

Municipality of Skagway

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RE: Veto of Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 21-08R.

I hereby veto the motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-08R; A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA REQUIRING ALL PERSONS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS WHEN IN PUBLIC SPACES FOR THE DURATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.

It is clear to me that a parliamentary error at the end of the meeting resulted in the approval of Resolution No. 21-08R, when the intent was to postpone a final decision until the first Assembly meeting in April. The resulting confusion makes it unclear to residents and business owners how best to respond. In this situation, I believe that the Assembly's intent outweighs the end result, which was only possible because of a parliamentary mistake.

I take full responsibility for the parliamentary error. As Chair, it is my obligation to ensure that questions involving parliamentary procedure are answered accurately. I should have called for a recess to ensure the integrity of the process, especially considering the meeting was near the four-hour mark without a break. It's a lesson I will take to heart.

Local businesses that receive SNOW Grant funding should continue to follow all health protocols outlined in their respective agreements with the Municipality of Skagway. Skagway residents and visitors alike should continue to use cloth face coverings in public spaces and follow all other CDC recommended health protocols.

Andrew Cremata Borough Mayor