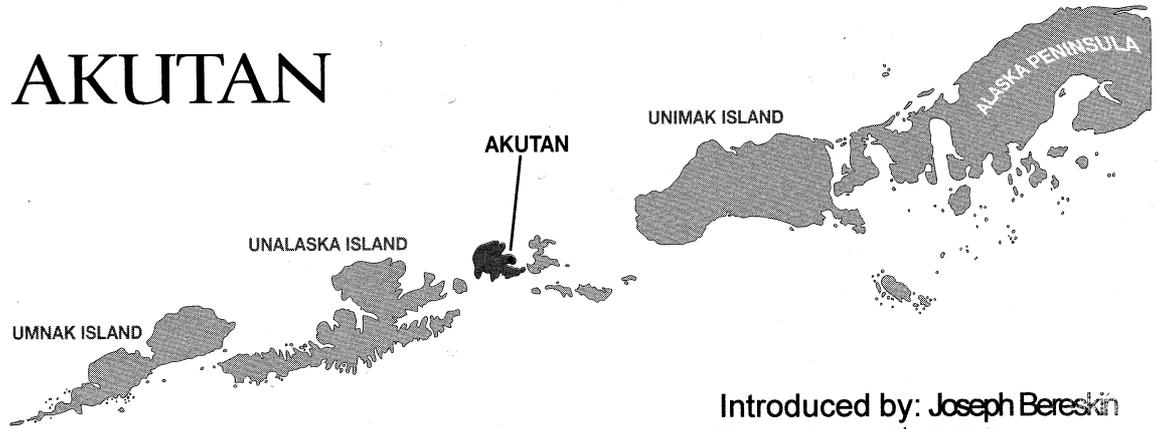


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City of Akutan

Ordinance No. 20-03

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AKUTAN CITY COUNCIL ISSUING A DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

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

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

WHEREAS, Alaska Governor Dunleavy issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of COVID-19 in Alaska; and,

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

WHEREAS, Social Distancing has been recommended, to minimize the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the State has put mandates in place restricting public use of state institutes, public and residential schools, libraries, archives and museums, restaurants and bars, as well as other restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic may dramatically impact the City and residents and have a substantial effect on the City’s economy if unchecked; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the City Code Section 2.10.050 authorizes emergency ordinances, reading:

- (a) To meet a public emergency the council may adopt ordinances effective on adoption. Every emergency ordinance must contain a statement by the council of why an emergency exists and a statement of the facts about the emergency. The ordinance may be adopted, amended and adopted, or rejected at the meeting at which it is introduced. The affirmative vote of all members present, or the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the total membership, whichever is less, is required for adoption. The council must print and make available copies of adopted emergency ordinances.
- (b) An emergency ordinance may not be used to levy taxes, to grant, renew or extend a franchise, or to regulate the rate charged by a public utility for its services.
- (c) Emergency ordinances are effective for sixty days.

WHEREAS, the City wishes to authorize the Mayor to request State assistance from the Governor of Alaska for costs associated with the City's response to the virus to meet the public safety and welfare needs arising from or incidental to COVID-19 and to recover from damage caused; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to authorize the Mayor to request assistance from Federal Agencies pursuant to the Stafford Act of 1988 and Other Federal Law; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of disaster emergency will alert the public to the seriousness of the risk and provide direction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AKUTAN:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Akutan hereby declares a local disaster emergency in response to COVID-19.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Akutan authorizes the Mayor to request State and Federal Assistance to meet the ongoing emergency created by COVID-19.

SECTION 3. Alternate means of listening in and providing public comment at Council Meetings, as would normally be afforded under City Code 2.40.010, shall be provided for, should the teleconferencing hubs be closed.

SECTION 4. All resident and visitors to the City and City property are encouraged to maintain social distancing throughout the entire period of this emergency.

SECTION 5. Consistent with applicable State guidelines and mandates, the City advises and requests travelers cease all non-essential travel into the City of Akutan, unless they are returning home or arriving for a medical, personal, or business emergency, or to work in critical workforce infrastructure as defined by the State.

SECTION 6. Consistent with applicable State guidelines and mandates, the City advises and requests travelers returning to the City of Akutan from any other part of Alaska, regardless of whether they have previously quarantined elsewhere in the State, immediately and voluntarily self-quarantine for a period of 14 days.

SECTION 7. Consistent with applicable State guidelines and mandates, the City advises and requests that all persons in the City of Akutan stay home as much as possible, except to work in critical workforce infrastructure as defined by the State; to receive or provide health care; and to get fresh air without contacting others. On the limited occasions when individuals leave home, they should maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any person outside their household wherever possible. Individuals are also recommended to practice hygiene, including regular handwashing.

SECTION 8. This Emergency Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and remain in effect for 60 days pursuant to City Code _____.

SECTION 9. This Emergency Ordinance may be reauthorized by telephonic quorum prior to its expiration.

ENACTED this 1st day of April, 2020, by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

Joe Bereskin, Mayor

ATTEST:
Amanda Tcheripanoff
Amanda Tcheripanoff, City Clerk

