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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2886

A Resolution Mandating People Traveling into the City and Borough of Juneau Quarantine Related to COVID-19.

A. WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus (“virus”), a new strain of the coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans and is easily transmittable person to person; and

B. WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared the virus a pandemic; and

C. WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska declared a public health emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of the virus in Alaska; and

D. WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

E. WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Assembly declared a local emergency in response to COVID-19; and

F. WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the State of Alaska issued health mandate 4, which required high risk travelers to quarantine for 14 days and required medium risk travelers to stay about six feet away from people; and

G. WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Assembly adopted a motion encouraging the Governor to restrict non-essential travel to communities like the City and Borough of Juneau; and

H. WHEREAS, as of March 20, 2020, the neighboring municipality of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough had three confirmed COVID-19 cases, which included a person that had recently traveled to the City and Borough of Juneau; and

I. WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the State of Alaska issued health mandate 7.1 that generally prohibited close contact with people by prohibiting personal care services and gatherings of ten or more people in two municipalities, including the Ketchikan Gateway Borough; and

J. WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the State of Alaska issued health alert 9, which strongly advised travelers to take additional social distancing and quarantine measures and identified that 80 percent of proven COVID-19 cases originally came from out of state; and

K. WHEREAS, as of March 21, 2020, the State of Alaska had 17 confirmed COVID-19 cases, including six cases in Ketchikan; and

L. WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau is linked to the Ketchikan Gateway Borough by daily commercial air traffic; and

M. WHEREAS, this resolution is akin to an emergency declaration and is reasonable and necessary under the circumstances to protect the public, health, welfare, and safety in the City and Borough of Juneau; and

N. WHEREAS, this resolution shall have the same effect as a rule issued by the Manager pursuant to CBJC 03.25.040(b)(6).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. This resolution may also be referred to as “CBJ COVID-19 Rule 2.”

Section 2. Traveler Quarantine Order. Any person traveling into the City and Borough of Juneau by vessel or airplane that came from outside of Alaska or that came from a community with known cases of COVID-19 is required to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arriving at their destination and monitor for symptoms of illness. During travel and following the quarantine period, appropriate social distancing measures must be followed.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption. This resolution shall remain in effect through April 16, 2020.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk