



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

Gateway to Western Prince William Sound

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
WILL HOLD
A SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021
AT 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. OPENING CEREMONY**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 5. ORDINANCES**
(Emergency Ordinance)
 - A. Emergency Ordinance 2021-01- An Emergency Ordinance Renewing and Extending the City Manager's Proclamation of a Local Emergency.
(1st Reading)
 - B. Ordinance #01-2021- An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Amending Whittier Municipal Code Harbor Title 12.04 Section 12.04.030, 12.04.060, 12.04.120, 12.04.160, 12.04.170, to update outdated language in The Port and Harbor Title as discussed with The Port and Harbor Commission.
- 6. RESOLUTIONS**
 - A. Res. #01-2021- A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Establishing a New Internal Service fund for The Purpose of paying employees compensated absence Liabilities, and appropriating funds.
 - B. Res #02-2021- A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Establishing the City's 2021 Local Priorities.

C. Res #03-2021- A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Establishing the City's 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities.

D. Res #04-2021- A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Establishing the City's 2021 State Legislative Priorities.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Matters that, if immediately disclosed, would tend to adversely affect the finances of the City;
WMC 2.08.040 (1)

8 COUNCIL DISCUSSION

9. CITIZENS DISCUSSION

10. ADJOURNMENT

Sponsored by: Hunt
Public Hearing Date:
Enactment Date:

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2021-01**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RENEWING AND EXTENDING THE CITY
MANAGER'S PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified COVID-19 as a significant public risk; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, The World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, various organizations, agencies, and local governments throughout the State of Alaska and within the City of Whittier are cancelling or restricting public gatherings, temporarily closing schools and childcare facilities as well as restricting non-essential travel in efforts to contain the virus as the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations of global, federal, state, and local organizations and government entities are changing almost daily in response to new information regarding COVID-19, which requires the City to be able to act swiftly to comply with these recommendations in its operations; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect public health, welfare, and safety, the City needs flexibility in its meeting and notice protocols as well as in its procurement process for collecting and purchasing emergency supplies; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the City Manager declared a local emergency as a result of COVID-19 and acknowledged the State of Alaska's declaration of state-wide emergency issued on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Council recognizes the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 outbreak and the imminent harm it continues to pose to the City of Whittier and all members of the Whittier community; and

WHEREAS, Council also acknowledges that the City will need aid and assistance from both the federal and state government in responding to and rebuilding after the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has authority to implement temporary rules and procedures regarding City government organization and operations during an emergency under WMC 2.64.140; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager needs authority to modify and amend meeting, procurement, and other procedures immediately and not after introduction and a public hearing required for non-emergency ordinances to properly respond to the COVID-19 emergency and protect the community from this outbreak,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Whittier City Council hereby renews and extends the City Manager's authority to temporarily waive or modify provisions pertaining to scheduling, publication, notice, cancellation, teleconferencing, video conferencing, and other related meeting procedures for all City commission, committee, and Council meetings so long as: 1) the City Manager's actions comply with State law and the grant of authority vested in the City Manager under WMC 2.64 and 2) the City Manager posts notice of all modifications or waivers and the reasons for such modifications or waivers on the City's website no more than 10 business days after implementation. Council may repeal any modification or waiver made by the City Manager under this Ordinance by resolution.

Section 2. The City Council hereby renews and extends its ratification of the proclamation of emergency and, to the extent there is or has been any lapse in Council's declaration of emergency, Council hereby proclaims the existence of a continued and uninterrupted state of local emergency following the City's initial emergency declaration and continuing through the effective dates of this Ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance is an emergency ordinance, is not permanent in nature, and shall not be codified.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the day it is enacted and shall expire sixty (60) days after its passage in accordance with WMC 2.08.310.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA this 26th day of January, 2021.

THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA

Dave Dickason, Mayor

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

(An Emergency Order requires approval of all present members or $\frac{3}{4}$ of total membership, whichever is less – WMC 2.08.310)

ATTEST:

Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk

(City Seal)

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
ORDINANCE #01-2020**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WHITTIER, ALASKA, AMENDING WHITTIER MUNICIPAL CODE HARBOR TITLE 12.04 SECTIONS 12.04.030, 12.04.060, 12.04.120, 12.04.160, 12.04.170, TO UPDATE OUTDATED LANGUAGE IN THE PORT AND HARBOR TITLE AS DISCUSSED WITH THE PORT AND HARBOR COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the City of Whittier is the municipal government for Whittier, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Port & Harbor Commission has advisory capacity to suggest updates as needed to the harbor code and policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Port and Harbor Commission has met and discussed the changes with the Harbormaster and Assistant City Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Port & Harbor Commission has determined that the needs of the City and Harbor would be better served by having following code provisions updated and implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Whittier City Council has determined that the following amendments in the Harbor title of the Whittier Municipal Code be updated

THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS;

Section 1: Classification. This ordinance is general and permanent in nature and shall become a part of the Whittier Municipal Code.

Section 2: Amendment of Chapter 12.04.030 Whittier Municipal Code Chapter 12.04.030 is hereby amended to read as follows **HARBOR TITLE 12.04 NEEDED CODE CHANGES:**

1. 12.04.030 Jurisdiction

- **Current:** The small boat harbor facilities are under the ownership of the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and by the management agreement shall be under the jurisdiction of the Council of the City, who shall have the authority to classify areas of the harbor, set fees for the use of facilities, make rules and regulations for the governance of the harbor, and appoint a Harbormaster to implement this chapter. [Ord. 34, 1986].
- **Change:** The small boat harbor facilities are under the ownership of the ~~State of Alaska Department of Transportation~~ **City of Whittier** and ~~by the management agreement shall be under the jurisdiction of the Council of the City,~~ who shall have the authority to classify areas of the harbor, set fees for the use of facilities, make rules and regulations for the governance of the harbor, and appoint a Harbormaster to implement this chapter.

2. 12.04.060 Implied Agreement

- **Current:** The moorage or use or presence of any boat within the small boat harbor shall constitute an agreement by the owner, operator, master or

managing agent to conform to the provisions of these regulations and any rule, code or order made pursuant thereto. [Ord. 34, 1986].

- **Change:** The moorage, ~~or use~~, or presence of any boat within the small boat harbor shall constitute an agreement by the owner, operator, master, or managing agent to conform to **State and Federal laws**, and the provisions of these regulations and/or any rule, code, or order made pursuant thereto.

3. 12.04.120 Harbor privilege agreement.

- **Current:** A. The harbor privilege agreement shall be signed by the waiting list applicant who must own or retain ownership of at least 51 percent of the vessel to be moored and agree to the terms and provisions thereof. The following terms and provisions shall be made part of the harbor privilege agreement:
- **Change:** The harbor privilege agreement shall be signed by the waiting list applicant who ~~must own or retain ownership of at least 51 percent of the vessel to be moored and agrees~~ to the terms and provisions thereof. The following terms and provisions shall be made part of the harbor privilege agreement:

4. 12.04.160 Prohibited Acts.

- **Current:** It is unlawful for any person in the boat harbor facilities to:
 - i. A. Operate or to be in the actual control of any boat when under the influence of intoxicating liquor, illicit narcotics, or other dangerous drugs.
 - ii. B. Operate or cause to be operated any boat within the boat harbor facilities that exceeds the posted speed limit or causes a wake or wave action which will damage or endanger, or be likely to endanger, any other boats or any boat harbor facilities, including but not limited to floats, finger floats, other boats or occupants thereof.
 - iii. C. Operate or cause any boat to be operated recklessly or otherwise engage in a course of conduct within the boat harbor facility that is dangerous or a nuisance to persons or property.
 - iv. D. Throw or otherwise cause to be deposited any gasoline, oil, sewage, trash, garbage, or debris of any type into the waters or into the entrance to the boat harbor facilities, nor upon the grounds thereof.
 - v. E. Create or maintain any nuisance within the boat harbor facilities or to become a nuisance thereon.
 - vi. F. Allow dogs or any animals to run at large on any the boat harbor facilities. Dogs must be on a leash and accompanied by the owner who will be responsible for cleaning any offal left by the animal.
 - vii. G. Allow children under the age of 12 years within the float or beach areas of the harbor facilities unless they are accompanied by the parent or other responsible adult.
 - viii. H. Erect, place, post or maintain any advertising matter, other than legal notices, upon any part of the boat harbor facilities without the approval thereof first being obtained from the Harbormaster. All unauthorized advertising and signs shall be removed by the Harbormaster.

