ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2020-193

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDING THE MAYOR, BY EMERGENCY REGULATION UNDER “SAFE ANCHORAGE” PHASE 3: MAINTENANCE, REQUIRE FACE COVERINGS (Masks) FOR EMPLOYEES AT ALL BUSINESSES THAT CHOOSE TO OPERATE, AS A PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURE.

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Health Department and the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) have recommended that cloth face coverings be worn when individuals are out in public; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations and emerging research (see Exhibit A, attached) indicates that cloth face coverings can significantly reduce the spread of the Novel Coronavirus-2019; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has released operating criteria for businesses that choose to open and operate under Phase 3: Maintenance; and

WHEREAS, under the Required Safety Measures issued to implement Safe Anchorage, Phase 3, Maintenance, Attachment A, C, D, E and F, most categories of essential and non-essential business operations do not require employees to wear face coverings, but recommend that they be worn; and

WHEREAS, under current orders, essential businesses that include grocery stores, delivery and take-out food, are not required to wear face coverings; and

WHEREAS, as the Anchorage Health Department and the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services recognize that the opening of non-essential businesses increases the chance for the spread of the Novel Coronavirus-2019; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDS:

The Mayor utilize emergency powers to issue an order or regulation requiring all individuals during their time of employment have a cloth face covering or better mask supplied by their employer and to wear it to cover the individual’s nose and mouth whenever at their place of employment. Compliance with this regulation or order shall be the responsibility of each employer.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this ___ day of ____, 2020.

ATTEST: 
Chair

Municipal Clerk