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Public Hearing Date: 8-18-2020  
Enactment Date: 8-18-2020

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA  
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2020-04**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S REVISIONS TO THE EMERGENCY COVID-19 RULES IN EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-05 AND RESTATING THE CITY'S DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY ARISING FROM COVID-19**

**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, Governor Dunleavy issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of COVID-19 within Alaska's communities and The World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, the Whittier City Manager, in accordance with WMC 2.64.110, declared a state of emergency and the Whittier City Council ratified the declaration shortly thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska has issued numerous health mandates restricting public interactions, travel, and public access since the City's declaration of emergency in an effort to preserve public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency state posed by COVID-19 continues and the City is experiencing the transmission of COVID-19 amongst its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager, in his role as Whittier Office of Emergency Management Director, has determined, after consulting with the City's medical advisor, that temporary additional restrictions on public gatherings and limited facial covering requirements are necessary to slow the transmission of COVID-19 within Whittier; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager has also determined that the increased risk of COVID-19 transmission within the Whittier Community also necessitates additional requirements regarding reporting COVID-19 exposure to ensure that Whittier's residents and visitors and the City has the data necessary to take protective measures against the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, Council finds that the revisions to the Emergency COVID-19 Rules promulgated by the City Manager are narrowly tailored to preserve public health and safety while

balancing those needs with the individual freedoms and rights of the City's residents and visitors;  
and

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

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

**Section 1.** The Whittier City Council hereby ratifies the revised emergency COVID-19 rules adopted by the City Manager via Emergency Order 2020-05 and attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A.

**Section 3.** This ordinance is an emergency ordinance, is not permanent in nature, and shall not be codified. This ordinance constitutes an emergency because the adoption of the provisions within it are necessary to prevent imminent harm to the public's welfare and safety arising from COVID-19.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

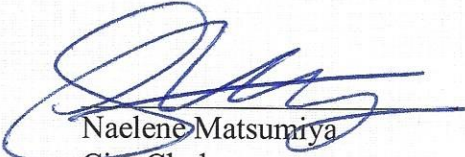
**THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA**

  
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Dave Dickason, Mayor

AYES: 5  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 2  
ABSTAIN: 0

*(An Emergency Order requires approval of all present members or 3/4 of total membership, whichever is less – WMC 2.08.310)*

**ATTEST:**



Naelene Matsumiya  
City Clerk

(City Seal)