

**MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 20-10R**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA DIRECTING
STAFF TO CANCEL ALL NON-ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS.**

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 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 16, 2020, the Municipality of Skagway declared an emergency based on the risk to the public posed by the global COVID-19 pandemic and substantial economic impacts to the Municipality of Skagway, which was confirmed by the Assembly on March 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of March 23, 2020, the neighboring City and Borough of Juneau had one confirmed COVID-19 case; Ketchikan Gateway Borough had six cases; and the Yukon Territory had two cases; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Municipality of Skagway issued mitigation strategies which included the cancellation of all non-essential government meetings, in an effort to comply with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the White House, and the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the State of Alaska issued health mandate 7.1 that generally prohibited close contact with people by prohibiting personal care services and gatherings of 10 or more people in two municipalities; and

WHEREAS, as of March 24, 2020, the State of Alaska had 42 confirmed COVID-19 cases; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway believes that direction to cancel non-essential government meetings is reasonable and necessary under the circumstances to protect the public, health, welfare, and safety in the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. Essential Meetings. The following governmental bodies are required to meet at least monthly by Skagway municipal code, or are perceived by the Assembly to be critical to the Municipality of Skagway's efforts to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 in the community, and therefore meetings of the following governmental bodies as required by the municipal code are considered to be essential:

- a. Borough Assembly
- b. Dyea Community Advisory Board
- c. Clinic Board
- d. Finance Committee
- e. Impact Mitigation Task Force
- f. Planning and Zoning Commission
- g. Harbors Advisory Board

Section 2. Non-Essential Meetings. All meetings of governmental bodies not included in Section 1 are determined to be non-essential and will be canceled until further notice.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 24th day of March, 2020.


Andrew Cremata, Mayor

ATTEST:


Emily A. Deach, Borough Clerk

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