREAS**, as of April 9, 2021, the Municipality of Anchorage has experienced 28,508 confirmed cases and 164 deaths among residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the virus is still present and spreading in Anchorage, with a recent 14-day rolling average of new cases of 24.25 per 100,000 population, which is well above the 10 per 100,000 threshold for being in the “high alert” zone under State guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, while case counts are below this winter’s peak, Anchorage has recently experienced an increase in its average daily case counts and has seen the arrival of new variants which stand to pose even greater risks; and

**WHEREAS**, lifting our emergency response would result in larger loss of life; and

**WHEREAS**, extending our emergency response allows the Municipality to respond nimbly to an ever-changing public health emergency with emergency orders, which have proven effective at limiting the spread of COVID-19 cases; and

**WHEREAS**, vaccine distribution is underway in Anchorage, but requires extraordinary municipal effort; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency powers that ease Anchorage’s contracting requirements and allow reassignment of staff are critical to Anchorage’s efforts to distribute the vaccine efficiently and equitably; and

**WHEREAS**, although a vaccine is widely available in Anchorage, most Anchorage residents remain unvaccinated and thus Anchorage remains susceptible to surges in infection that could overwhelm the hospital system if not swiftly contained; and

**WHEREAS**, the vaccine is still unavailable to a large portion of our population –

1 children – and emergency powers enable Anchorage to limit the spread of COVID-  
2 19 to this vulnerable population; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the full potential extent and long-term effects of COVID-19 cannot yet  
5 be known, it nonetheless remains vital to be prepared and take all needed  
6 precautions throughout the entire timeframe of the emergency to allow the MOA to  
7 be able to rapidly address any public health emergency related to COVID-19 as it  
8 arises; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, these circumstances make it necessary for the Mayor's proclamation  
11 of emergency to remain activated and in place to address the ongoing public health,  
12 safety and welfare issues resulting from this emergency beyond its current April 16,  
13 2021 termination date; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, individual emergency orders issued by the Mayor have previously had  
16 and may continue to have dates shorter than the length of the full emergency  
17 proclamation,

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

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23 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to AMC section 3.80.080, the Assembly now deems it  
24 necessary to extend the terms of the Proclamation of Emergency at this time  
25 through July 16, 2021 at eleven fifty-nine (11:59) p.m. to protect the health, safety  
26 and welfare of the residents of the Municipality; now, therefore,

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28 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**

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30 **Section 1.** The Municipality of Anchorage Proclamation of Emergency (COVID-  
31 19) issued March 12, 2020 is hereby extended through July 16, 2021 at eleven fifty-  
32 nine (11:59) p.m. The Administration shall submit not less than weekly regular  
33 reports to the Assembly on any emergency measures taken under the Proclamation  
34 of Emergency (COVID-10) as this health emergency evolves.

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36 **Section 2.** The Mayor shall, if an additional extension of the Proclamation of  
37 Emergency (COVID-19) is requested beyond the date approved in this Resolution,  
38 submit to the Assembly a written report detailing reasons the additional extension is  
39 requested and the impact on the emergency brought about by existing and previous  
40 emergency orders.

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

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45 **Section 4.** Any further extension of the emergency order shall be subject to a  
46 public hearing to occur at least three days before the expiration of the declaration of  
47 emergency.

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50 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this \_\_\_\_ day of

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5 Chair of the Assembly  
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11 Municipal Clerk  
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