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Request of the Mayor

Prepared by: Department of Law For reading: March 12, 2020

# ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR No. 2020-85, As Amended

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY (COVID-19) ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE ON MARCH 12, 2020.

**WHEREAS**, <u>a novel</u> coronavirus or COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person;

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the global coronavirus crisis is now a pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska declared a public health emergency in response to an anticipated outbreak of COVID-19 in Alaska;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the first presumptive positive case in Alaska was diagnosed in Anchorage;

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 poses a grave and imminent threat to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Municipality;

**WHEREAS**, without emergency powers, available Municipal infrastructure resources will likely be inadequate to cope with the consequences of a COVID-19 outbreak and its resultant effects on the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, this novel coronavirus has the potential to cause the death or injury of persons to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public order, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Proclamation of Emergency (COVID-19), the Mayor made the following provisions:

THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY TO PRESERVE PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO THE MUNICIPALITY. THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS HAVE THE POWER OF LAW, SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR THE DURATION OF THIS EMERGENCY, AND SHALL SUPERSEDE ALL CONFLICTING LAWS DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS EMERGENCY.

1. The Municipality is authorized to request assistance from the State

of Alaska for fire protection, law enforcement, and the provision of any other funds, services, functions, supplies or materials determined by the Mayor, in consultation with the Office of Emergency Management, to be necessary to meet public safety and welfare needs arising from or incidental to COVID-19 and to recover from the damages caused.

- 2. The Mayor may implement any orders necessary to prevent the transmission of infectious disease and to ensure that all cases of contagious disease are subject to proper control and treatment.
- 3. The requirements of Chapters 7.15 and 7.20 of the Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) are hereby suspended for the duration of this emergency, except for the requirements set forth in AMC 7.20.090, for the acquisition of supplies, equipment, services, personnel, fuel or food as may be necessary to implement the Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan or otherwise to preserve and protect the public safety, health and welfare from COVID-19 and from the effects thereof.
- 4. All resources of the municipal government, including municipal personnel, are hereby available as necessary to cope with this emergency. Municipal departments, agencies, or personnel may be transferred or altered in function for the purpose of performing or facilitating performance services responsive to this emergency.;

and

**WHEREAS**, the potential extent and effect of COVID-19 cannot yet be known, it nonetheless remains vital to be prepared and take all needed precautions throughout the entire timeframe of the emergency to allow the MOA to be able to rapidly address any public health emergency related to COVID-19 as it arises; and

**WHEREAS**, these circumstances make it necessary for all aspects of the Mayor's proclamation to remain activated and in place to address the ongoing public health, safety and welfare issues resulting from this emergency beyond the 48 hours allowed under AMC 3.80.040 and 3.80.080; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to AMC section 3.80.080, the Assembly now deems it necessary to extend the terms of the Proclamation of Emergency at this time through Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at ten (10) o'clock p.m. to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Municipality; now, therefore,

#### THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

<u>Section 1.</u> The Municipality of Anchorage Proclamation of Emergency (COVID-19) issued March 12, 2020 is hereby extended through Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at ten (10) o'clock p.m. <u>The Administration shall submit not less than weekly regular reports to the Assembly on any emergency measures taken under the Proclamation of Emergency (COVID-19) as this health emergency evolves.</u>

From: <u>freddyson 39</u>
To: <u>Veneklasen, Jennifer O.</u>

Subject: Re: IMPORTANT - Waiver of Notice for Emergency Meeting

**Date:** Friday, March 13, 2020 10:05:08 AM

I confirm that I recieved notice of the mtg very late and did not attend the meeting due to family emergency

On Fri, Mar 13, 2020, 9:46 AM Veneklasen, Jennifer O. < <i style="color: blue;">iennifer.veneklasen@anchorageak.gov</a>> wrote:

Hi Fred.

In order for yesterday's emergency meeting to be considered legal, all absent Assembly Members must waive, in writing or by email, the required 24-hour notice. Here's the code section that pertains to Emergency Meetings:

### 2.30.030 - Meetings.

E. *Emergency meetings*. In an emergency, a special meeting without notice shall be a legal meeting if all members are present or there is a quorum and all absent members have waived in writing or by email the required notice. The waiver may be either before or after the time of the meeting. The waiver shall be attached to and made a part of the record for that meeting.

## Can you please confirm that you waive notice?

Thank you,

## Jennifer Veneklasen

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