



## **CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL**

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### **EMERGENCY ORDER 03-22-20 IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 / SHELTER IN PLACE**

**EFFECTIVE DATE/TIME: March 22, 2020 6:00pm – May 1, 2020 12:00pm**  
**Effective Review Date: April 15, 2020**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the virus a pandemic; Alaska Governor Dunleavy issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of COVID-19 in Alaska; and on March 13, 2020 President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the Assembly of the City & Borough of Wrangell approved Emergency Ordinance No. 976 issuing a Declaration of Emergency in Wrangell related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Governor Dunleavy has issued several Health Alerts and Health Mandates that help reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City & Borough of Wrangell is committed to minimizing the impacts of the COVID-19 PANDEMIC on Wrangell's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the capabilities of the Wrangell healthcare system will be quickly overwhelmed if an outbreak occurs in the community; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative citizens of the City & Borough of Wrangell follow guidance put in place by other communities that are experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, Ketchikan, one of Wrangell's closest neighboring communities, and through which all northbound jet service travels, is experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak which includes community transmission; and

WHEREAS, many Alaska communities, including several in Southeast, are taking action to encourage or mandate sheltering in place by residents; and

WHEREAS, a Borough advisory to shelter in place and limit physical person-to-person interaction as much as possible will serve to protect the public health and wellbeing of all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA THIS 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020, THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ISSUES AN EMERGENCY ORDER TO SHELTER IN PLACE UNDER THE FOLLOWING DIRECTION:

1. Hunker down and shelter in place to prepare for and mitigate the severity of a COVID-19 outbreak in Wrangell.
2. Critical supply chain and service businesses remain open for business. These include: grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants and bars for take-out food only, hardware stores, healthcare providers (hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, mental health providers), banks, transportation service providers, communication service businesses, childcare facilities providing services to persons performing critical or emergency services, utilities, agriculture including fishing, and government functions.
3. DO NOT PANIC BUY OR HOARD. All critical supply businesses will remain open for business.
4. Non-critical businesses are encouraged to close to public access and provide business via phone and internet for pick-up and drop-off service only.
5. If capable of working from home please work with your employer to do so. Conduct business via telephone or electronic means as much as possible.
6. If healthy, and not symptomatic, make limited trips to open businesses to purchase food and supplies without lingering in areas where other people are shopping.
7. If out of the home, observe excellent hygiene, including hand washing or hand sanitizing whenever possible. Clean surfaces after use.
8. Practice social distancing whenever in the company of other people and maintain at least six feet of separation.
9. Enjoy outdoor activity while practicing social distancing. If in the company of someone from outside your household maintain a minimum separation distance of six feet.
10. If you are returning to Wrangell from any other community, self-isolate within your home for 14 days to contain any possible COVID-19 transmission to other Wrangell residents. If you live in a home with someone who has just returned from outside of Wrangell, social distance within the home.
11. If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms such as a cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider at 874-7000 immediately for medical advice. If you are sick or suspect that you may be infected with COVID-19, you should take steps immediately to help prevent the spread of the virus in your home and the community.
12. Follow all Health Mandates and Alerts issued by Governor Dunlevy and the Alaska Department of Health & Social Services (DHSS) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).
13. Offer assistance to those in need. If you are healthy, offer to assist someone in quarantine with shopping or gathering supplies outside the home. If you

know of someone in a high-risk category due to age or underlying medical condition, call to check on them, and offer them your assistance.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA THIS 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

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Steve Prysunka, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

