CITY OF THORNE BAY
RESOLUTION 20-04-21-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, FURTHER DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN THORNE BAY AND REQUESTING 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.

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

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared the virus a 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, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the City Council declared a local emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, while the potential extent and effect of COVID-19 cannot yet be known, it remains vital for the City of Thorne Bay 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, this declaration of local emergency shall remain in effect until November 24, 2020, or until the virus is no longer declared a federal or state emergency, whichever occurs first.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA:

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

**Section 2.** The City of Thorne Bay 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.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE THORNE BAY CITY COUNCIL, this 28th day of April 2020

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Lee Burger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tethi Feibel, CMC
CITY OF THORNE BAY
RESOLUTION 20-04-21-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA, AFFIRMING MEASURES TO PROVIDE INCREASED TIME FOR CERTAIN PAYMENTS TO REDUCE FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

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

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thorne Bay, Alaska, declared a state of Local Emergency Disaster on March 20, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 emergency crisis has resulted in tremendous economic strain and hardships on many individuals, families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thorne Bay is committed to assisting the community with response and recovery and many residents are faced with a financial reality of job losses, reduced or lost business, and an uncertain future; and

WHEREAS, the City Council encourages that individuals and businesses take advantage of federal and state economic relief programs as they come available to relieve the financial burden arising from the current COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Senate Bill 241 (SB241), Coronavirus Emergency Response Bill, sets forth provisions that allow for municipalities to extend payment deadlines for various services and certain taxes due after March 11th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it to be in the best interest of the City to extend payment deadlines for City Sales Taxes and Utility Accounts.

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to pay their utility accounts for water, sewer and garbage, as they are able. Residents that are unable to make payments in full on their utility accounts may request a deferred payment plan through the City Office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Thorne Bay that the sales tax deadlines for the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2020, are hereby extended and adopted under the following terms:
a) Sales Tax due for the 1st and 2nd Quarter of 2020 (Ending March 31st and September 30th) are due by November 15th, 2020, or until the public health disaster emergency no longer exists (whichever is first).

b) All taxes remitted after the November 15th deadline or 30 days following the end of the public health disaster shall be deemed as late and be assessed penalties and interest as set forth in the Thorne Bay Municipal Code: 3.17.080 Penalty and Interest on Delinquent Taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT for the duration of the local emergency, and for 30 days thereafter, the City of Thorne Bay will provide the following measures for payments related to Water, Sewer and Garbage Utilities:

a) Payments are eligible to be deferred upon entering a “Promise to Pay Agreement” for the duration of the Emergency COVID-19 Disease Outbreak and for 30 days thereafter.

b) The City’s utility and billing department will on payment plans during, and for 30-days following, the deferral period for the payment of all accrued deferred payments.

c) All penalties and late fees will be waived for requested deferrals during the defined period.

d) No water/sewer/garbage shut offs will occur during the period of deferral for any customers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other fees and charges described under the City’s Fee Schedule remain due by the 20th day of the month. The Mayor maintains the authority to work on a case by case basis with individuals requesting assistance with these payments, as necessary.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 28th day of April 2020

Lee Burger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teri Feibel, CMC