

Proposed by:	Health, Education, & Welfare Committee
Attorney Review:	02/17/2021
Vote:	5 Aye 1 Nay 0 Absent

MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 21-07R

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 20-44R AND RESOLUTION NO. 21-04R TO LIFT THE MANDATE FOR COVID-19 TESTING OR STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING FOR ALL TRAVELERS ARRIVING IN SKAGWAY.

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, since January 2021, COVID-19 vaccines have become readily available to Skagway residents; and

WHEREAS, the number of residents fully vaccinated against COVID-19 continues to rise, and provides a level of protection in the community; and

WHEREAS, according to the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, the number of daily new COVID-19 cases in Alaska has been trending downward since December, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska's emergency declaration expired on February 14, 2021, and has not been extended by the Governor or renewed by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway would like to encourage independent travelers to visit for the 2021 summer season, with local COVID-19 mitigation protocols in place to protect the public, health, welfare, and safety of the community; and

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WHEREAS, because the COVID-19 testing and strict social distancing mandate in the current Resolutions 20-44R and 21-04R may restrict independent visitors' full access to the community, the Borough Assembly has determined to lift the mandate and replace it with separate protocols to be developed for the community before the beginning of the summer season, based on the continued downward trend of COVID-19 cases and continued high degree of vaccines distributed in Skagway and nationwide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway that Resolution No. 20-44R and Resolution No. 21-04R are hereby repealed.

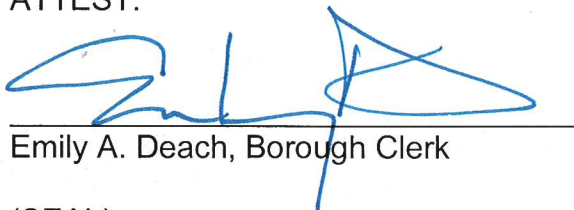
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the manager will implement communication measures, in an attempt to provide all visitors the knowledge and opportunity to comply.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall become effective on March 19, 2021.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 18th day of March, 2021.


Andrew Cremata, Mayor

ATTEST:


Emily A. Deach, Borough Clerk

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