



ORDINANCE 20-03-20-01
CITY OF THORNE BAY

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA

A EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS AND ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION VIA TELECONFERENCE IN ORDER TO ENSURE SOCIAL DISTANCING CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL AND STATE RECOMMENDATIONS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA.

Section 1. Classification.

This ordinance is of a temporary nature and shall not be codified.

Section 2. Purpose

Authorization to hold public meetings exclusively telephonically and allow public participation via telephone.

- A. This emergency ordinance temporarily authorizes the city council to hold any public meetings by means of teleconference as authorized by AS 44.62.310(a) and 44.62.312.
- B. The city council and the public are authorized to participate in any public meeting from remote location by means of telephonic participation.
- C. The mayor or any two council members may order that a meeting be held telephonically during the duration of this temporary ordinance in order to ensure recommended social distancing of all participants.
- D. "Teleconference", "telephone", and "telephonic participation" may include but is not limited to the use of telephone conference lines, web-based group participation applications and programs, and any other appropriate means of including multiple participants in an audio or visual format remotely.
- E. The specific means of attendance and participation in the meeting shall be established by the mayor and noticed in public notification which can be found in the following locations: Thorne Bay Market, The Port, USFS, SISD, Thorne Bay School, City Hall, Library, Davidson Landing, Thorne Bay Harbor & city website: www.thornebay-ak.gov;
- F. Documents to be addressed during meetings shall be made available at least 24 hours in advance of each meeting. (www.thornebay-ak.gov)




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- G. The presiding officer has the authority to temporarily modify and/or waive provisions of the code related to public meetings if deemed necessary for public health and safety.
- H. Any modification and/or waiver of code provisions must follow state law.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Section 5. Expiration Date. This ordinance shall expire 60 days after the date of its adoption. The council may extend this ordinance by non-code ordinance, as necessary in order to comply with federal and state recommendations regarding social distancing.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Thorne Bay City Council this 20th day of March 2020

 3-20-20

Lee Burger, Mayor

Attested:

 3/20/20

Teri Feibel, CMC



RESOLUTION 20-03-20-01
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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY. AS PROVIDED BY AS 26.23.140, THE INTENT OF THIS DECLARATION IS TO ACTIVATE THE RESPONSE AND RECOVERY ASPECTS OF ANY AND ALL APPLICABLE LOCAL OR INTERJURISDICTIONAL DISASTER OR EMERGENCY PLANS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FURNISHING OF AID AND ASSISTANCE UNDER THOSE PLANS

WHEREAS, the City Council is the governing body for the City of Thorne Bay; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thorne Bay participates in the Prince of Wales Southern Southeast Local Emergency Planning Committee (SSLEPC), and

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, is easily transmissible person to person, and which poses a significant public health risk; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared the virus a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Alaska Governor Dunleavy issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in the State of Alaska; and

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

WHEREAS, three positive cases of COVID-19 has been identified within the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Dunleavy closed all schools and libraries in Alaska for two weeks; and


WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City of Thorne Bay has restricted public access to municipal buildings in an abundance of caution and in alignment with State and Federal CDC guidelines; and

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WHEREAS, a proactive approach taken by individuals and communities to slow the rate of infection will reduce the negative impact on our health care system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY, the City Council for the City of Thorne Bay hereby declares a State of Emergency Disaster within the City of Thorne Bay. As provided by AS 26.23.140, the intent of this declaration is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or interjurisdictional disaster or emergency plans, and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under those plans.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of March 2020

 3-20-20

Lee Burger, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teri Feibel, CMC