- ix. I. Disregard, deface, remove, tamper with, or damage any sign or notice posted by the Harbormaster relating to the use of harbor facilities.
- x. J. Fail to register with the Harbormaster any vessel prior to occupying any of the boat harbor facilities.
- xi. K. Pump bilge containing petroleum products or chemicals or brine tank into boat harbor waters.
- xii. L. Deposit, place or leave any cargo, merchandise, supplies, articles or things upon any float, ramp, decline, walk or other public place within the facility excepting at such places as may be designated as loading areas by the harbor.
- xiii. M. Dump any offal or refuse, including but not limited to, waste materials from canneries, fish processors and other land-based or water-based facilities within the harbor or in such close proximity as to cause overflow or drift of such material into the harbor facilities or the entrance thereto.
- xiv. N. Store any explosives, gasoline or any other flammable substance in drums, cans, or any other type of containers within the boundaries of the boat harbor facilities.
- xv. O. Set any net or fish-taking device within the harbor facility unless it is attended at all times and shall not interfere with the movement of vessels within the harbor.
- xvi. P. Swim, water-ski, or use any unorthodox type of boat, raft, or other device within the harbor.
- xvii. Q. Loiter around the premises of the harbor facility without lawful reason or justification.
- xviii. R. Refuse to comply with any lawful order of the Harbormaster.
- xix. S. Failure to provide designated agent to provide boat care if owner cannot respond to an emergency call within one hour of notification.
- xx. T. In mooring any boat or vessel within the port facilities, the master of the boat or vessel or any person having charge thereof, to leave or permit any fire aboard the vessel or leave unattended fire which creates an unjustifiable risk of harm to person or to property. Heating devices for long-term use such as furnaces, thermostatic controlled heaters, and heat lamps are excluded from this prohibition. Cooking stoves used also as heating units are classified as an unjustifiable risk. An unjustifiable risk is a risk of such nature and degree that a failure to avoid it constitutes a deviation from the standard of care that a reasonable person would observe in the situation.

5. **Change:** 12.04.160 Prohibited Acts **and Penalties.**

- i. A. Operate or to be in the actual control of any boat when under the influence of intoxicating liquor, illicit narcotics, or other dangerous drugs. **A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$500.**
- ii. B. Operate or cause to be operated any boat within the boat harbor facilities that exceeds the posted speed limit or causes a wake or wave action which will damage or endanger, or be likely to endanger, any other boats or any boat harbor facilities, including but not limited to

- floats, finger floats, other boats or occupants thereof. A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$200.
- iii. C. Operate or cause any boat to be operated recklessly or otherwise engage in a course of conduct within the boat harbor facility that is dangerous or a nuisance to persons or property. A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$500.
 - iv. D. Throw or otherwise cause to be deposited any gasoline, oil, sewage, trash, garbage, or debris of any type into the waters or into the entrance to the boat harbor facilities, nor upon the grounds thereof. A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$500.
 - v. E. Create or maintain any nuisance within the boat harbor facilities or to become a nuisance thereon. A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$500.
 - vi. F. Allow dogs or any animals to run at large on any the boat harbor facilities. Dogs must be on a leash and accompanied by the owner who will be responsible for cleaning any offal left by the animal. A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$100.
 - vii. G. Allow children under the age of 12 years within the float or beach areas of the harbor facilities unless they are accompanied by the parent or other responsible adult.
 - viii. H. Erect, place, post or maintain any advertising matter, other than legal notices, upon any part of the boat harbor facilities without the approval thereof first being obtained from the Harbormaster. All unauthorized advertising and signs shall be removed by the Harbormaster.
 - ix. I. Disregard, deface, remove, tamper with or damage any sign or notice posted by the Harbormaster relating to the use of harbor facilities. A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$250.
 - x. J. Fail to register with the Harbormaster any vessel prior to occupying any of the boat harbor facilities within four (4) hours during normal Harbor business hours. The registration period shall not exceed 24 hours. A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$100.
 - xi. K. Pump bilge containing petroleum products or chemicals or brine tank into boat harbor waters. A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$500.
 - xii. L. Deposit, place or leave any cargo, merchandise, supplies, articles or things upon any float, ramp, decline, walk or other public place within the facility excepting at such places as may be designated as loading areas by the harbor. A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$50.
 - xiii. M. Dump any offal or refuse, including but not limited to, waste materials from canneries, fish processors and other land-based or water-based facilities within the harbor or in such close proximity as to cause overflow or drift of such material into the harbor facilities or the entrance thereto. A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$500.

