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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S REPEAL AND REENACTMENT OF THE CITY'S EMERGENCY COVID-19 RULES, ADOPTING THE CITY'S COVID-19 RECOVERY PLAN, AND THE "COMMUNITY OUTBREAK RULES" THAT WILL BE EFFECTIVE ONLY DURING A LOCAL ORANGE ALERT UNDER THAT PLAN

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

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

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska and the City continue to operate under a state of emergency created by COVID-19 but the State of Alaska has introduced a five-phase plan to reopen Alaska responsibly; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Emergency Operations Team support the State's reopening efforts but also recognize the importance of retaining rules that ensure citizen and visitor awareness of business sanitation and protection protocols, business accountability for operations within Whittier's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, City Council and the Emergency Operations Team also acknowledge the need to have specific local policies and rules that permit the City to protect public health and safety from a local outbreak or the threat of a local outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, in his capacity as the Director of Civil Defense and Disaster, determined that direct Council involvement in the City's Recovery Plan and the rules adopted in furtherance of that plan was in the City's best interest and the best interest of its residents and visitors,

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

Section 1. The Whittier City Council hereby adopts the City COVID-19 Recovery Plan as attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A.

Section 2. The Whittier City Council hereby adopts the City “Community Outbreak Rules” as attached to this Ordinance and included in the COVID-19 Recovery Plan in Exhibit A.

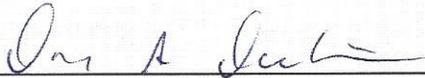
Section 3. The Whittier City Council hereby ratifies the revisions to the City COVID-19 Emergency Rules as proposed in Emergency Order 2020-03.

Section 4. This ordinance is an emergency ordinance, is not permanent in nature, and shall not be codified.

Section 5. 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 ___ day of May, 2020.

THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA



Dave Dickason, Mayor

AYES: 4

NOES: 1

ABSENT: 2

ABSTAIN: 0

(An Emergency Order requires approval of all present members or ¾ of total membership, whichever is less – WMC 2.08.310)

ATTEST:


Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk

(City Seal)