



**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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of 2020, are hereby extended and adopted under the following terms:

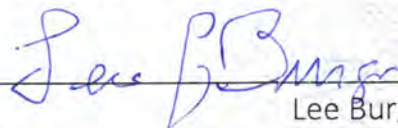
- a) Sales Tax due for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2020 (Ending March 31<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>) are due by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, or until the public health disaster emergency no longer exists (whichever is first).
- b) All taxes remitted after the November 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

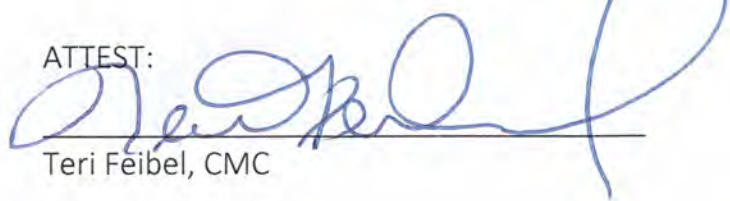
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** for the duration of the local emergency, and for 30 days thereafter, the City of Thorne Bay will provide the following measures for payments related to Water, Sewer and Garbage Utilities:

- 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020

  
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Lee Burger, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Teri Feibel, CMC