- xiv. N. Store any explosives, gasoline or any other flammable substance in drums, cans, or any other type of containers within the boundaries of the boat harbor facilities. A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$500.
- xv. O. Set any net or fish-taking device within the harbor facility unless it is attended at all times and shall not interfere with the movement of vessels within the harbor. A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$250.
- xvi. P. Swim, water-ski, or use any unorthodox type of boat, raft, or other device within the harbor. A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$250.
- xvii. Q. Loiter around the premises of the harbor facility without lawful reason or justification.
- xviii. R. Refuse to comply with any lawful order of the Harbormaster. A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$500.
- xix. S. Failure to provide designated agent to provide boat care if owner cannot respond to an emergency call within one hour of notification. A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$250.
- xx. T. In mooring any boat or vessel within the port facilities, the master of the boat or vessel or any person having charge thereof, to leave or permit any fire aboard the vessel or leave unattended fire which creates an unjustifiable risk of harm to person or to property. Heating devices for long-term use such as furnaces, thermostatic controlled heaters, and heat lamps are excluded from this prohibition. Cooking stoves used also as heating units are classified as an unjustifiable risk. An unjustifiable risk is a risk of such nature and degree that a failure to avoid it constitutes a deviation from the standard of care that a reasonable person would observe in the situation. A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$500.

6. 12.04.170 Acts Prohibited Without Harbormaster Approval

- **Current:** The following acts are prohibited without the prior approval of the Harbormaster:
 - i. A-H (these are okay as is)
 - ii. I. Failure to register within four hours after entering the harbor. [Ord. 34, 1986].
- **Change:** The following acts are prohibited without the prior approval of the Harbormaster:
 - i. ~~I. Failure to register within four hours after entering the harbor.~~ [Ord. 34, 1986].
 - **ANNIE NOTE:** "I" in this section is the same as "J" in 12.04.160 except added the "four hours" language to "J" to keep the intent the same.

7. 12.04.210 Disposition of Impounded Boats and Property

- **Current: A. Vessels may be impounded if:**
 - i. (1) The vessel is within the harbor, including its dry storage areas, and is a derelict or a nuisance as defined in this title.
 - ii. (2) The fees for the vessel (on which the City has a lien) are 60 days delinquent.
 - iii. (3) The vessel is located in the harbor, including its dry storage areas, and is in violation of this title, or a State or Federal law; or
 - iv. (4) The owner, operator, master, or managing agent is not aboard the vessel and the vessel is not properly identified by a name and/or number.
- **Change: A. Vessels may be impounded if:**
 - i. (1) The vessel is within the harbor, including its dry storage areas, and is a derelict or a nuisance as defined in this title.
 - ii. (2) The fees for the vessel (~~on which the City has a lien~~) are 60 days delinquent.
 - iii. (3) The vessel is located in the harbor, including its dry storage areas, and is in violation of this title, or a State or Federal law; or
 - iv. (4) The owner, operator, master, or managing agent is not aboard the vessel and the vessel is not properly identified by a name and/or number.
- **Current: B. Notice to Owner**
 - i. (2) Distribution. The notice of intent to impound shall be at least 21 days before impoundment.
- **Change: (2) Distribution.** The notice of intent to impound shall be at least **10** days before impoundment.
- **Current: C. Hearing**
 - i. (1) Demand for Hearing. The owner, master, or managing agent or any other person in lawful possession of a vessel proposed for impoundment has the right to a pre-impoundment administrative hearing to determine whether there is cause to impound the vessel. Any such person desiring a hearing shall file a written demand with the City Clerk within 10 days after the mailing and posting of the notice of intent to impound.
- **Change: C. Hearing**
 - i. (1) Demand for Hearing. The owner, master, or managing agent or any other person in lawful possession of a vessel proposed for impoundment has the right to a pre-impoundment administrative hearing to determine whether there is cause to impound the vessel. Any such person desiring a hearing shall file a written demand with the City Clerk within 10 **business** days after the mailing and posting of the notice of intent to impound.

8. 12.04.230 Violation - Penalty.

- **Current: A.** A person who violates the provisions of this chapter is subject to a civil penalty as set out below for each violation:
 - i. (1) WMC 12.04.140, fee for violation - \$25.

- ii. (2) WMC 12.04.160(A), fee for violation - \$50.00
- iii. (3) WMC 12.04.160(B), fee for violation - \$50.00
- iv. (4) WMC 12.04.160(C), fee for violation - \$150
- v. (5) WMC 12.04.160(D), fee for violation - \$150
- vi. (6) WMC 12.04.160(F), fee for violation - \$25
- vii. (7) WMC 12.04.160(I), fee for violation - \$25
- viii. (8) WMC 12.04.160(J), fee for violation - \$25
- ix. (9) WMC 12.04.160(K), fee for violation - \$150
- x. (10) WMC 12.04.160(L), fee for violation - \$25
- xi. (11) WMC 12.04.160(M), fee for violation - \$25
- xii. (12) WMC 12.04.160(N), fee for violation - \$150
- xiii. (13) WMC 12.04.160(O), fee for violation - \$25
- xiv. (14) WMC 12.04.160(P), fee for violation - \$150
- xv. (15) WMC 12.04.160(R), fee for violation - \$150
- xvi. (16) WMC 12.04.160(S), fee for violation - \$25
- xvii. (17) WMC 12.04.160(T), fee for violation - \$150
- xviii. (18) WMC 12.04.210(A), fee for violation \$75

- **Change:** ~~A. A person who violates the provisions of this chapter is subject to a civil penalty as set out below for each violation:~~

- ~~i. (1) WMC 12.04.140, fee for violation - \$25.~~
- ~~ii. (2) WMC 12.04.160(A), fee for violation - \$50.00~~
- ~~iii. (3) WMC 12.04.160(B), fee for violation - \$50.00~~
- ~~iv. (4) WMC 12.04.160(C), fee for violation - \$150~~
- ~~v. (5) WMC 12.04.160(D), fee for violation - \$150~~
- ~~vi. (6) WMC 12.04.160(F), fee for violation - \$25~~
- ~~vii. (7) WMC 12.04.160(I), fee for violation - \$25~~
- ~~viii. (8) WMC 12.04.160(J), fee for violation - \$25~~
- ~~ix. (9) WMC 12.04.160(K), fee for violation - \$150~~
- ~~x. (10) WMC 12.04.160(L), fee for violation - \$25~~
- ~~xi. (11) WMC 12.04.160(M), fee for violation - \$25~~
- ~~xii. (12) WMC 12.04.160(N), fee for violation - \$150~~
- ~~xiii. (13) WMC 12.04.160(O), fee for violation - \$25~~
- ~~xiv. (14) WMC 12.04.160(P), fee for violation - \$150~~
- ~~xv. (15) WMC 12.04.160(R), fee for violation - \$150~~
- ~~xvi. (16) WMC 12.04.160(S), fee for violation - \$25~~
- ~~xvii. (17) WMC 12.04.160(T), fee for violation - \$150~~
- ~~xviii. (18) WMC 12.04.210(A), fee for violation - \$75~~

Section 3: Effective Date. This ordinance is effective immediately upon adoption.

Introduction date: January 26, 2021

Public Hearing:

ATTEST:

Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk

Dave Dickason
Mayor

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
Whittier Port & Harbor Commission
Resolution #01-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THE ADOPTION OF THE UPDATED PORT & HARBOR POLICY AND PROCEDURES HANDBOOK AND UPDATED CODE LANGUAGE FOR 12.04.030, 12.04.060, 12.04.120, 12.04.160, 12.04.170, 12.04.210, AND 12.04.230 SO THE HANDBOOK AND THE CODE ARE ALIGNED.

WHEREAS, the Whittier Port & Harbor Commission met on August 7, 2020 and discussed and prioritized the Port & Harbor's updated Policy and Procedures handbook; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ensure that patrons and visitors of the Whittier Harbor are aware of the laws, rules, and regulations that govern the facility; and

WHEREAS, the Port and Harbor Commission discussed with administration changes in Harbor Title 12.04; and

WHEREAS, the Whittier Port and Harbor Commission recommended that the City Council approve the amended code provisions so as to reflect the changes in the updated Policy and Procedures handbook; and

WHEREAS, the Whittier Harbor Policy and Procedures handbook is a living document that should be amended as needed to maintain best practices in the Whittier Harbor; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whittier Port & Harbor Commission recommends that the Whittier City Council adopts the Policy and Procedures handbook and the amended code language for 12.04.030, 12.04.060, 12.04.120, 12.04.160, 12.04.170, 12.04.210, AND 12.04.230.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier Port & Harbor Commission this 12th day of January 12, 2021.

