

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 19-2020**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER, TO DELCARE THE CITY TO BE IN "LOCAL ORANGE ALERT" AND TO IMPLIMENT THE CITY OF WHITTIER "ORANGE ALERT EMERGENCY RULES"

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, City Council adopted the City of Whittier COVID-19 Recovery Plan; and

WHEREAS, under the Recovery Plan, the City adopted the State of Alaska's four metrics and five phase approach to recovery but added a local "orange alert" that ensured the City could "roll back" reopening efforts in the event the City's metrics fell out of line with the State due to a local COVID-19 occurrence; and

WHEREAS, 11 COVID-19 positive cases were reported within the City limits within a 48-hour period; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager determined after applying the four metric analysis that containment efforts surrounding the positive COVID-19 cases did not require the declaration of "orange alert" status to protect the health and safety of Whittier residents and visitors at this time; but

WHEREAS, the City Manager also found that the high volume of COVID-19 positive cases within the City and the uncertainty surrounding the spread of COVID-19 in City residential areas justified the declaration of a local "orange alert" if that alert was directed by City Council; and

WHEREAS, Council applied the four metrics to the case at hand and after considering presentations by the Emergency Operations Team, the State of Alaska Medical Team, and members of the public determined that a raise to "orange alert" is necessary to preserve public health and safety,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA CITY COUNCIL THAT:


Section 1. The City Manager, in his role as Director of Civil Defense and Disaster, is directed to raise the COVID-19 alert level in the City to "orange" and to take the steps necessary to trigger implementation of the Orange Alert Rules adopted through the City Recovery Plan.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, this 8th day of June 2020.

THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA



Dave Dickason
Mayor

AYES: 1
NOES: 5
ABSENT: 1
ABSTAIN: 0

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk