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**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2020-02**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S REVISIONS TO THE EMERGENCY COVID-19 RULES IN EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-02 AND RENEWING THE CITY'S DECLARATION OF A LOCAL AND STATE-WIDE EMERGENCY ARISING FROM THE OUTBREAK OF 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 Manager, in his role as Whittier Office of Emergency Management Director, has determined that additional clarification to the emergency COVID-19 rules are necessary to preserve public health and safety in light of the continued spread of COVID-19 in the State of Alaska and useful in ensuring that the City's rules remain consistent with State of Alaska public health mandates; and

WHEREAS, Council determined 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, 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,

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

Section 1. The Whittier City Council hereby renews its declaration of a state-wide and local emergency and requests assistance and aid from the federal and state government as needed to combat and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

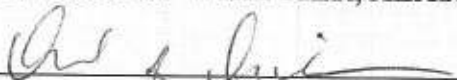
Section 2. The Whittier City Council hereby ratifies the revised emergency COVID-19 rules adopted by the City Manager via Emergency Order 2020-02 and attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A.

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 21st day of April, 2020.

THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA




Dave Dickason, Mayor

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
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:



Naefene Matsumiya
City Clerk

(City Seal)