ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2020-110, As Amended


WHEREAS, a novel 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, pursuant to the Proclamation of Emergency (COVID-19), on March 12, 2020, 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, on March 12, 2020, the Assembly resolved to extend the Proclamation of Emergency until April 14, 2020 at ten (10) o’clock p.m. (AR No. 2020-85, As Amended); and

WHEREAS, as of April 14, the State of Alaska has[already] experienced 285[235] confirmed cases of COVID-19, and the virus is responsible for the deaths of 9[7] Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, as of April 14, the Municipality of Anchorage has experienced 136 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and the deaths of 4 residents; and

WHEREAS, available models show that the spread and death toll of this virus would be much higher without the emergency response efforts undertaken so far including measures shuttering businesses, limiting travel, and requiring physical distance between people,

WHEREAS, the ongoing percentage of positive COVID-19 test results from Alaska, scientific modeling of the disease, and the best medical advice of the day indicate that the virus has not yet hit its peak here even with emergency measures in place and that the lifting of our emergency response would very likely result in larger loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the full 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 Municipality to rapidly address any public health emergency related to COVID-19 as it arises; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances make it necessary for the Mayor’s proclamation of emergency to remain activated and in place to address the ongoing public health, safety and welfare issues resulting from this emergency beyond its current April 14, 2020 termination date; and

WHEREAS, individual emergency orders issued by the Mayor are issued with individual expiration dates that have previously had and may continue to have dates shorter than the length of the full emergency proclamation,

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has extended the State’s declaration of emergency until November 15, 2020,

WHEREAS, pursuant to AMC section 3.80.080, the Assembly may terminate the
emergency proclamation at any time, and may alternatively terminate specific emergency orders or emergency regulations,

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 Friday, June 5, 2020 [Sunday, November 15, 2020] at eleven fifty-nine (11:59) p.m. to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Municipality; now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The Municipality of Anchorage Proclamation of Emergency (COVID-19) issued March 12, 2020 is hereby extended through Friday, June 5, 2020 [Sunday, November 15, 2020] at eleven fifty-nine (11:59) p.m. 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.

Section 2. The Mayor shall, if an additional extension of the Proclamation of Emergency (COVID-19) is requested beyond the date approved in this Resolution, submit to the Assembly a written report detailing reasons the additional extension is requested. The report should include any relevant medical or other advice being used by the Mayor’s Administration to make his determination.

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 14th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:

Chair

Municipal Clerk