

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY20-23**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS
DECLARING A SECOND LOCAL EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AND A
REQUEST FOR STATE AND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

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

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses an imminent threat to human health, safety, and welfare to the residents of the City of Gustavus; and

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

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

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska public health emergency declaration is scheduled to expire on November 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus passed CY20-11 declaring a Local Emergency in Response to COVID-19 and a Request for State and Federal Assistance on March 24, 2020 which will expire on November 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a substantial number of the workforce in the City of Gustavus have children attending the Gustavus School and are now desperately searching for childcare solutions; and

WHEREAS, the economy generated from independent and cruise ship travelers during the short summer months supports the year-round businesses, citizens, and governments in the City of Gustavus; and

WHEREAS, the cruise ships that normally come to Glacier Bay and contribute to the economy of the Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve which contributes to the economy of the City of Gustavus originate from Seattle, Washington, and Vancouver, Canada; and

WHEREAS, during the week of March 9, 2020, the local economy supported by the independent and cruise ship travelers suffered catastrophic news: the State Department and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended travel restrictions on cruise ships, the Port of Seattle described it was closing its cruise ship terminals in two week increments; at least two cruise lines voluntarily halted all cruise travel for 60 days; and the Prime Minister of Canada closed all cruise ports in Canada until July; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to implement local emergency powers given the potential ability of the virus to cause death or injury to people, necessitating measures to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, in order to contain any potential harm that may be caused by the virus, State and Federal assistance is needed to supplement local efforts to respond to this public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AS 26.23.140. Local Disaster Emergencies, the Gustavus City Council may declare the existence of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Gustavus City Council deems it necessary to declare a local emergency to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Gustavus; and

WHEREAS, the Gustavus City Council requests the Governor of Alaska continue to provide State assistance to the City in its response to the virus, including assistance for fire protection and the provision of other funds, services, functions, supplies, or materials determined by the Mayor or his/her designee, in consultation with local emergency agencies, to be necessary to meet the public safety and welfare needs arising from or incidental to COVID-19 and to recover from the damages caused; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus City Council further authorizes the Gustavus Emergency Operations Center to implement any orders issued by the City Council or the Mayor if circumstances do not permit an emergency meeting of the Council, which are necessary to prevent the transmission of infectious disease and to take measures to ensure that all cases of contagious disease are subject to proper control and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Operations Center shall obtain the City Council's approval, or that of the Mayor if circumstances do not permit an emergency meeting of the Council, prior to implementing any orders (1) related to private property, (2) related to mass quarantine or isolation, or (3) related to rationing of goods or supplies; and

WHEREAS, a public health related order, if any, shall be consistent with federal or state public health official recommendations; and

WHEREAS, all resources of the City government, including City personnel, are hereby available as necessary to deal with the emergency, and may be transferred or altered in function for the purpose of performing or facilitating performance services responsive to this emergency; and

WHEREAS, while the potential extent and effect of COVID-19 cannot yet be known, it remains vital for the City of Gustavus to be prepared and take all needed precautions throughout the entire timeframe of the emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, because of the ongoing nature of the emergency which includes extensive community spread of COVID-19 nationwide and in Alaska, the risk of potential comorbid conditions with the advent of the flu season, the risk of disease transmission from residents and the seasonal travel industry traveling to Gustavus from pandemic “hot spots”, and the lack of health care capacity to respond to a community outbreak, this declaration of local

emergency shall remain in effect until September 13, 2021. Evaluation of the expiration or termination date of this declaration will include consideration of a declaration that the virus is no longer deemed a federal or state emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gustavus City Council adopts Resolution CY20-23 providing:

Section 1. The City of Gustavus hereby declares a local emergency to exist within the City. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed promptly with the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Section 2. The City of Gustavus requests that the Governor of Alaska provide such State assistance as may be available to meet the ongoing emergency created by COVID-19 and to request additional assistance from Federal agencies where State capability is not adequate.

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council this 9th day of November 2020, and effective upon adoption.



Brittney Cannamore, Mayor



Attest: Karen Platt CMC, City Clerk