Introduced by: Dave Borg
Introduction Date: January 12, 2021

ATTEST:


Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk


Steven Bender
Commission Chairperson

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: 1
Abstain: 0

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION # 01-2021**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER,
ALASKA, ESTABLISHING A NEW INTERNAL SERVICE FUND FOR
THE PURPOSE OF PAYING EMPLOYEE COMPENSATED ABSENCE
LIABILITIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the City Council established Budget Policies when it passed Resolution #31-2020 on December 15, 2020, with the goal of proactively taking steps to strengthen the financial health of the City; and

WHEREAS, Budget Policy Goal #4 is the “Accrued Annual Leave Budget Policy” which recommends creation of an internal service fund to accumulate cash to pay for the accrued but unused portion of annual leave for General Fund employees, where Fund assets are used solely to pay accumulated annual leave; and

WHEREAS, the mandated 2003 implementation of GASB Statement No. 34 resulted in liabilities for the current portion of employee compensated absences (unpaid accrued annual leave) no longer appearing in the financial statements of the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the impact of these accounting rule changes is that the cash to pay for employee annual leave is no longer set aside to pay liabilities as they are incurred but instead, when an employee terminates employment or cashes out annual leave there is an unanticipated (unbudgeted) increase in General Fund expenditures; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution intends instead, to set aside the cash to pay for General Fund employee annual leave as the benefits are earned; cash will be transferred from the General Fund to the Compensated Absences Fund annually, based on the annual increase or decrease in the value of the annual leave liability; and

WHEREAS, this action will reduce cash in the General Fund but will more accurately reflect the true value of the Fund Balance of the General Fund and when an employee terminates employment or cashes-out annual leave, the financial impact will not adversely affect the General Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Whittier, Alaska that the city manager is authorized to establish a new Compensated Absences Internal Service Fund to accumulate cash to pay employee compensated absences, and to transfer the value of the annual leave liability each year-end between the General Fund and the Compensated Absences Fund, with this resolution being retroactive to December 31, 2020.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council this 26th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk

Dave Dickason
Mayor

Ayes:
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION #02-2021**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA,
ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S 2021 LOCAL PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Whittier City Council discussed the City's FFY 2021 local priorities;
and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council to provide the President, Alaska Congressional Delegation, and appropriate federal officials adequate information to represent the desires of the City concerning legislative requests including necessary funding requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Whittier, Alaska that the following Capital Budget priorities are identified as the City of Whittier's local priorities for FFY 2021:

1. Master Lease and Legislature Presentation
2. Economic Development Opportunities
3. Whittier Harbor Improvements

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the listed local priorities are identified as the City of Whittier's priorities for FY 2021:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby instructed to advise the President, Alaska Congressional Delegation, and appropriate federal officials of the City's legislative priorities and take all appropriate steps to provide background information and testimony in representing the City's best interests.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council on this 26th day of January 2021

Introduced by: Jim Hunt

Introduction date: January 26, 2021

Dave Dickason
Mayor

ATTEST:

Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION #03-2021**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA,
ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S 2021 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Whittier City Council discussed the City's FFY 2021 federal legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council to provide the President, Alaska Congressional Delegation, and appropriate federal officials adequate information to represent the desires of the City concerning legislative requests including necessary funding requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Whittier, Alaska that the following Capital Budget priorities are identified as the City of Whittier's federal legislative priorities for FFY 2021:

1. Shotgun Cove Road
2. MARAD DeLong Dock Replacement Project
3. DoD Land Transfer
4. Head of Passage Canal Project
5. Buckner Building Environmental Remediation
6. Whittier Levee Project

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the listed federal legislative priorities are identified as the City of Whittier's priorities for FY 2021:

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PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council on this 26th day of January 2021

Introduced by: Jim Hunt

Introduction date: January 26, 2021

**Dave Dickason
Mayor**

ATTEST:

**Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk**

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION #04-2021**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA,
ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S 2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

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1. Maser Lease and Legislative Presentation
2. Shotgun Cove Road
3. Head of Passage Canal Project
4. Whittier Harbor Improvements
5. Whittier Levee Project

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