

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION DATE OF ORDINANCE 2020-22(S)

WHEREAS, On November 5, 2020, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 2020-22(S), An Ordinance of the Dillingham City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Utilize the Emergency Operations Center to Promulgate and Enforce Regulations to Stop the Spread of COVID-19 in Accordance with the Recommendations in the City of Dillingham COVID-19 Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2020-22(S) as extended by Emergency Ordinance 2021-01 expires at 11:59 p.m. on April 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, daily new infections in the State of Alaska continue to be in excess of 100, which designates the current statewide alert level at high; and

WHEREAS, It is anticipated that as many as ten thousand people from outside Dillingham will enter city boundaries via the airport or by water after May 1 and remain in the Dillingham area through the conclusion of the commercial and sport fishing seasons. These individuals will come from within Alaska, from other states on the west coast of the United States and from other countries where large numbers of confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus are present; and

WHEREAS, The State of Alaska has a Public Health Center located in Dillingham with a staff of two, and supports health in the Bristol Bay Region, and

WHEREAS, The health care facility in Dillingham is the Kanakanak Clinic with a current capacity of 12 beds, 1 critical care unit and no working ventilators, and;

WHEREAS, The State of Alaska recently advised that communities with limited health care infrastructure should consider limitations on nonessential travel and that communities should consider protective measures to mitigate potential spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, recent local increases in positive COVID-19 cases confirm a continuing need to maintain the EOC and Emergency Order process, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Dillingham to continue to have emergency legislation in place to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. Classification. This is a non-code ordinance.

Section 2. Declaration of Emergency. The council declares that the coronavirus threat and impact remain a public health emergency.

Section 3. Authority. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the general police powers of the City of Dillingham, and the City's authority to regulate use of public facilities such as streets and highways and the Dillingham Port.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance extends Ordinance No. 2020-22(S) in its entirety, to September 3, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. unless adjusted by action of the City Council.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Dillingham City Council on April 1, 2021.

Alice Ruby, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Lori Goodell, City Clerk